



The Anchorage
Waldorf School

Awakening Wonder

WALDORF WEEKLY

September 1, 2023

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

JUST A QUICK REMINDER, THERE WILL BE NO
AFTERCARE OFFERED ON ASSEMBLY DAYS.

CHECK OUT SOME FUN HAPPENINGS IN BEFORE AND AFTERCARE!



BIRTHDAYS

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, Sept. 1 - Tour at 9am
- Monday, Sept. 4th - LABOR DAY
NO SCHOOL
- Thursday, Sept. 7th - Torin Finser
lecture in Great Hall
- Sept. 11th, Parent Council Meets

KAROLENA R. 8/2
BRAYLAN F. 8/6
ELIAS B. 8/7
GENEVIEVE T. 8/16
FINCH H. 8/20
INGRID B. 8/27
LULA R. 8/27
RENEE P. 8/27
MAVERICK S. 8/28
ALEXZANDER T. 8/30

**A NOTE FROM OUR
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



RENEE PARKS

**Dear Community,
Welcome back! It's been delightful seeing everyone
in full swing again. It feels like we're off to a great
start!**

**As a part of this great start, we are hosting Dr. Torin
Finser on Thursday September 7th
for a talk about why Waldorf Education is so
important. Please join us! You won't want to miss
it!**

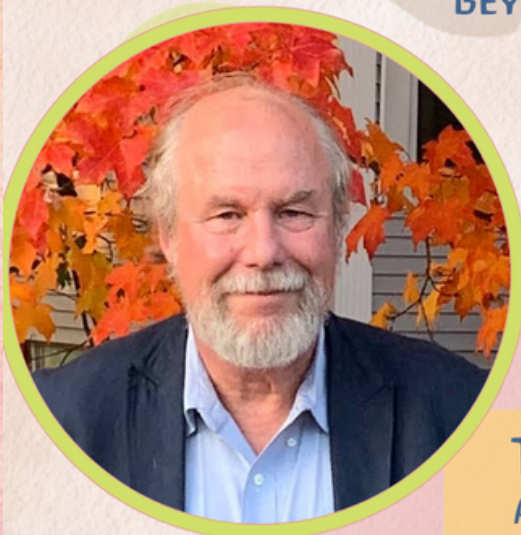


**Also, please be sure to welcome Baley Huser as our
new Before Care/Golden Cottage Lead and Front
Desk Extraordinaire!**

Warmly, Renee

**"WHY WE NEED WALDORF MORE
THAN EVER NOW"**

**A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND HEAR
DR. FINSER TALK ABOUT WALDORF EDUCATION AND
WHY IT IS NEEDED EVEN MORE IN 2023 AND
BEYOND**



**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023
6PM-7PM IN THE
AWS GREAT HALL
PUBLIC WELCOME!
\$20 SUGGESTED DONATION**


**TORIN FINSER, PH,D
AUTHOR, SPEAKER, FACULTY,
ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY NEW ENGLAND**

**WHAT DAY IS
PIZZA DAY?**

EVERY WEDNESDAY!

GRADE 8 IS SELLING \$5 SLICES OF
CHEESE AND PEPPERONI PIZZA

SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE LOBBY.
ORDER MUST BE PLACED BY TUESDAY



CAMPUS NEWS & UPDATES

2023 Fall Semester Community Events at AWS

Weekly

Thursdays

8:30am - Craft Guild
Handwork Room
No Experience Necessary
All are welcome!

TBD

5:00pm - Singing with
Holly Wiley
(Grade 1 Teacher)
Great Hall
No Experience Necessary
All are welcome!

Monthly

Monday

1:45pm - Parent Council
Grade 1 Classroom
Check Calendar for dates
All are welcome!

Thursday

6:30pm - Board of Trustees
Great Hall
Third Week of the Month
All are welcome!

Friday

9am - School Tours
First Friday of the Month
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12:15 - Grades Assembly
12:45 - Early Dismissal
Last Friday of the Month
starting 10/27
All are welcome!

