August 22, 2022

# Welcome First Graders



First graders stand with their 7th/8th grade buddies after the Flower Ceremony.

WE ARE ABLE TO PAY \$150 A DAY FOR SUBSTITUTES AND NEED PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO STEP IN IN SITUATIONS OF TEACHER ABSENCE/ILLNESS. PLEASE LET RENEE PARKS KNOW AT ED@WALDORFAK.ORG.

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#### **CAMPUS NEWS & UPDATES**

A Note from our Interim Administrator:

-Before Care will be in the Great Hall this week.

-We are looking for someone, maybe a Grandparent figure who would love to come spend an hour each morning with a small group of students. We need before care coverage from



7:30-8:30am M-F. Do you know anyone who might be interested? If you do, please email Renee at ed@waldorfak.org. Thanks!

-Students should arrive between 8:15-8:25am. Classroom doors will be opened by 8:15am to give students a few minutes to say goodbye, organize their gear and be ready for class to start by 8:30. Thank you :)

-A reminder for Early Childhood families: Lunches have to be labeled with the child's name and every day the date has to be labeled. This can be done easily with masking tape on the outside of the lunchbox each day.

-All Families: Please upload your required documents into your student file in TADS. You can find this by going to mytads.com. Click on Admissions and Enrollment, then login. Click on Document Requirements. There you can download the forms or upload your documents. You can also click on Document Submissions to see which documents you've already submitted. If you are using a modified vaccination schedule, you must include a note from your doctor saying this is what you're doing. If you need a vaccination exemption, this must be notarized again every year and uploaded. Thank you for helping make things go right! It's really important we have all our

documents in order because we're getting our bi-annual inspection done in a few weeks!

-The All School Parent Meeting and Potluck is on Thursday, August 25th 6:00-7:00pm.

Thanks again, Renee Parks

#### **GRADE 1**

The first graders have had such a beautiful week of main lessons. They are wide eyed and so ready to take up the work. They are fascinated by the world around them and have enjoyed looking at their surroundings with fresh eyes. We begin the year with form drawing, and have spent the first week exploring straight lines, both vertical and horizontal. Where in the world are there vertical lines? Can we make it with our bodies? Where are there laying down lines? (Grownups call those lines horizontal lines.) Can you make that with your body? How does a curved line feel in comparison? We've been busy moving the lines, drawing them in sand, writing them with chalk and practicing on paper in preparation to enter them into our main lesson books. My time with these wonderful children flies by and every minute has been very enjoyable. Thank you!

Renee



## GRADE 5/6



The students in Grade 5/6 have been enjoying their first few days back at school this year. The class is kicking off the year studying Botany. Each student is growing a flower and the whole class has planted seeds that will become sprouts in a couple weeks.

On Friday, the class went on a field trip to go wild blueberry picking and each student created their own field guide to the local blueberries found in the greater Anchorage area.





## GRADE 7/8

## Dear Families,

Seventh grade has stepped back into the classroom with a sense of excitement and wonder. These first few days I am inviting the students to look closer, and deeper at everything around them. To write with nuance and clarity, to show what they experience rather than tell! It has been a wonderful few days and I can't wait for all the adventures that lie ahead! Shannon Herda

