



The Anchorage  
**Waldorf School**

*Awakening Wonder*

# WALDORF WEEKLY

January 31, 2023

**THIS FRIDAY!!!!**

*Please Join us at  
The Barn Dance & Chili Cook Off!!!*  
**BRING YOUR CHILI DO-SI-DO!!!**



**January**

*Birthdays*

ZOEY M. – 1/4

AMY G. – 1/8

WENONAH C. – 1/8

RAIDER B. – 1/10

JAMES M. – 1/23

## UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

- **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



## A NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Our Spring Auction is right around the corner! Each class has a themed "basket" and EVERYONE contributes! How do you contribute to a basket? Attached to this newsletter is a procurement form which you take with you to the businesses you frequent. Give them the form and ask if they'd be willing to donate an item to your class basket. They fill it out and you arrange to pick up the item and bring it back to school.



PLEASE use the google form to mark off that you have already gone to that business and that they've already donated so we're not doubling up and asking the same business multiple times for donations.

Here are the class basket themes:  
Both Kindergartens: Soup and Bread a Month.  
1st Grade: Waldorf Toy Basket  
2nd Grade: Art Supplies Basket  
3rd/4th: Wine Basket  
5/6th: Gardening/Botany Basket  
7/8th: Family Game Night Basket

Anyone can donate an item to any basket. For example, if you are a Gardener, and you want to donate 3 hours of your master gardening advice to someone, that would be an excellent addition to the gardening basket. Don't forget your time and expertise is just as valuable as an item! Please just fill out a procurement form for yourself and turn it in to your teacher, or myself. Thank you!

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

We will have free childcare during your conference time on the 16th and 17th between 9am-3pm. Please let your teacher know if you'll be using care during your conference time. Thank you!

DON'T FORGET TO LIST AWS ON THE  
PICK.CLICK.GIVE.  
WHEN YOU FILE YOUR PFD :)

KINDNESS IS CURRENCY  
Pick.Click.Give.





**IN THE STORE**

*Limited Supply!!*

**Thank You  
Craft Guild!**

**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!**



thank you

Thank You

Dear Community,

Here we are at the end of January and I think it is time to send out a huge thank you to all the volunteers we have in our community. You have helped drive, chaperone, feed, thread needles, untangle wool, sew and knit wonders for our annual giving, write thank you cards, cleaned, raked, planted, dug, supplied and fixed many, many things around our campus. You have shown up at short notice, been there in the background mailing, sorting, stamping and organizing. You have sent out spreadsheets, put your names down for class needs. You have brought sustenance for faculty and children, you have wiped tears, grubby fingers, and patched up our littlest people. You have shared your families time and energy with our students and faculty - you are all ROCK STARS who deserve medals if we could afford to give them to you all!!! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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# COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

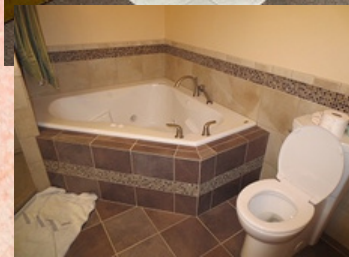
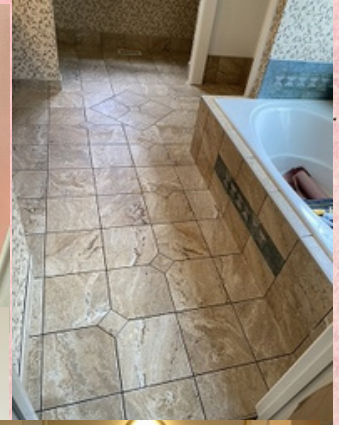
**Busy Bee Construction is a local boutique construction and remodeling company based out of Chugiak; serving Anchorage and surrounding areas.**

**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

**We also tackle smaller handyman projects, such as hanging pictures, floating shelves, fixing stuck doors, painting, flooring, closets, backsplashes, and most of your renovating needs.**



**In addition we recently added a small CNC to our services, perfect for making small engravings for special occasions such as 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**





## GRADE 1

The first graders had a fantastic week solving number journeys and acting out stories. I want to give you an idea of how this all works. For example, I told them the story of Czar Trojan's Goat Ears. In that story there's a barber who gets paid 10 golden ducats every time he shaves the Czar and doesn't mention his goat ears. So, those 10 golden ducats really add up over time.