Festivals

September

Saturday, 9/30 11am-1pm
Michaelmas
Mandatory Participation
for Grades 5 Students
Potluck will follow the Play!
All are welcome!

November

Friday, 11/9 5-7pm
Martinmas Lantern Walk
All are welcome!

December

Friday, 12/8 5-7pm
Winter Spiral
All are welcome!
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Saturday, 12/16 9am-3pm
WinterFaire
All are welcome!

Special Events

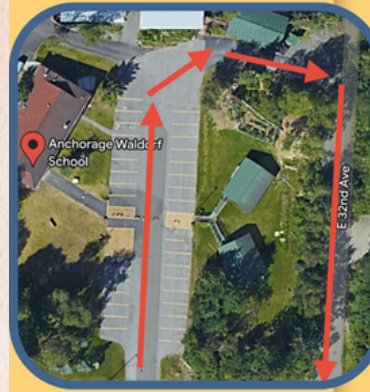
October

10/27-28 Kim John Payne
Simplicity Parenting
Friday 6pm, Saturday 9-3
Great Hall
Potluck Friday Evening
All are welcome!

November

11/18 Eurythmy Class
Saturday 10-11:30am
Great Hall
All are welcome and
Highly Encouraged to Attend

As we start to
lose daylight



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PARKING LOT SAFETY REMINDERS

- Stop at crosswalk
- Back into parking space
- Turn vehicle off/do not idle
- Traffic Flow is ONE WAY during Grades Drop off and Pick up 8am-8:35am; 2:45pm-3:30pm



BE A VOLUNTEER MAKE A DIFFERENCE

JOIN US AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
VOLUNTEER TODAY!

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ANNUAL GIVING
CLASS TRIP DRIVERS
FESTIVAL SETUP
ANNUAL AUCTION

CRAFT GUILD
PARENT COUNCIL
HANDY GUYS AND GALS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



SignUp

AWS SCHOOL-WIDE VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER LINKS

ANCHORAGE WALDORF SCHOOL - [HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/CFGOPFD](https://signup.com/go/CFGOPFD)

GRADE 8 - [HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/EEKRIMG](https://signup.com/go/EEKRIMG)

GRADE 6/7 - [HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/DSVEESK](https://signup.com/go/DSVEESK)

GRADE 4/5 - [HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/JUEQHPP](https://signup.com/go/JUEQHPP)

GRADE 2/3 - [HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/IVBDEXK](https://signup.com/go/IVBDEXK)

GRADE 1 - [HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/FKUOGZN](https://signup.com/go/FKUOGZN)

FIREWEED - [HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/BPAJSYI](https://signup.com/go/BPAJSYI)

SUNFLOWER - [HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/GMMQCOF](https://signup.com/go/GMMQCOF)

MARIGOLD - [HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/IVTVUGV](https://signup.com/go/IVTVUGV)

PARENT COUNCIL - [HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/STKFTQY](https://signup.com/go/STKFTQY)



ASHLEY MIKOS



EARLY CHILDHOOD

GREETINGS FROM THE SUNFLOWER
KINDERGARTEN,
WE ARE COMING TOGETHER AS A GROUP
AND TRULY ENJOYING ONE ANOTHER AS WE
SETTLE INTO OUR SCHOOL RHYTHM. WE
HAVE BEEN HEARING A STORY ABOUT A
LONELY LITTLE BEAR WHO FORGETS HIS
MANNERS BUT LEARNS IN THE END HOW
TO BE A GENTLE FRIEND.
BLESSINGS,
MS.ASHLEY





EARLY CHILDHOOD

REGIN DERVAES

**WAY UP HIGH IN THE APPLE TREE, TWO
LITTLE APPLES SMILED DOWN AT ME. I
SHOOK THAT TREE AS HARD AS I COULD
AND DOWN CAME THE APPLES, MMMM
MMMM THEY WERE GOOD!**

