# Wakening Wonder

Waldorf School

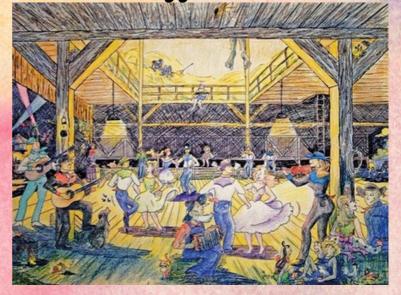
The Anchorage

## January 24, 2023

## The Barn Dance & Chili Cook Off is Back!!!

Dear community, Our Barn dance is back on this year this is a fun family event for all to enjoy! Brian DeMarcus is coming to call for us again and he is a professional. Ms. Kerr will be helping us with music from 6:30pm onwards. Brian makes it easy to join in and dance away even if you don't know how to put two feet together.

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We will also be having a chili cook off - a vegetarian choice and a meat lover's choice. So come along on Friday, February 3rd from 5pm onwards to enjoy some music, fun, and great chili!

## UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 27 Assembly and School Skate (after 12:45) at Cheney Lake
- Jan. 28 Community School Fair @ Z.J.
   Loussac Library (1-4pm) volunteers needed
- Feb. 3 Barn Dance and Chili Cook Off (5pm)
- Feb. 5 Open House (11-12:30)
- Feb. 7 Parent Council Meeting (12-1) in Handwork Room
- Feb. 16-17 Parent Teacher Conferences
  NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 20 President's Day NO SCHOOL



ZOEY M. – 1/4 Amy G. – 1/8 Wenonah C. – 1/8 Raider B. – 1/10 James M. – 1/23

## A NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Summer Camp is Live!! If you are interested in attending our Amazing 8 Weeks of Wonder Summer Camp, please sign up soon! There has been a lot of interest from the greater Anchorage community, and



there are limited spots available, especially for 3.5-4 year olds. Also, if you sign up before April 15th, you'll receive a 10% discount! Please sign up on our website at waldorfak.org/summer-camp-2023/.

Our Annual Auction is coming right up on Saturday April 15th! We will be sending out procurement information soon, but please let me know if you're interested in helping us with this great event!



Anchorage Waldorf School (AWS) is planning another safe, fun-filled Waldorf Education experience for AWS Summer of Wonder Camp! Children in Preschool and Kindergarten are invited to our Early Childhood (EC) Camp inspired by the rhythm and structure of a regular day in Waldorf Early Childhood programs, as well as the incorporation of interactive weekly themes. Big Kid (Grades) Camp for children in Grades 1-8 will offer themed weeks, such as gardening, eco art, weird science, and mud week. Big Kid camp will include a daily walk to Baxter Bog, located a few blocks from the AWS campus. DEAR COMMUNITY, JANUARY'S TAKE AND BAKE PIZZAS PICK UP ON THURSDAY THE 26TH!!

HANDMADE CHEESE OR PEPPERONI PIZZAS

ORDER FORM WILL BE AT THE FRONT DESK, OR IN CLASS 7/8 OR JUST SEND AN EMAIL TO SHANNON.HERDA@WALDORFAK.ORG TO ORDER YOUR PIZZA ASAP

## WITH WARMTH, SHANNON

## 4 Parent Volunteers Needed! January 28th 1-4:00pm @ the Loussac Library

SAVE THE DATE: SCHOOL FAIR

Explore multiple schooling options for your child! Come meet representatives from homeschool alternatives, private schools, and the Anchorage School District.

It is our hope to help families make informed choices and better prioritize their time and resources before the lotteries and various other enrollment deadlines this spring.

New this year, we will offer a **Preschool Pavilion** for preschool, Head Start, and kindergarten prep programs!

Schools and programs interested in participating should contact Elizabeth Nicolai at elizabeth.nicolai@anchorageak.gov or at 907-343-2840.

#### Saturday, January 28 1:00 - 4:00 PM Z. J. Loussac Library

Please let Holly (office@waldorfak.org) know what time you are available. We would like to have at least one parent each hour to be ready to talk about Waldorf Education and our Amazing School to Anchorage parents.

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## **CAMPUS NEWS & UPDATES**



## Limited Supply!!

AWS pencil cases - for sale in the School Store!!!

:) Thank You Katia :)

Craft Guild is every Wednesday 8:30-10:30 in the Handwork Room

AWS Craft Guild is a wonderful way to gather with other crafters and help our school to make items for our store, special events, or just to craft together.

We are currently making Valentine's Day Crafts for the School Store!

