



The Anchorage
Waldorf School

Awakening Wonder

WALDORF WEEKLY

September 22, 2023



**MICHAELMAS FALL
FESTIVAL IS
COMING UP! JOIN
US SEPT. 30TH
FOR THE
CELEBRATION OF
COURAGE AND
LIGHT!**

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept 30th Michaelmas Fall Festival 11-1pm
- October 2nd Parent Council Meeting

BIRTHDAYS

MACKENZIE COFFEY 9/1
ALEXZANDER TAAN 9/3
GENEVIEVE STRINGAM 9/6
ELIAS BARTON 9/21
TALA DAVID 9/23
AILA ELHARD 9/25

UPCOMING EVENT

JOIN US FOR MICHAELMAS, THE CELEBRATION OF COURAGE & LIGHT! SATURDAY, 30TH 2023: 11-1PM

10:45am Students arrive

11:00am Michaelmas Play

11:15am Blessing of our Meal- Elders start the Potluck!

11:20am Potluck

Marigold Kindergarten

Fireweed Kindergarten

Sunflower Kindergarten

First Grade

Second and Third Grade

Fourth and Fifth Grade

Sixth and Seventh Grade

Eighth Grade

Guests

Salad or Side Dish

Drinks

Bread & Butter

Salad or Side Dishes

Soup or Main Dish

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Desserts

Your Choice

Clean-up

Clean-up

Clean-up

Decorations

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12:00pm Puppet Show in Dogwood Cottage

12:30pm Cleanup

Please bring your own plates, bowls, cups and silverware!
(Mark dishes for those with allergies)

Wear **Red** for Courage!



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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CAMPUS NEWS & UPDATES

DEAR COMMUNITY,

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME ERIN MCARTHUR TO OUR CAMPUS ON A REGULAR BASIS. DR. MCARTHUR IS A PEDIATRIC SPECIALIST BY TRAINING WHO HAS ALSO BEEN STUDYING ANTHROPOSOPHICAL MEDICINE SINCE 2014. HER PASSION IS THE FIRST TWENTY ONE YEARS OF LIFE AND CONTINUALLY LEARNING WHAT MIGHT BE BEST FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL. DR. MCARTHUR WILL BE OBSERVING IN OUR CLASSROOMS ON A SEMI-REGULAR BASIS ON MONDAYS AND WILL ALSO BE A PART OF OUR FACULTY MEETINGS AT TIMES. WE WILL ALSO BE HOSTING SOME PARENT NIGHTS WITH DR. MCARTHUR THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR. WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE DR. MCARTHUR'S PERSPECTIVES AID US AS WE STRIVE TO REACH OUR STUDENTS WHERE THEY ARE AND WORK WITH FAMILIES IN A COMPREHENSIVE WAY. IF YOU SEE DR. MCARTHUR ON CAMPUS PLEASE WELCOME HER AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO HER.

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MISSING

OUR 2019 FUR RENDEZVOUS BADGE, SIMILAR TO THE ONE PICTURED, HAS GONE MISSING. IF YOU HAPPEN ACROSS IT PLEASE BRING IT BY THE FRONT OFFICE SO IT CAN MAKE ITS WAY BACK HOME!



FLEECE LINED RAIN MITTENS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE SCHOOL STORE! THESE ARE A GREAT OPTION AS THE WEATHER CONTINUES TO GET COLDER. PURCHASE AT THE FRONT OFFICE!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR CRAFT GUILD. WE MEET EVERY THURSDAY MORNING FROM 8:30 TO 10:30 IN THE HANDWORK ROOM. FEEL FREE TO HELP ORGANIZE, 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!



EARLY CHILDHOOD



ASHLEY MIKOS



GREETINGS FROM SUNFLOWER,

WE ARE PRACTICING OUR "GENTLE HANDS", "KIND AND BEAUTIFUL LANGUAGE", AND "COOPERATIVE PLAY". WE STARTED POM-POMS AND COLLECTED FALL LEAVES FOR OUR WINDOW HANGINGS. WE HAVE A NEW FRIEND IN THE CLASSROOM NAMED "SPINALOT". HE HAS BEEN A GREAT SOURCE OF CONVERSATION DURING OUR SNACK AND LUNCH TIME.



