



The Anchorage
Waldorf School

Awakening Wonder

WALDORF WEEKLY

October 3, 2022

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS WEEKEND!



Volunteers needed this Saturday (10/8/22) from 10-12pm to remove old lights and install new twinkle lights on cabins and walkways. Details on page 3 from Parent Council.

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Oct. 4** - Parent Council 12-1 in Handwork Room
- **Oct. 10** - Indigenous People's Day - NO SCHOOL
- **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

happy
birthday

Raylinn - 10/5

Raven - 10/6

Nashon - 10/6

Aria - 10/20

Henry - 10/23

**A NOTE FROM OUR INTERIM
ADMINISTRATOR**

GRATITUDE

Thank you to the families who have made donations to Golden Cottage over the last few weeks. We've received puzzles and games and... silverware! THANK YOU!!!

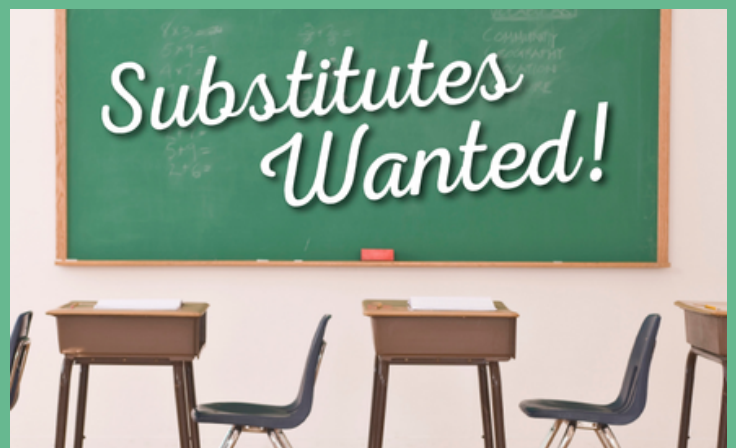
If you'd like to donate, we are still in need of some bigger pots for cooking up spaghetti and other yummy things.



ASSEMBLIES AND AFTERCARE

On Assembly days school will be dismissed at 12:45, directly after the assembly is over. If you are able to pick up your child then, please do. We will reach capacity for aftercare very quickly, so we will be taking children on a sign up basis only. If you'd like to sign up, please email ed@waldorfa.org and let me know how many children and for how long you'll be needing care. The drop in rate for care is \$12/hour per child. 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.



A NOTE FROM PARENT COUNCIL



Volunteers needed this Saturday (10/8/22) from 10-12pm to remove old lights and install new twinkle lights on cabins and walkways. Please bring gloves to wear. If you have any of the following, please bring as we will need many hands to make light work: Ladder, staple gun, hammer and a flat screwdriver or needle nose pliers (to remove old lights). This is a great opportunity to log first Semester volunteer hours (reminder 10 hours per semester are required).

Parent Council Meetings are the first Tuesday of each Month. Please note the time of the meeting and location has changed.

We are now meeting from 12-1pm in person in the Handwork/Woodwork room. All are welcome to attend.

RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS:

A Bike Rack was installed over the summer between the Elm and Fir Cabins utilizing Grant Money awarded last school year. It has been put to great use so far for Movement Classes and everyday Commuting to school by teachers and students.



Did you know we have a Waldorf Lending Library? This resource includes books and periodicals on Waldorf education, including curriculum, child development and other topics of particular interest to parents and teachers. You can check out these materials using the box of index cards provided.



CAMPUS NEWS & UPDATES

Dear AWS community,

My assistant Cynthia is looking for a place to live with her two year old son Artemas. Ideally they would need a place before December. At a minimum they need one room but are open to hearing about any potential options. If you or anyone you know is looking for a hardworking, clean, kind and lovely human being to rent your space or theirs please contact Cynthia at cmlilleston@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Ms.Ashley



NEW BUSINESS PARTNER

Thank you to Rihanna, owner of the Fresh Cup Espresso coffee hut at Chantshnu Muldoon Park (on the corner of DeBarr and Muldoon), who has agreed to reserve all used coffee grounds for us for as long as we need this fall, as well as begin again in Spring, or any time we should need them for our garden and grounds!

These used grounds have the nutrients we need to finish the "magic recipe" for really helping our garden soil, and Rihanna's donation will save us hours of labor and many hundreds of dollars in products, should we have wanted to purchase supplies to amend our soil.



Ms. Shayn - she's a parent to 2 AWS Kindergartners and has been working on grant funding, 3/4 garden project, 1/2 handwork class, emergency sub, and much more!
THANK YOU SHAYN!!