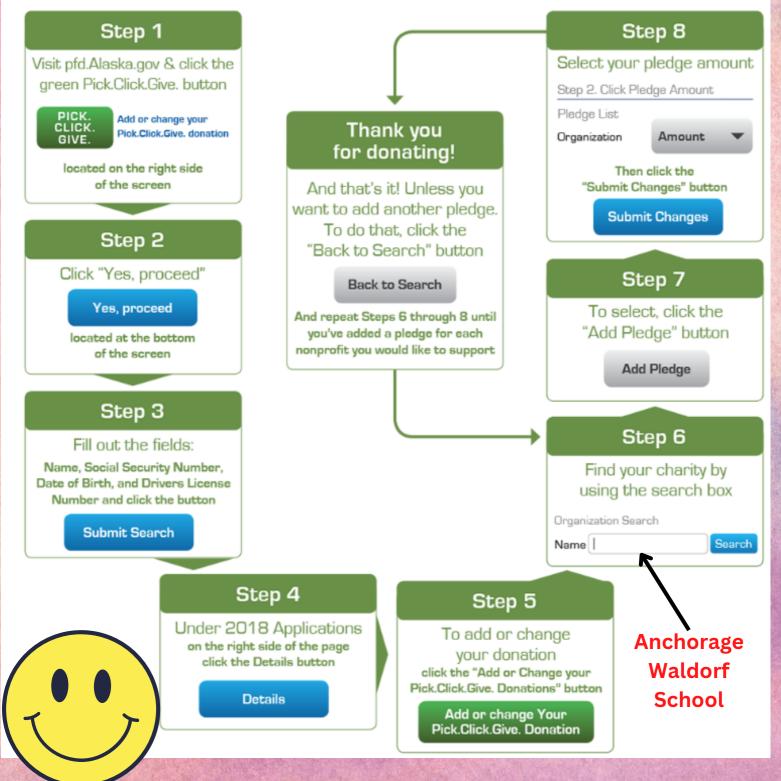
## **TEACHER HOUSING NEED!**

Mr. Tyler, our beloved Fireweed Kindergarten Assistant, is looking for a new place to live. He would prefer someplace close to school for under \$900/month. Does anyone know of anything available? If you do, please contact him directly at (907) 232-4156. Thank you!

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## **COMMUNITY SHOWCASE**

Busy Bee Construction is a local boutique construction and remodeling company based out of Chugiak; serving Anchorage and surrounding areas. We focus on unique, specialty projects especially those that involve blending fine woodworking with tile and stone. Mantles, bathrooms, kitchens, Tiny Houses and custom wooden furniture are a few of the services we offer.



## Construction





In addition we recently added a small CNC to our services, perfect for making small engravings for special occasions such an anniversary, or a sign for your small business. When you want that extra level of detail we can help :) Contact: Vincent M. Fisher Busy Bee Construction BusyBeeConstructionAK@gmail.com 907.854.2764