**APPLE GOODNESS IN MARIGOLD
KINDERGARTEN**

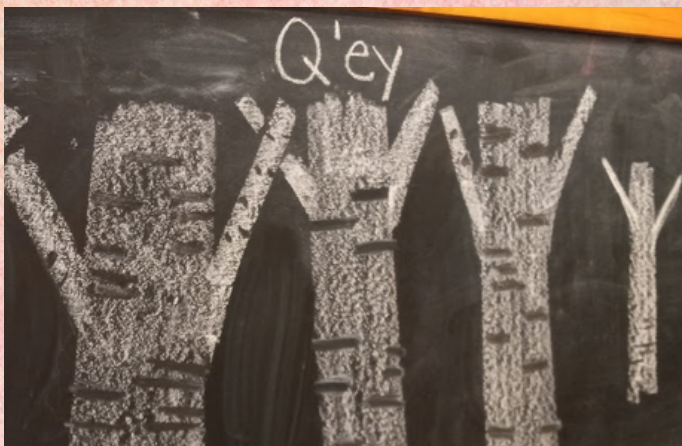


GRADE 1

This year, the first graders will be weaving a rug for our class. The first block is Form Drawing, we practice the circle before we put it into our main lesson book. We heard stories about the Birch tree, sang songs, and drew some birch trees. Q'ey is the Dena'ina word for birch tree. During the first week of school, we each made a den for our beeswax fieldmouse. Unbeknownst to us, there were a few critters who were already living in the dens - here is Raven watching a daddy long leg explore his fieldmouse den.



HOLLY WILEY



GRADE 2/3



BRANDIN HAMILTON

THE 2ND AND 3RD GRADE ENJOYED A GREAT TRIP TO OUR BELOVED BOG!



GRADE 4/5

Class 4/5 had a great start to the school year last week! We are beginning the year with Zoology (a favorite of the students) and did our biannual Bird to Gird Bike Ride on Friday. The day was beautiful and the children did fantastic biking. We started out a little further this year and biked 10 miles instead of 6 and we even got back on time for the Flower Ceremony! We also saw belugas in the bay on the drive down and an eagle's nest on the bike trail which was super cool as we are currently learning about the mighty eagle in class.



SOPHIE EVANS-VOIGT

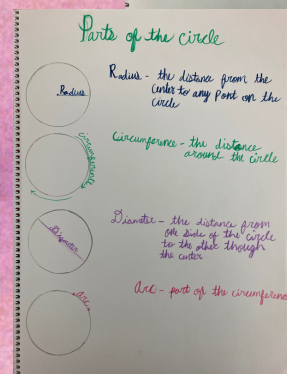
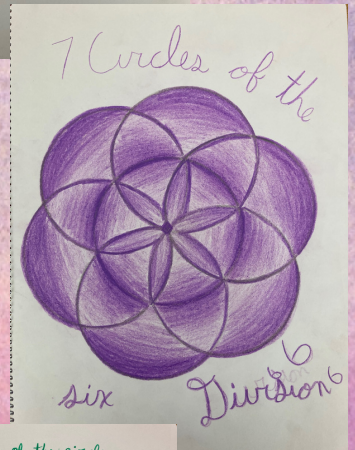
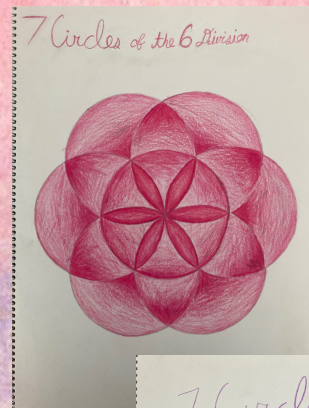


GRADE 6/7



KAT POWERS

The sixth/seventh graders and I are settling into a smaller, but cozier classroom that shares the cabin with the Handwork/Woodwork classroom. It is a bit of an adjustment period as we get used to being closer together and trying to keep our classroom as tidy and organized as possible. As the students learn about the confines of their new space, they also learn how to use a drawing compass and straightedge to make beautiful, precise geometric designs in their Geometric Drawing block. These drawings take time and concentrated effort, which at times can be challenging for these upper grade students. Please enjoy some of the beautifully shaded drawings they have done thus far!