(At first, this is a side note and I don't really put much emphasis on it.) The next day we review the story and act it out. You can see in the picture, this is where a student is yelling his secret into a hole he's dug: "Czar Trojan has the ears of a goat!!!!" The kids and I were having quite the belly laugh that morning! After we've worked a bit with this story, I start bringing the idea of the groups of 10 adding up over time. We act it out. I give them groups of 10 gems and we write it on the board. 1 day x 10 ducats = 10 ducats. On the second day he gets 10 more, and so on. Until we've written the times table for 10 all the way up to 12.

As we've now done this for the 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's both with division and multiplication, the students know how to solve quite a few challenging number journeys.

$$35+10= \underline{\quad} /5= \underline{\quad} \times 3= \underline{\quad} -12= \underline{\quad}.$$



## GRADE 2



We had a very full week with lots of stories and writing. We also got to go ice skating for the first time this year and we had an exciting walk to the bog. The first and second graders are becoming more comfortable with spelling words for their own sentences. They are also enjoying learning times and including the operation in our mental math challenges.





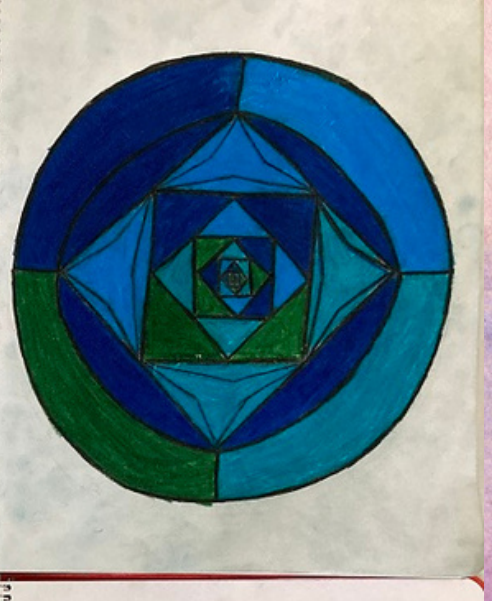
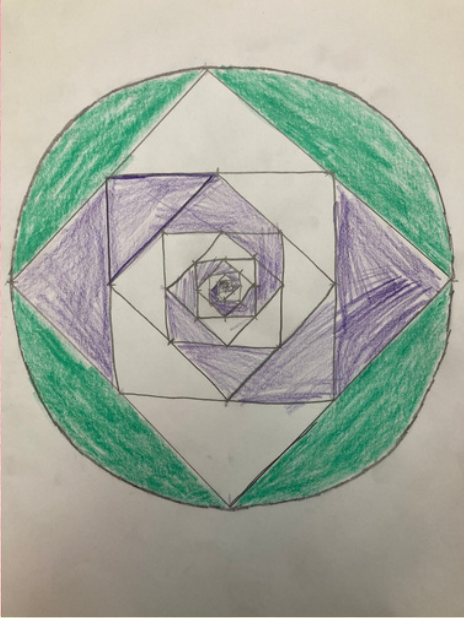
GRADE 3/4





# GRADE 5/6

The magic and beauty of geometry has really been showing itself this week in the drawing exercises the 5th and 6th graders have been doing while they study circles and quadrangles. Enjoy their beautiful, creative, and unique artwork. Also, the class loved snow tubing altogether at Arctic Valley last Friday!





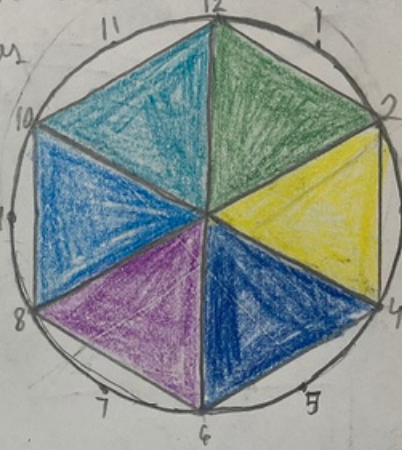


### Why 360°

- Solar year  $\approx$  360 days
- Lunar year  $\approx$  350 days
- 360 degrees is between these numbers
- 6 equilateral triangles