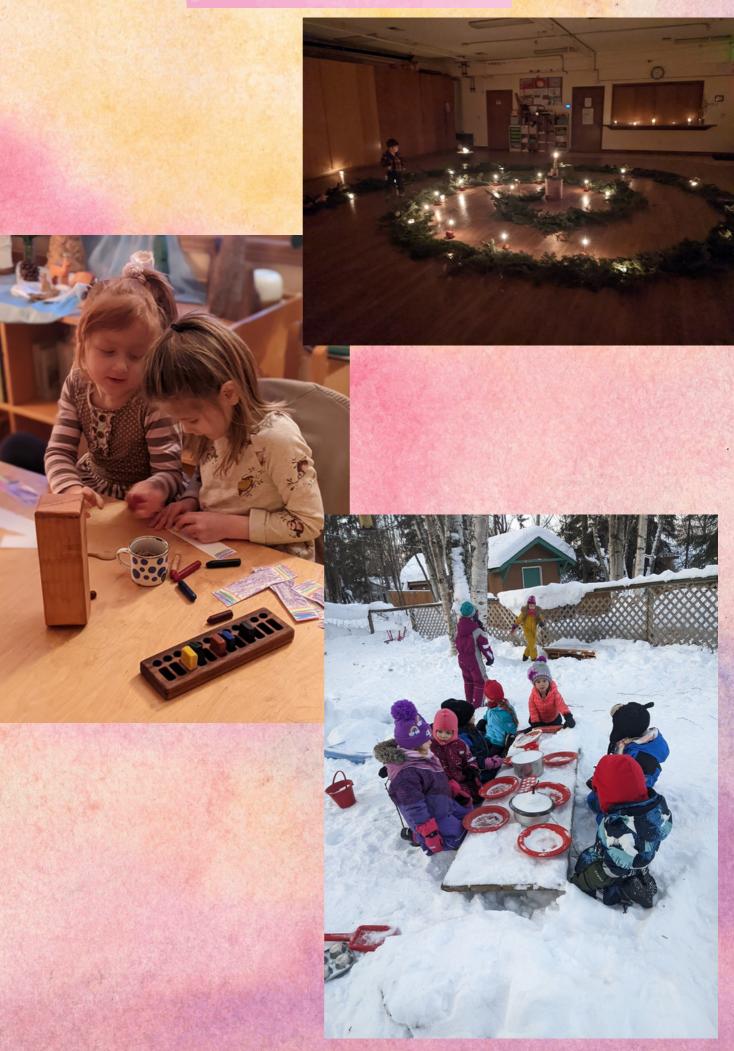
#### **SUNFLOWER KINDERGARTEN**



Hello from the Sunflower Kindergarten, We have been busy this month, acting out our stories and continuing our work on what it means to play collaboratively with our friends. Some of the children have completed their pompoms and have started the more delicate and detailed job of sewing a gnome. We celebrated a birthday together, built a train (with tickets to board), and have had many pop up restaurants complete with hand drawn money.

> Warmly, Ms. Ashley

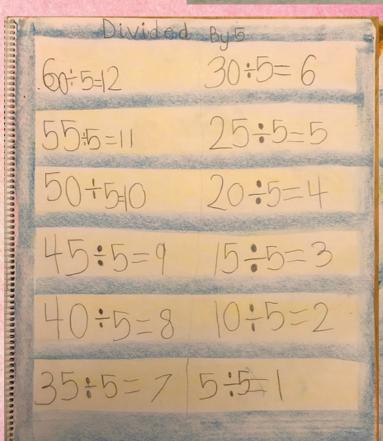
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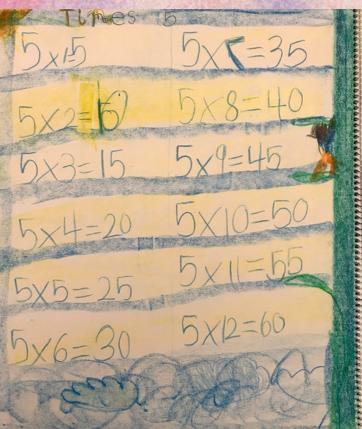


#### **GRADE 1**

The first graders are enjoying their work in our math block this week. We have been skip counting and working with gems, going on number journeys and solving all kinds of problems!

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#### **GRADE 2**



The second grade had a nice week. Math found us exploring different combinations of 10s, 20s, and 100s. We also worked with partners to follow a very challenging math spiral. The second grade has been having fun with spelling and memorizing a beautiful poem. We also went on a bog walk last Friday where the students had a lot of fun playing in the deep snow and exploring the frozen bog.