EARLY CHILDHOOD

BY ENGAGING WITH THEIR HANDS, CHILDREN DEVELOP A STRONG CONNECTION BETWEEN THEIR SENSES, THEIR BODIES, AND THE WORLD AROUND THEM. THIS TYPE OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING FOSTERS A SENSE OF WONDER, JOY, AND CONFIDENCE IN THEIR ABILITIES.

THE HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN TO DEVELOP SOCIAL SKILLS, COOPERATION, AND EMPATHY AS THEY WORK COLLABORATIVELY AND SHARE THEIR CREATIONS WITH THEIR PEERS.



REGINE DERVAES



EARLY CHILDHOOD

BLESSINGS FROM THE FIREWEED KINDERGARTEN,

HANDWORK IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CAN TAKE ON A WIDE RANGE OF PRACTICAL, ARTISTIC, AND PLAY ACTIVITIES USING THEIR HANDS, SUCH AS KNEADING BREAD, BUILDING WITH BLOCKS, WASHING DISHES, PLAYING IN SAND OR MUD, DRAWING, WATERCOLOR PAINTING, WIPING DOWN TABLES, SEASONAL CRAFTS, POM-POM MAKING, FINGER KNITTING, SIMPLE HAND SEWING, WEAVING, WET FELTING. HANDWORK ALSO HELPS PROMOTE CAPACITIES FOR THINKING, DEVELOPS FINE MOTOR SKILLS, PROBLEM-SOLVING, CONCENTRATION, PATIENCE, PERSEVERANCE, AND DELAYED GRATIFICATION. HANDWORK CAN ALSO AWAKEN A CHILD'S UNIQUE ARTISTRY.

THE CHILDREN BEGAN WORKING ON POM-POMS THIS WEEK, IMMERSING THEMSELVES IN WOOL YARN'S BEAUTIFUL, RICH AUTUMN COLORS. A LOT OF HAPPY HEARTS THIS WEEK!

BLESSINGS, MISS MICHELE & MISS MALEA



MICHELLE POPLARCIK
FACULTY CHAIR - EARLY CHILDHOOD



GRADE 1

THIS WEEK, FIRST GRADERS EXPLORED THE LETTERS "B" AND PRACTICED "M" & "V" IN CAPITAL AND LOWER CASE. FORMING LETTERS WITH BEESWAX IS A GREAT WAY FOR EACH LETTER TO LIVE INSIDE OF US--SCULPTING BEESWAX WITH OUR WARM HANDS AND PULLING THE LETTER INTO FORM-- LIKE EACH LITTLE HUMAN WHO IS BEING SCULPTED INTO FORM FROM THE INSIDE OUT. OUR BOG WALKS ON FRIDAYS HAVE BEEN SO MUCH FUN.



HOLLY WILEY



GRADE 2/3



BRANDIN HAMILTON

THIS PAST WEEK HAS BEEN VERY EXCITING FOR OUR CLASS. WE SPENT THE DAY IN THE BOG LEARNING ABOUT THE HABITS OF WILD ANIMALS AND HOW TO BUILD A FIRE USING ONLY MATERIALS FROM NATURE. THEN ON MONDAY, WE WENT TO THE BOTANICAL GARDENS FOR A TOUR AND A LESSON IN PLANTING SEEDS. FINALLY, WE HAD A DAY OF HARVESTING OUR OWN GARDEN. NEXT WEEK WE START EXPLORING NATIVE ALASKAN ANIMAL STORIES.



GRADE 4/5

4/5 WERE KEPT BUSY LAST WEEK! ON WEDNESDAY WE HAD A FUN FIELD TRIP TO THE ALASKA MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND NATURE, WHERE WE LEARNED ABOUT ALASKAN DINOSAURS AND HOW ANIMALS AND HUMANS HAVE CHANGED OVER TIME FROM THE LAST ICE AGE TO NOW. THEN ON THURSDAY 4/5 HAD WILDERNESS DAY, WHICH WAS GREAT FUN! WE LEARNED HOW TO FOX WALK, BUILT OUR OWN SHELTER OUT OF TREE BRANCHES AND LEAVES, BUILT OUR OWN SMALL FIRES, GOT BLINDFOLDED AND LED THROUGH THE WOODS, AND PLAYED TWO FUN GAMES: MATCHSTICK, AND THE SCREAMING RUN! LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, ON FRIDAY 4/5 PRESENTED THEIR CHOSEN ANIMAL REPORTS TO THE CLASS. THE CHILDREN DID FANTASTIC AND EVERYONE LEFT THE PRESENTATIONS WITH NEW KNOWLEDGE.