GRADE 8

It is great to be back in the classroom and our 8th grade is settling into forming a wonderful play for you. We hope to present on Friday September 22nd, The Little Prince. We have also been continuing our community service as well as finishing our ChangeMaker Project from the previous year and we have already marked some drains and given a glow up to our mural that is decorating the front of our school.



SHANNON HERDA
FACULTY CHAIR-GRADES



SPECIALTY CLASSES

IN RUSSIAN CLASS WE DID LOTS OF WORK! WE DID READING, WRITING, SPEAKING ABOUT SUMMER AND ALL WE DID OR COULD DO DURING OUR SUMMER BREAK. STUDENTS TRIED ONE POPULAR DESSERT "Картошка" AND GOT THE RECIPE. YOUNGER STUDENTS MET CHEBURASHKA, A FAMOUS RUSSIAN CHARACTER LOVED BY ALL GRADE 1 THROUGH 8. WITH CHEBURASHKA'S HELP OUR FIRST GRADERS ARE LEARNING GREETINGS, COLORS AND NUMBERS. GRADES 2 AND UP LEARNED THE SONG "Учат в школе" THAT IS ABOUT SCHOOL AND WHAT THEY ARE TAUGHT AT SCHOOL. GRADE 3-4 HAS STARTED ON THEIR ALPHABET BOOKS AND ARE EAGER TO GET TO KNOW ALL 33 LETTERS!



RUSSIAN LANGUAGE
SVETLANA BURTON



MOVEMENT
MATT UNTERBERGER



STRINGS AND ORCHESTRA
AMANDA KERR



HANDWORK
SHAYN GANGIDENE



WOODWORK
PAT COLLER



EURYTHMY
DAVID PFEIFFER - SESSION 1
ROBERT COXON - SESSION 2



WOODWORK PAT COLLER



THE 4TH-5TH GRADE CLASS HAVE BEGUN THE SCHOOL YEAR BY LEARNING ABOUT HAND TOOLS AND BASIC WOODWORKING SAFETY. THEIR FIRST PROJECT WILL BE A WHISTLE CARVED OUT OF A PIECE OF BIRCH LIMB. THEY HAVE BEEN DRILLING HOLES WITH A HAND DRILL AND USING A KNIFE TO SCRAPE THE BARK OFF OF THE LIMB.



THE 6TH-7TH GRADE STUDENT BEGAN THE YEAR WITH A REVIEW OF MEASUREMENTS AND THE USE OF A RULER. THEIR FIRST PROJECT WILL BE A TIC-TAC-TOE BOARD. THE STUDENTS HAD TO LOCATE THE CENTER OF EACH SQUARE ON THE BOARD. HOLES WERE DRILLED IN THE BOARD. THE STUDENTS WILL CUT PIECES OF DOWEL FOR THE PEGS AND STAIN THE BOARD.

THE 8TH GRADE STUDENTS ARE CONTINUING TO DEVELOP CREATIVE SKILLS LEARNED PREVIOUS YEARS. THEY ARE GOING TO CARVE A DISH OUT OF A SLAB OF BIRCH. THE STUDENTS HAD TO REMOVE THE BARK AND MARK THE CENTER OF THEIR DISH. EACH SLAB IS DIFFERENT. SO, EACH DISH WILL BECOME THE INDIVIDUAL CREATIVITY OF THE STUDENTS AS THEY CHISEL AND GOUGE THE WOOD OUT OF THE SLAB.



COMMUNITY THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our community members that helped with Campus Beautification for Back to School.

We appreciate you very much!

Thank you for reading and have a great long weekend!