$$60^\circ \times 6 = 360^\circ$$

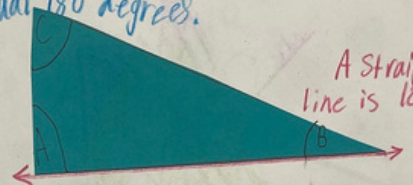
360 is a highly composite number



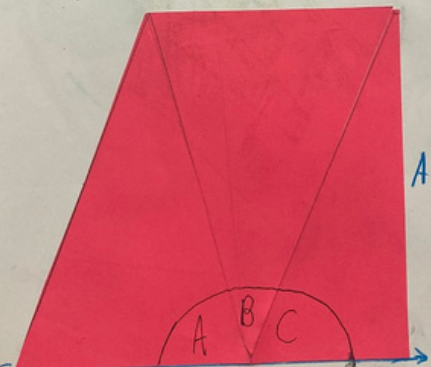
- 360
- 1 x 360
  - 2 x 180
  - 3 x 120
  - 4 x 90
  - 5 x 72
  - 6 x 60
  - 8 x 45
  - 9 x 40
  - 10 x 36

### The Angles of a Triangle

When the three angles of a triangle are added together, their sum will always equal 180 degrees.



A straight line is 180 degrees



$$A + B + C = 180^\circ$$



## GRADE 7/8

Dear Families,



Class 7/8 has been busy working on two side projects that dovetail beautifully with our curriculum and overall goals. Part of our middle school requirement is community service and with this, I aim to inspire and guide the students into ways to directly help their larger community. This year I decided to enroll in the Changemaker Project with my class, (<https://www.thechangemakerproject.org/>) and create something together. Students have learnt about many social/environmental issues that face humanity today. The students have split into two groups now

and are in the final stages of creating media for their projects, sharing their needs and obtaining funding for what they want to create.

The two groups are:

**Team Stream** - they are creating stencils that they will paint above our local storm water drains. They are designing specific ones that highlight Baxter Bog, Campbell Creek, Chester Creek and Cheney Lake. They have had to seek permissions, look at designs and what streams are impacted by which road/urban drainage points.

**Team Pizzazers** - this group is focused on creating an additional mural for our front concrete wall that speaks to the social justice issue of equality, in particular the educational equality that we are striving to achieve in our classrooms. They are working to also incorporate imagery that speaks to Alaska in particular. This project is also part of Piedra Jones's 8th grade gift to the school.

They are invited to a global pitch that will be held on Sunday the 12th February and have also created two GoFundMe pages that will now be advertised with Changemaker and more. Their pages are not quite complete yet but they are as follows:

**Team Pizzazers** - <https://gofund.me/659bd5a2>

**Team Stream** - <https://gofund.me/c82bb491>

I'm proud of their efforts so far - in between high level curriculum work they have always been willing to think of how they can help their community. Help us spread the word so they get funded and complete their projects!

