



The Anchorage  
**Waldorf School**

*Awakening Wonder*

# WALDORF WEEKLY

September 15, 2023



**HAPPY  
MUDDY DAYS  
AT THE  
ANCHORAGE  
WALDORF  
SCHOOL!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 20th Early Childhood School Photos
- Sept. 21st Grades School Photos
- Sept 30th Michaelmas Fall Festival 11-1pm

## BIRTHDAYS

JONAH RICE - 9/3  
ELIJAH RICE - 9/6  
NOAH RICE - 9/21  
DUNE DAVIS - 9/23  
KYIA DOPP - 9/25

## A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Community,  
I am so excited to announce a couple of wonderful  
changes...

Our swings have **FINALLY** passed inspection!!!!  
Yippeeeee!!!

A **HUGE** thank you to Mark Binder, Vincent Fisher,  
Brandon Hamilton, Dave McCune and others who I may  
have missed, and all the kids who helped dig, shovel,  
rake and haul woodchips since last spring. We have our  
swings back!!!!

Lastly, we've received a \$10,000 gift from the Saltchuk  
Giving Committee to put towards the purchase of a  
van/bus for our students. Thank you to all the Saltchuk  
folks! We're getting closer to our goal!

Warmly, Renee



**RENEE PARKS**

HOW DO YOU LIKE  
TO GO UP IN A  
SWING,  
UP IN THE  
AIR SO BLUE?  
OH, I DO THINK IT  
THE PLEASANTEST  
THING  
EVER A  
CHILD CAN DO!

UP IN THE AIR AND  
OVER THE WALL,  
TILL I CAN  
SEE SO WIDE,  
RIVER AND TREES  
AND CATTLE AND ALL  
OVER THE  
COUNTRYSIDE—

TILL I LOOK DOWN  
ON THE GARDEN  
GREEN,  
DOWN ON  
THE ROOF SO BROWN

—  
UP IN THE AIR I GO  
FLYING AGAIN,  
UP IN THE  
AIR AND DOWN!

MY NANA USED  
TO SING THIS  
TO ME WHEN I  
WAS A CHILD

—ROBERT LOUIS  
STEVENSON

# CAMPUS NEWS & UPDATES

## 2023 Fall Semester Community Events at AWS

| Weekly  | Monthly   | Festivals   | Special Events   |
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| <b>Thursdays</b><br>8:30am - Craft Guild Handwork Room<br>No Experience Necessary<br>All are welcome!<br><b>TBD</b><br>5:00pm - Singing with Holly Wiley (Grade 1 Teacher)<br>Great Hall<br>No Experience Necessary<br>All are welcome! | <b>Monday</b><br>1:45pm - Parent Council Grade 1 Classroom<br>Check Calendar for dates<br>All are welcome!<br><b>Thursday</b><br>6:30pm - Board of Trustees<br>Great Hall<br>Third Week of the Month<br>All are welcome!<br><b>Friday</b><br>9am - School Tours<br>First Friday of the Month<br>---<br>12:15 - Grades Assembly<br>12:45 - Early Dismissal<br>Last Friday of the Month<br>starting 10/27<br>All are welcome! | <b>September</b><br>Saturday, 9/30 11am-1pm<br>Michaelmas<br>Mandatory Participation for Grades Students<br>Potluck will follow the Play!<br>All are welcome!<br><b>November</b><br>Friday, 11/9 5-7pm<br>Martinmas Lantern Walk<br>All are welcome!<br><b>December</b><br>Friday, 12/8 5-7pm<br>Winter Spiral<br>All are welcome!<br>---<br>Saturday, 12/16 9am-3pm<br>WinterFaire<br>All are welcome! | <b>October</b><br>10/27-28 Kim John Payne<br>Simplicity Parenting<br>Friday 6pm, Saturday 9-3<br>Great Hall<br>Potluck Friday Evening<br>All are welcome!<br><b>November</b><br>11/18 Eurythmy Class<br>Saturday 10-11:30am<br>Great Hall<br>All are welcome and Highly Encouraged to Attend |

As we start to lose daylight



## 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

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## 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 4½ - [HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/JUEQHPP](https://signup.com/go/JUEQHPP)

GRADE 3½ - [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/BPAJSVI](https://signup.com/go/BPAJSVI)

