Maldorf School

Awakening Wonder

# WALDORF WEEKLY October 11, 2022

A HUGE THANK YOU TO PARENT AND STUDENT VOLUNTEERS WHO CAME AND REMOVED THE OLD AND INSTALLED NEW TWINKLE LIGHTS ON SATURDAY! THE CAMPUS LOOKS QUITE MAGICAL NOW WITH LED LIGHTS FRAMING OUR BUILDINGS. AS THE DARKNESS ADVANCES THIS PROVIDES A WELCOME BOOST TO SPIRITS AS WE BEGIN EACH DAY TOGETHER. STUDENTS AND PARENTS ALSO CLEANED ERRANT WOOD, DECORATED OUR EXIT BLACKBOARD, GOT ICE BUCKETS OUT, FINISHED SQUIRREL PROOFING THE BLUE DOOR SHED, PACKED AWAY THE BIG TENT IN THE KINDER YARD AND OTHER ITEMS IN PREPARATION FOR THE WINTER COLD!

# UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 20 Board Meeting
- Oct. 28 ASSEMBLY 12:15 (EARLY DISMISSAL 12:45)
- Oct. 28 7/8 Grade Pizza Pickup 12:45
- Oct. 31-Nov. 1 Parent Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL



Raylinn – 10/5 Raven – 10/6 Nashon – 10/6 Aria – 10/20 Henry – 10/23

#### A NOTE FROM OUR INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR



DEAR FAMILIES,

GRANDPARENTS' DAY IS COMING UP ON NOVEMBER 23RD! I AM IN THE PROCESS OF ORGANIZING OUR GRANDPARENT ADDRESS DATABASE. IF YOU DIDN'T ENTER GRANDPARENT INFORMATION INTO TADS BUT WOULD LIKE AN INVITATION SENT, PLEASE EMAIL THEIR ADDRESS TO ME AT ED@WALDORFAK.ORG. THANK YOU!

WE HAVE OUR FIRST ALL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 28TH AT 12:15 AND YOU ALL ARE INVITED! THIS WILL BE OUR FIRST REAL ASSEMBLY, AS WE USED TO DO THEM. COME SEE FOR YOURSELF WHAT EACH GRADE IS WORKING ON. IT'S A FANTASTIC CHANCE TO SEE THE DIFFERENCES IN THE GRADES, AND HOW THEY PROGRESS THROUGH THE YEARS. CLASS 5/6 WILL BE HOSTING A HARVEST GATHERING AND CLASS 7/8 WILL BE OFFERING PIZZA TO TAKE AND BAKE AT HOME!

SCHOOL IS DISMISSED DIRECTLY AFTER THE ASSEMBLY, AROUND 12:45. IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE ASSEMBLY, PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE PICKED UP (UNLESS THEY'RE ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR AFTERCARE) THERE WILL BE NO DROP-INS THAT DAY. IF YOU NEED CARE, BUT ARE NOT SIGNED UP, PLEASE EMAIL ED@WALDORFAK.ORG TO SIGN UP. THERE ARE ONLY 7 SPOTS LEFT! THANK YOU.

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.



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

#### **DEAR COMMUNITY**,

DID YOU KNOW WE USE OZONE TREATMENT TO CLEAN OUR MAIN BUILDING AND KINDER CLASSROOMS? OZONE IS NORMALLY CONSIDERED A TOXIC CHEMICAL, (IN THE ATMOSPHERE), BUT WHEN PRODUCED ON SITE AND MIXED WITH WATER IT IS A HIGHLY EFFICIENT BACTERIAL AND VIRUS KILLER THAT MAINTAINS EFFECTIVENESS FOR A SHORT TIME BEFORE BREAKING DOWN INTO OXYGEN. IT LEAVES NO HARMFUL BYPRODUCTS AND REDUCES OUR USE OF PLASTICS AS WELL AS HARMFUL CLEANING CHEMICALS SUCH AS BLEACH. OUR CHILDREN AND FACILITIES BENEFIT FROM THE USE OF THIS TECHNOLOGY AND ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN IN USE FOR A FEW YEARS NOW, IT IS SOMETHING THAT NEW FAMILIES MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT!

#### WITH WARMTH, SHANNON HERDA



YOU MAY ALSO NOTICE A NEW BLACKBOARD PLACED BESIDE THE DOORWAY OF THE MAIN HALL - THIS WILL BE A PLACE FOR VOLUNTEER NOTICES AND OTHER INFORMATION AS NEEDED.