with warmth, Shannon Herda

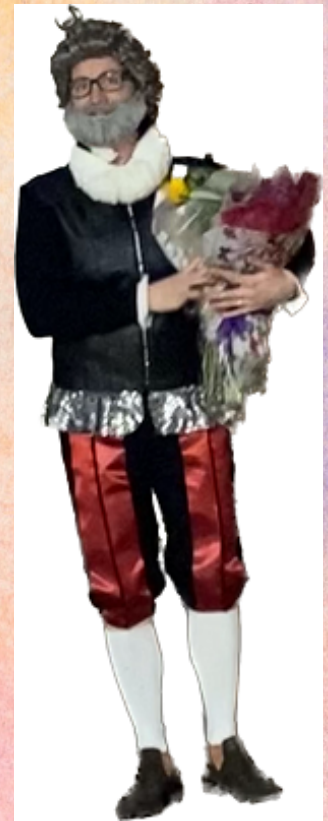


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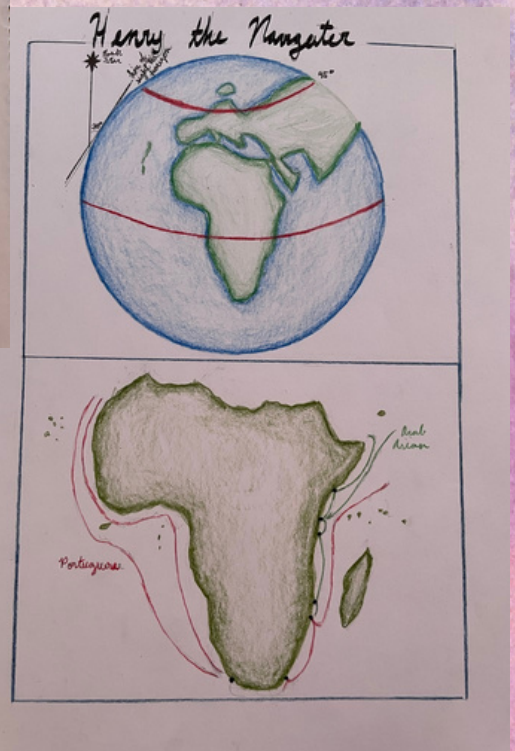
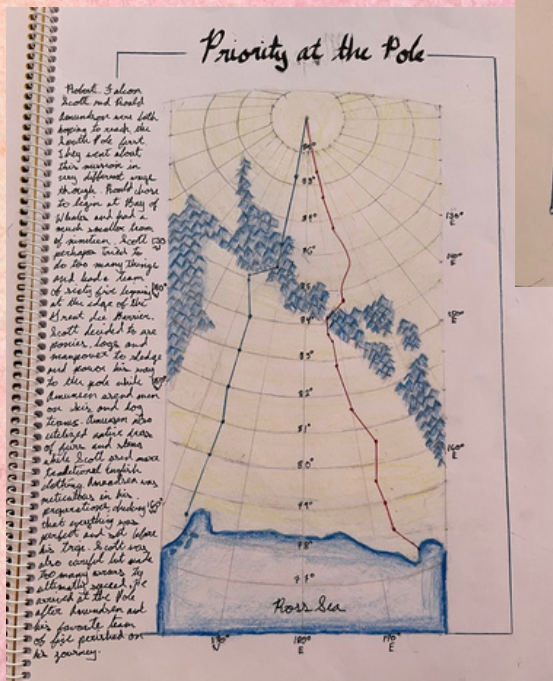
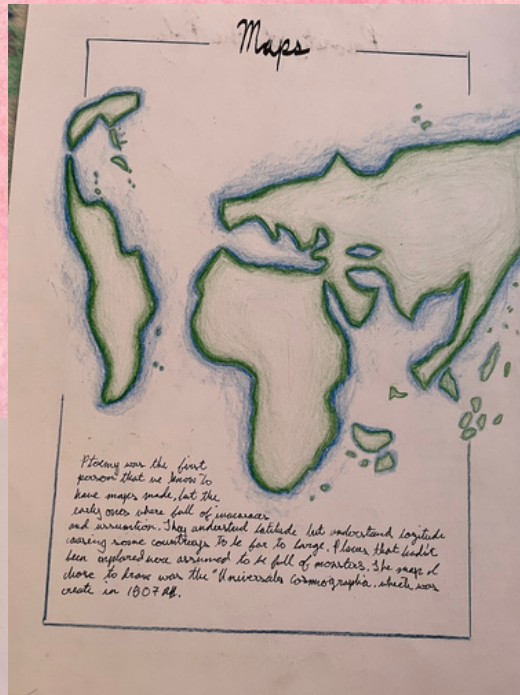
Dear community,

Class 7/8 have completed their theatre work and were so happy to present two showings last Wednesday - I only wish you could all have seen their work - it was so funny and wonderful, Shakespeare made a surprise appearance throughout. Thank you to all who came along to celebrate skating with us on Friday - we hope you had a lovely time and enjoyed the food, drink and company!

We continue on now to more exploration and the Barn Dance on Friday! Please put your name down for truffles if you would like some handmade delectable truffles on Monday February 13th, in a handmade box - the form is by the front desk. Enjoy along with us and we hope to dance with you on Friday 3rd Feb!



with warmth, Shannon Herda





# WE ARE HIRING

Dear Community,

We have the perfect job coming available this summer. Over the week-end we currently employ Ms. Herda's daughter Sierra to do a deeper clean of our building. This job pays \$16 an hour and is for four hours of work. Generally this involves a good kitchen clean, mopping, vacuuming and of course the bathroom cleaning etc..It also involves taking the washing home and returning it clean and folded for the new week. The Herda's have used this job as a great springboard for other more interesting jobs for both Bryce and Kellyn as well.