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

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

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

## 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



## CAMPUS NEWS & UPDATES

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR CRAFT GUILD. WE MEET EVERY THURSDAY MORNING FROM 8:30 TO 10:30 IN THE HANDWORK ROOM. FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN PROJECTS OR JOIN US IN CRAFTING ITEMS TO DONATE TO OUR SCHOOL STORE. WE WILL BE KNITTING AND CROCHETING PUMPKINS. LITTLE ONES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



# LOST AND FOUND

**OUR LOST IN FOUND IS ALREADY ACQUIRING ITEMS AT A STEADY PACE! PLEASE COME BY IF YOU ARE MISSING ANY COATS, SHIRTS, WINTER GEAR OR SHOES. THE LOST AND FOUND IS LOCATED IN THE MAIN BUILDING BY THE DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOMS.**

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

HELLO FROM THE SUNFLOWER KINDERGARTEN,

OUR DAILY MEAL TIME BLESSING:

"EARTH WHO GIVES TO US THIS FOOD,  
SUN WHO MAKES IT RIPE AND GOOD,  
DEAR SUN DEAR EARTH, BY YOU WE LIVE,  
TO YOU OUR LOVING THANKS WE GIVE."



ASHLEY MIKOS



"BLESSINGS ON OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY BOTH FAR AND NEAR, HAVE A  
LOVELY SNACK."

WARMLY,  
MS.ASHLEY



## EARLY CHILDHOOD

Honoring the importance of purposeful work and imaginative play is a cornerstone of Waldorf Early Childhood Education. We create an environment that supports the foundation of learning and cultivates a love of knowledge and exploration.



REGINE DERVAES



## EARLY CHILDHOOD

The sense of touch feeds their inner life experience and helps them understand and connect with the physical world. We support the kindergarten to develop a strong sense of touch by giving them opportunities to work with natural materials such as wool, silk, cotton, wood, pine cones & stones, which they then take into their play, work, and festival life. The Fireweed Kindergarten has been busy the last two weeks with wet-felting balls to turn into acorns.

-Miss Michele & Miss Malea



**MICHELLE POPLARCIK**  
FACULTY CHAIR - EARLY CHILDHOOD



EARLY CHILDHOOD

**"The joy of children in and with their environment must therefore be counted among the forces that build and shape the physical organs."**

**-Rudolph Steiner**



**MICHELLE POPLARCIK**  
FACULTY CHAIR - EARLY CHILDHOOD





## GRADE 1

We started our week at the Baxter Bog for our Wilderness Day - WHAT FUN!! Back at school, we continued our marvelous journey in Language Arts, drawing mountains and valleys for "M" & "V". We ate Vegetables (carrots & celery) and grapes that grow on Vines. We practiced our letters in sand, with chalk, and on paper.



HOLLY WILEY



GRADE 4/5

4/5 ended last week with their second overnight of the year. We had a great camping trip at Trail River by Kenai Lake and thoroughly enjoyed exploring the area. We were very fortunate and managed to snag two campsites right by the lake! The children did all the work, including setting up and taking down tents, making the campfire, cooking lunch, dinner, and breakfast, and washing up after eating. All the adults had to do was guide and supervise. It was a relaxing and fun time for everyone!