SUNFLOWER KINDERGARTEN

Literacy in a Waldorf kindergarten is based on a child's sensory experiences rather than in abstract symbols and concepts. We instead focus on facilitating literacy through singing, story telling, finger plays and reciting poems. We strive to grow a curiosity and desire to learn that comes from within the child, rather than it be rushed or pushed by outside expectations.

Children are naturally inquisitive and full of wonder. In the Waldorf kindergarten it is our primary goal to foster and protect this fleeting yet very important time of life.



GRADE 1



The first graders completed their first language arts block and headed into a math block. We completed our study, for now, of letters G and K. We are now looking around our world and asking ourselves, "which number is the greatest number?" They had a few ideas, mainly saying one number over another because it sounded big, or it was their favorite number.

But as we travel further into our block, we'll be exploring how we show quantities with different symbols. If I have a banana, I can show that I have one banana by writing a symbol: 1. Or I can use the Roman Numeral I, or I can write the word ONE. I could also draw a picture of one banana, which is how people first began to write things down (pictographs and hieroglyphs). It's so fun to discover this with them, and watch them learn something new that we adults tend to take completely for granted!



GRADE 2



Grade 1/2 is wrapping up our first week of Autumn. Temperatures are dropping but that has not slowed down our young spirits. A big thank you to the parents for making sure that the students are prepared every day with hearty lunches and warm waterproof clothing. We performed in the Michaelmas Play over the weekend and

the performance left me in awe. We all practiced so hard and to see them get a chance to perform in such a magical way was breathtaking.

Our first Math Block has been fantastic so far. We are beginning to use place value and regrouping as well as strengthen and grow our ability to skip-count. We also had our Wilderness Day on Monday. The students learned how to select dry material to make a fire and watched a "bow drill" fire made from scratch.



GRADE 3/4

A photo says a thousand words right? Good thing I got lots of them then!

Enjoy the pictures of 3/4 relishing Wilderness Day, loving part two of their Monday field trip of unique houses of Alaska, and exploring TWO very different construction sites during their Friday field trip.

A big thank you to Trevi Builders for letting us tour two of their construction sites.

Phew! It's been a busy week!
Love,
Ms. Evans



GRADE 5/6

Greetings from the Midwest! The students in Grade 5/6 "traveled" to the heartland of America this week to visit America's "Breadbasket," where the majority of corn, wheat, and dairy products are produced. They also learned about the Great Plains where the buffalo roam. The class had an awesome time during their Wilderness Day at the Baxter Bog learning how to make a bow drill fire and some students even had success with making a coal, which requires diligence and patience.

The students ended the week making an authentic deep dish pizza with Mr. Unterberger who is a native to Chicago. We are so grateful to him for helping us make a delicious pizza!



GRADE 7/8

Dear community,

Class 7/8 embarked on an adventure up to Kesugi Ken campground and stayed in the Denali cabin and Tokosha cabin together. Aided by some wonderful chaperones we explored Curry Ridge, the 1786 Lake and then on the way back even managed to explore the main street of Talkeetna. Some epic chess, Uno and Taco/Cheese/Goat battles ensued as well!

with warmth, Shannon



HANDWORK/WOODWORK

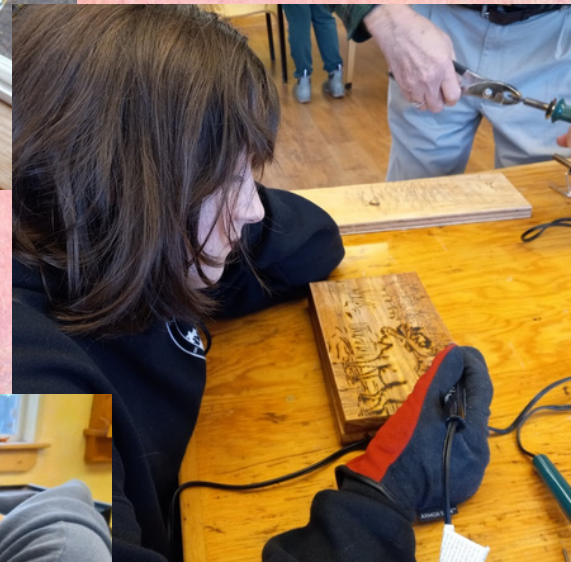
**1/2 Grade handwork -
Knitting is so much fun!!!
Students don't realize the
benefits of knitting -**



**for hand-eye
coordination,
finger dexterity,
mindfulness, and
more!**



**5/6 Grade woodwork - Students have been
transferring images over to wood to
woodburn Moncala boards.**



**7/8 Grade
woodwork -
Students
have been
working
diligently on
their 3-
legged stool.**