The good parts of the job for a young person, (14 and above):  
the flexibility of when the hours can be completed - as long as it is done before school resumes on Monday  
the ability to do it with little supervision - although a good adult check is needed every now and then to make sure things are not being missed  
the ability to have a first job that pays well and doesn't require too many hours  
the ability to be slow or fast but do a good job and be paid for a set amount of time

Please let Ms. Herda know if you are interested in this for your student or if you know someone who might be interested in our community.

with warmth, Shannon Herda



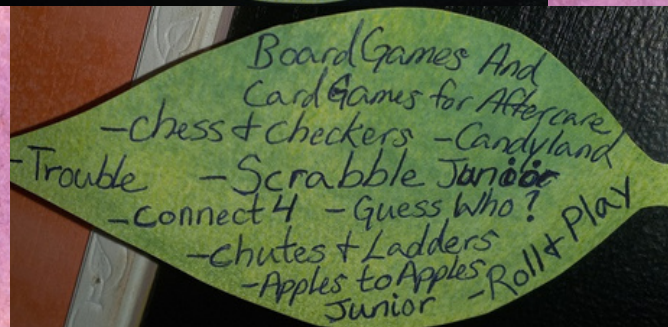
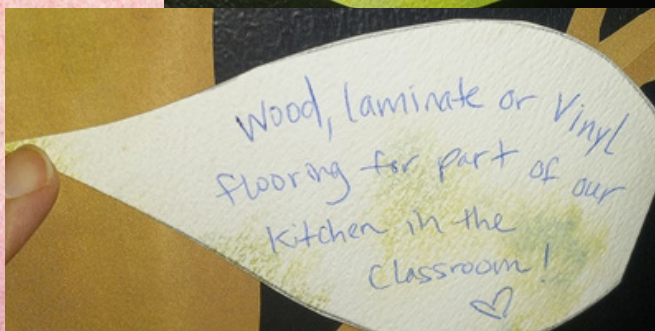
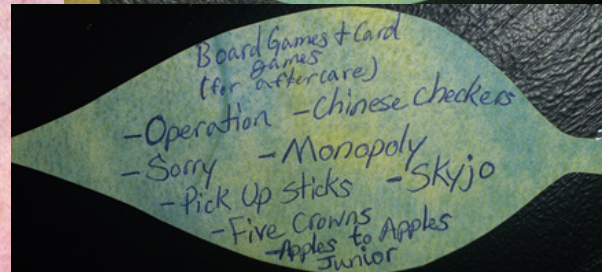
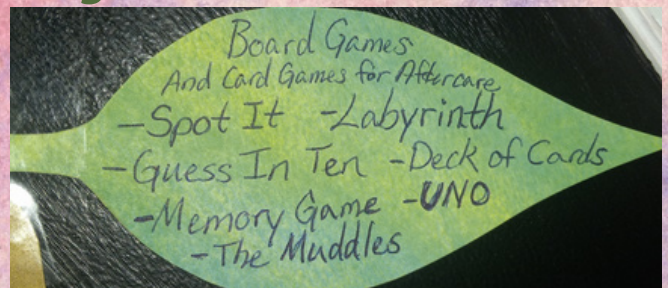
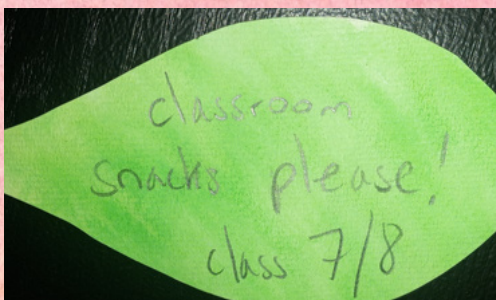


# The Giving Tree

Teachers write their needs on a leaf and parents do what they can to assist.



Here's what is currently on the tree:





# EXPERIENCE



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## OPEN HOUSE

Want to know exactly what your child will experience as a student in each of our grades? From early childhood through grade 1, 2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8 and handwork/woodwork, come participate in each classroom and observe curriculum demonstrations from our masterful teachers.

**SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 5  
11-12:30PM  
3250 BAXTER ROAD  
ANCHORAGE**



## PLEASE RSVP

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# SUMMER CAMP 2023

**June 5 - August 4**  
Join us for 8 weeks of wonder!

**AGES 3.5\* - 12**

**REGISTER ONLINE  
@ [Waldorfak.org](http://Waldorfak.org)**

**Waldorf &  
Outdoor  
Education  
inspired  
programs**

**Mud Week,  
Fairies &  
Gnomes,  
Gardening Week,  
Weird Science  
+ much more**

**Half-Day &  
Full-Day  
options**

**LIMITED SPACE  
AVAILABLE!**

**Register by April 15th to get 10% off**

**\*3.5 YR OLDS MUST  
BE TOILET-TRAINED**