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

#### FROM MS. POWER AND THE 5/6TH GRADE CLASS

GREETINGS FROM NEW YORK, FLORIDA, ILLINOIS, SOUTH DAKOTA, IDAHO, TEXAS, NEW MEXICO, AND HAWAII! THE GRADE FIVE/SIX STUDENTS INVITE THE ANCHORAGE WALDORF SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO COME VISIT THEIR "STATE FAIR" TAKING PLACE ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 14TH FROM 11:30-12:30 IN THE GREAT HALL. THE STUDENTS WILL HAVE POSTERS SET UP WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATES THEY HAVE SELECTED TO COMPLETE RESEARCH ON. COME LEARN AMAZING FACTS ABOUT EACH STATE AND SEE THEIR ARTISTIC POSTER BOARDS

#### AND A NOTE FROM THE CRAFT GUILD

### CRAFT GUILD WILL BE MEETING IN THE HANDWORK ROOM EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING MAIN LESSON FROM 8:30-10:30

THIS WEEK WE WILL BE MAKING PUMPKINS. I HOPE TO HAVE A FEW MADE FOR SALE AT THE SCHOOL STORE BY OUR FIRST ASSEMBLY DAY. :)

> THANK YOU! KATIA

#### **GRADE 1**





THE FIRST GRADERS HAVE BEEN EXPLORING QUANTITIES AND DIFFERENT WAYS OF EXPRESSING THOSE QUANTITIES. IF I ASK, HOW CAN WE SHOW SOMEONE THAT WE HAVE FOUR OF SOMETHING? THEY COME UP THE BOARD AND EACH OF THEM HAS A DIFFERENT SOLUTION. ONE MIGHT DRAW FOUR KITTIES, ANOTHER WRITES THE WORD FOUR, ANOTHER USES ROMAN NUMERALS, AND YET ANOTHER USES THE ARABIC NUMERAL. THERE ARE EASY WAYS TO SHOW A QUANTITY AND THAT'S BY USING A SYMBOL, WHICH WE KNOW AS THE NUMBER 4. WE HAVE ALSO BEGUN EXPLORING RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN A NUMBER. SO I MIGHT ASK, HOW MANY DIFFERENT WAYS CAN WE MAKE EQUAL GROUPS USING 12 GEMS? THERE ARE MANY SOLUTIONS!

AS A SIDE NOTE, THE 1ST GRADERS HAVE RECEIVED AN AMAZING GIFT FROM THEIR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE BUDDIES. THE 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS MADE EACH OF THE FIRST GRADERS A RATHER LARGE KITTY THAT IS WEIGHTED AND IS DESIGNED TO SIT ON THEIR LAP WHILE THEY'RE DOING BOOKWORK AT THEIR DESKS. THE FIRST GRADERS ARE ABSOLUTELY IN LOVE WITH THEIR KITTIES!! THANK YOU SO MUCH 7TH AND 8TH GRADE!!

#### **GRADE 2**



PLACE VALUE, SPELLING, BEESWAX, OH MY.. JJ'S COOKIES ARE A BIG HIT. OUR FICTITIOUS FRIENDS STARTED WITH SELLING INDIVIDUAL COOKIES AND NOW THEY ARE SELLING COOKIES BY THE THOUSANDS. STUDENTS MADE BEAUTIFUL LEAVES OUT OF THEIR BEESWAX AND THE SECOND GRADERS ARE REALLY CATCHING ON TO SIGHT WORDS AND FINDING THE COURAGE TO SPELL WORDS EVEN IF IT IS A GUESS. OUR BOG WALK WAS AMAZING THIS WEEK. WITH THE WEATHER DRYING UP FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS, WE WERE LEFT WITH DRY CRISPY LEAVES WHICH WERE PERFECT FOR MAKING BIG PILES AND BURYING FRIENDS.



#### GRADE 3/4

THE 3/4 STUDENTS PRESENTED THEIR REPORTS ON THEIR HOUSE MODELS ON FRIDAY. THEY WERE A LITTLE BIT NERVOUS, BUT ALL OF THEM WERE GREAT! THE MODELS AND REPORTS ARE AMAZING AND I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU STOP BY THE FRONT DESK AND WALK UP THE STAIRS TO THE VIEWING PLATFORM TO CHECK THEM OUT!