SOPHIE EVANS-VOIGT



GRADE 4/5

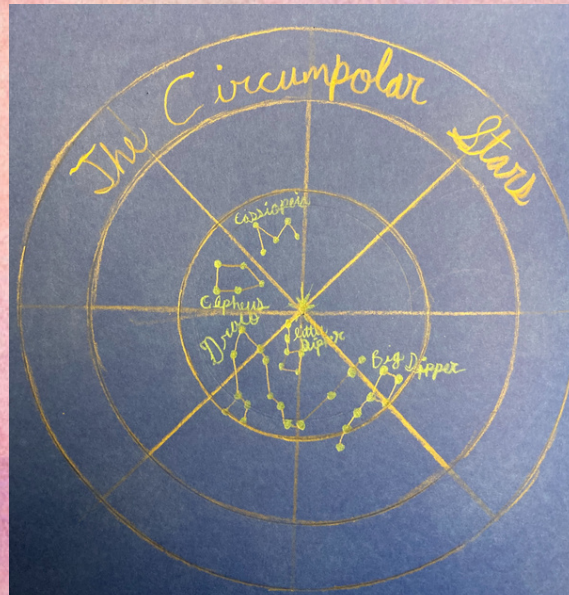
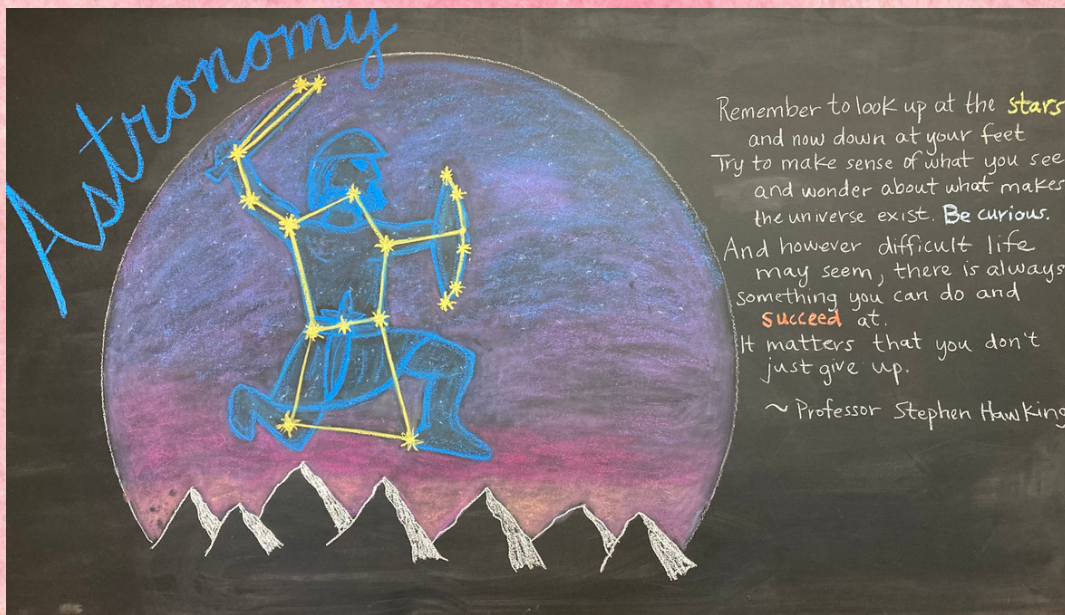


GRADE 6/7



KAT POWERS

The sixth and seventh graders are studying the starry skies for the month of September. By the time you are reading this we will be on our field trip to Denali National Park for two nights of camping, stargazing, and adventures in the park. We are hoping for clear skies as we observe the movement of the stars throughout the night. We will try to find the circumpolar constellations we have been studying in class such as Ursa Major and Ursa Minor, Cassiopeia, Cepheus, and Draco as well as other constellations that will be visible at this time of year. Our class is also grateful for our time spent learning to “bust a coal” by making bow drill kits with the instructors of the 4E’s.



GRADE 8

Dear community,

8th grade were able to transition back from their incredible experience together out in the Chugach Mountains. The experience of pushing through discomfort, relying on each other, facing the difficulties of climbing up, down and all around while carrying significant weight to grow together was unforgettable. Brown and Black bear, Dall sheep, Moose in all their spectacular glory and of course the termination dust, the hidden lakes and ducks paddling across a crystal clear glacial lake. All of it was worth the climbing!

with warmth, Shannon Herda



**SHANNON HERDA**  
FACULTY CHAIR-GRADES



GRADE 8



**SHANNON HERDA**  
FACULTY CHAIR-GRADES

**Remember - sign up for Pizza slices on Wednesday at the front desk, Ms. Herda will order pizza on Tuesday evening so that it arrives fresh by 1pm on Wednesday. \$5 per slice and from Uncle Joe's.**

A promotional poster for Pizza Day. The background is dark with a close-up of several slices of pepperoni pizza on the right side. The text is white and reads: "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." At the bottom left is the Uncle Joe's Pizzeria logo, which is circular and features a cartoon character's face. The logo text includes "HANDCRAFTED", "UNCLE JOE'S", "EST. 1984", "Pizzeria", and "STONE BAKED".

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**We will be presenting our play "The Little Prince" on Friday the 22nd of September - feel free to attend our daytime performance of 1:30pm or our evening performance of 6pm.**