## GRADE 3/4

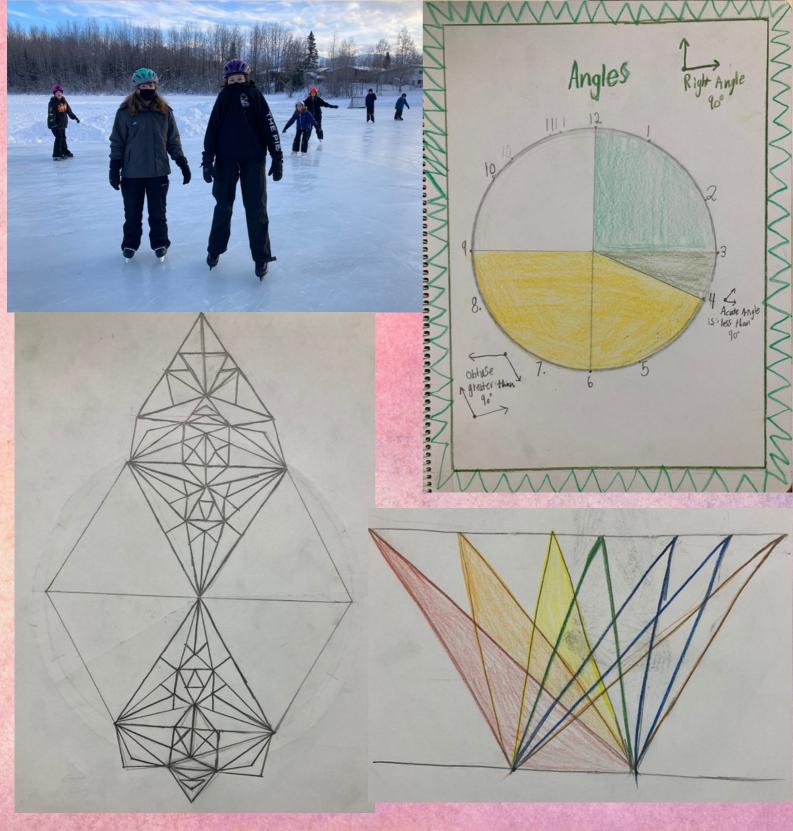


Grade 3/4 has been doing yoga in the mornings. Yoga helps the students center themselves and prepare for the day ahead. We also learn breathing exercises and other calming strategies during this time.

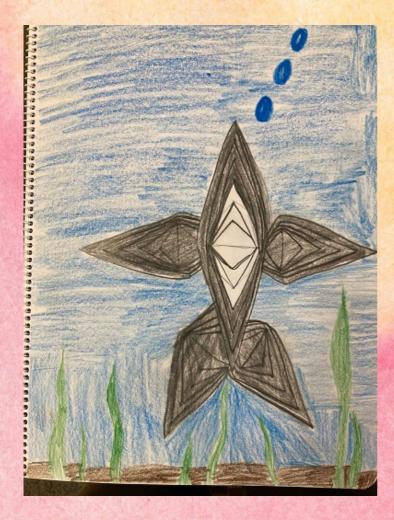
### GRADE 5/6

Grade 5/6 is busy studying and drawing angles this week. The students realized that acute, right, and obtuse angles can be made with the hour and minute hand of a clock. They discovered that there are four right angles that makes up a circle. The marks our ice skates make on the ice can even make an angle. Angles are all around us!



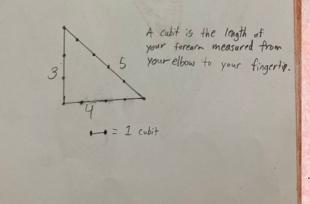


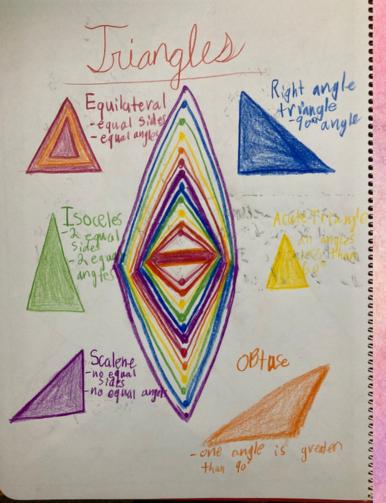
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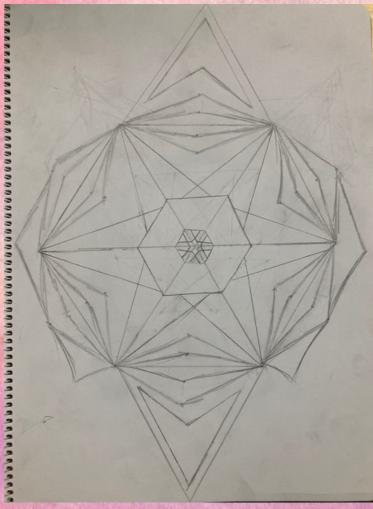


## "The Rope Stretchers"

The ancient Egyptions needed a way to measure their plots when the Mile River Flooded and the deposited sitt that covered their plot boundaries. In order to make their plots rectangular or Square shaped, they needed a tool to measure a right angle. The Egyptions discovered that they could use a knotted rape with equal spacing between the knots to make an accurate right triangle. This type of triangle is known as a 3-4-5 triangle between there are 3 knots on one side, 4 knots on another side, and 5 knots on the long side.







#### GRADE 7/8



### Dear community,

Class 7/8 would love to invite you to their play on Wednesday 25th January. We will be having a 1;30pm performance for students in grade 3 and above and then a 6pm performance for other family and friends. Our play is based around Shakespeare and sixteen of his sonnets.

Each one has been modernized for a contemporary feel with the original sonnet being woven throughout. Shakespeare's commentary on relationships, love and our world is as relevant today as when he first penned his verses. Friday -don't forget to join our class as we host ice skating with some hot chocolate and treats at Cheney Lake from 1:30 pm to 3pm. with warmth, Shannon