#### **GRADE 3/4 CONTINUED**

3/4 WRAPPED UP THEIR BUILDING BLOCK LAST WEEK WITH A FIELD TRIP TO THE BIOSHELTER AND EDUCATIONAL YURT IN EAGLE RIVER ON MONDAY. THE REST OF THE WEEK WAS SPENT IN THE SCHOOL GARDEN GETTING IT READY FOR WINTER. A BIG THANK YOU TO MS. SHAYN, CHARLIE S., AND BRYAN FOR VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME TO HELP ME AND THE CHILDREN WITH THIS BIG PROJECT! LOVE, MS. EVANS



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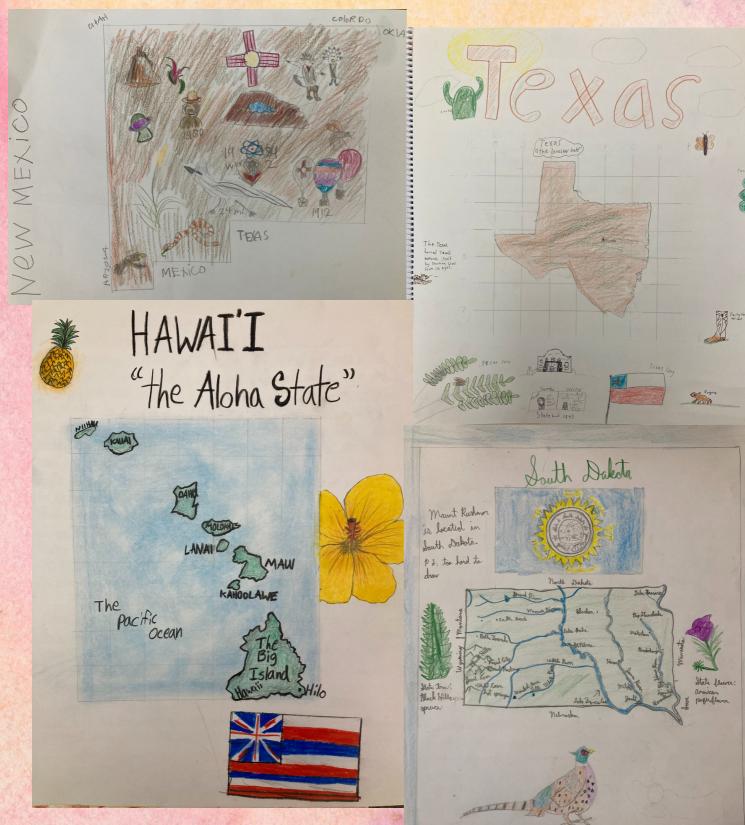
#### GRADE 5/6

THE MOST RECENT STOPS ON THE GEOGRAPHICAL TRAVELS OF GRADE FIVE/SIX HAVE BEEN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION AND THE DESERT SOUTHWEST REGION. THERE IS SO MUCH TO SEE IN THESE EXPANSIVE REGIONS WHERE MOUNTAINS RISE OVER 14,000 FEET HIGH IN THE "ROCKIES" AND CACTUS, CANYONS, AND MESAS MAKE UP THE VEGETATION AND LANDFORMS OF THE DESERT. STUDENTS HAVE BEEN IMMERSED IN THE DIVERSE GEOGRAPHY OF THESE REGIONS THROUGH STORIES AND ART. THE CLASS HAS ALSO BEEN CREATING BEAUTIFUL INFORMATION PAGES ABOUT THEIR INDIVIDUAL STATES THEY HAVE SELECTED FOR RESEARCH, WHICH CAN BE SEEN AT THE "STATE FAIR" TAKING PLACE ON FRIDAY!



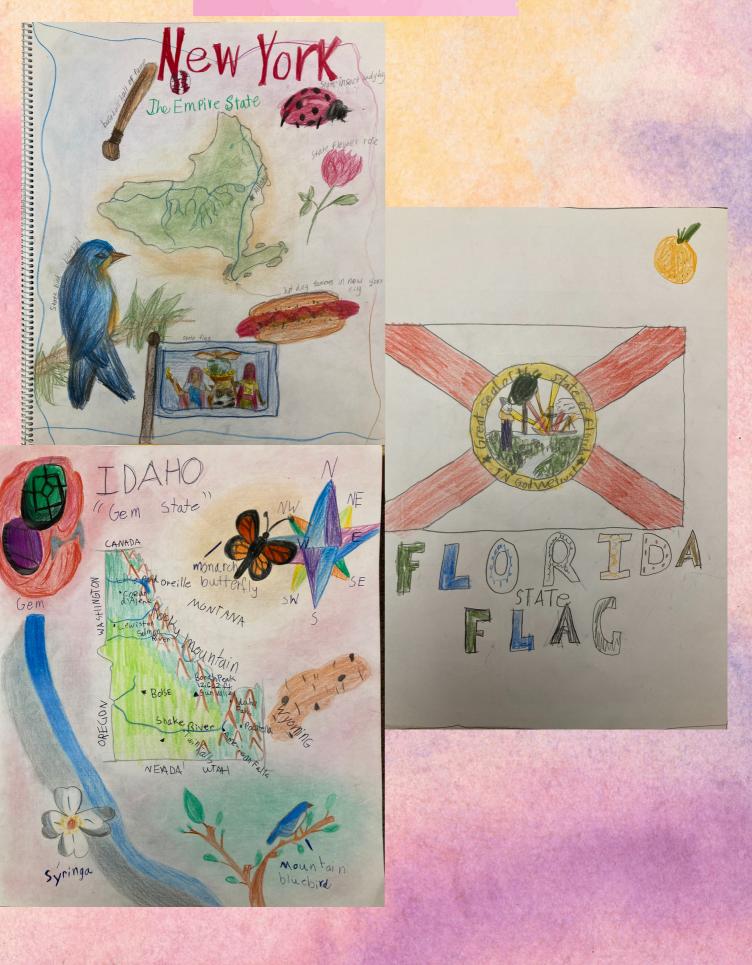


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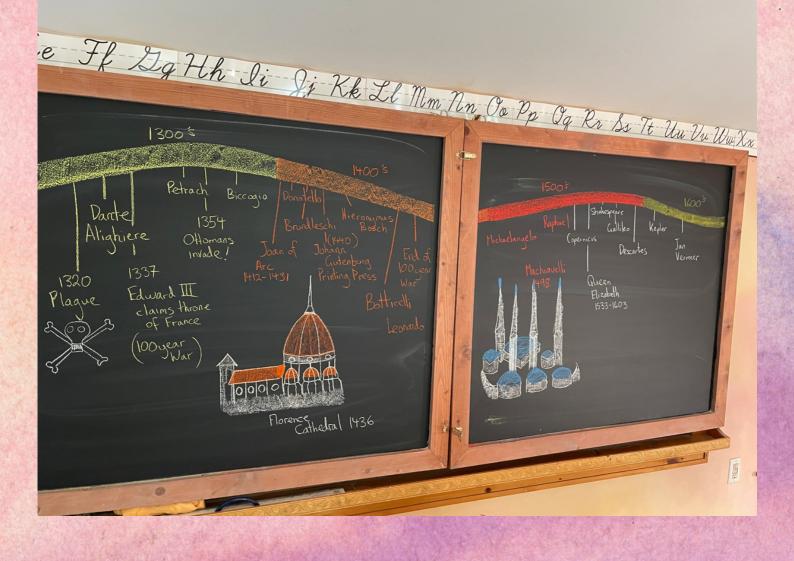


#### GRADE 7/8

#### **DEAR COMMUNITY**,

CLASS 7/8 IS EXPLORING THE ORIGINS OF THE EUROPEAN RENAISSANCE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS - WE WILL BE ADDING TO OUR KNOWLEDGE OF INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS DANTE, PETRACH AND JOAN OF ARC WITH A MULTITUDE OF ARTISTIC PURSUITS SUCH AS PORTRAITURE, MODELLING AND A MORE IN DEPTH RENAISSANCE ART PIECE. THE STUDENTS ARE ALSO EXCITED TO BE PRE-BAKING PIZZA CRUSTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY IN READINESS FOR PICK UP ON OCTOBER 28TH! WITH WARMTH, SHANNON







#### RUSSIAN

Learning should be fun! In the Russian class we read fall stories, poems and do plays based on the stories we read. We also enjoy art projects with colorful fall leaves while learning new words and poems.