SOPHIE EVANS-VOIGT



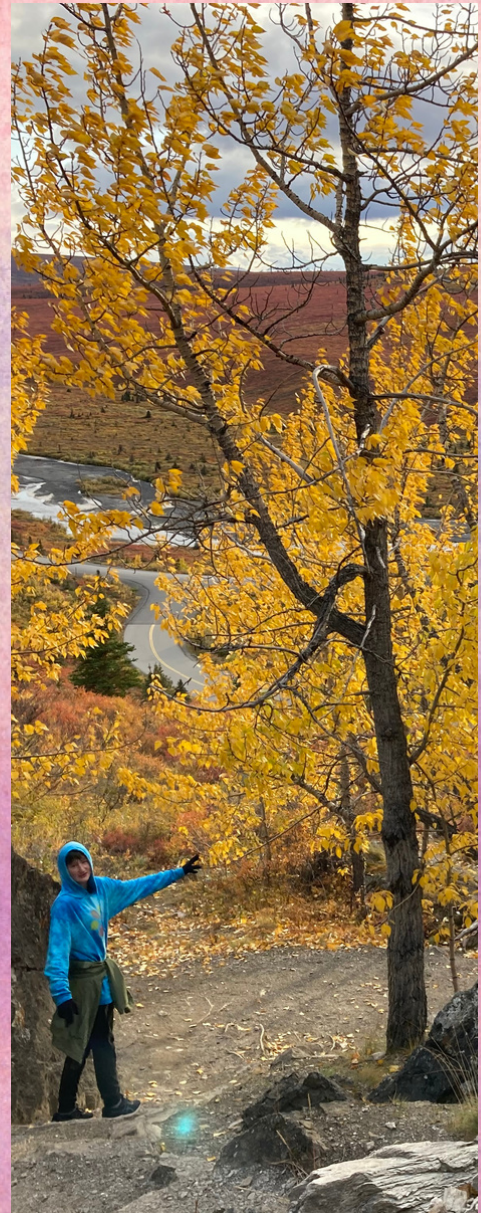
GRADE 6/7



KAT POWERS

"IN ALASKA, THINGS DO NOT ALWAYS GO AS PLANNED." A NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RANGER STARTED A PRESENTATION WITH THIS STATEMENT AS HE SPOKE TO A GROUP OF TOURISTS, INCLUDING OUR CLASS, VISITING DENALI NATIONAL PARK. THE STATEMENT RANG TRUE FOR OUR TRIP AS WE EXPERIENCED OVERCAST SKIES AT NIGHT WHEN THE FORECAST HAD PREDICTED THE SKIES TO BE MORE CLEAR. OUR ENTHUSIASTIC

GROUP OF STARGAZERS HEADED FURTHER NORTH TO SEARCH FOR CLEARER SKIES, WHICH MEANT STAYING UP MUCH PAST OUR BEDTIMES. OUR ENDURANCE TO STAY UP PAID OFF AS WE WERE REWARDED WITH A CLEARING OF THE EASTERN SKIES AND A VIEW OF SOME OF THE CONSTELLATIONS WE HAVE BEEN STUDYING. THE CLASS LOVED GETTING TO VISIT THE PARK DURING THE DAY AND WE WERE LUCKY TO HAVE SIGHTINGS OF A GRIZZLY SOW AND CUBS, MOOSE, DALLES SHEEP, WILLOW PTARMIGAN, AND SPRUCE GROUSE. IT WAS HARD FOR US TO LEAVE THE MAGIC OF THIS BEAUTIFUL PLACE, BUT IT WAS SUCH A TREAT TO VISIT DURING THE PEAK COLORS OF FALL.



GRADE 8

DEAR COMMUNITY,

EIGHTH GRADE IS SO EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU TO THEIR SHOWING OF THE LITTLE PRINCE - FRIDAY 1:30PM OR 6:30PM - A TIMELESS TALE WITH MANY LAYERS OF MEANING. ONE OF MY FAVORITE SAYINGS FROM THIS STORY IS WHEN THE FOX SHARES WITH THE LITTLE PRINCE ".....WHAT IS ESSENTIAL IS INVISIBLE TO THE EYE...." WHEN CONSIDERING OUR CLASS EXPERIENCE WITH THE WILDERNESS GROUP LAST WEEK THIS COMES TO MIND. ALL OF THE STUDENTS LEARNT A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT HOW TO CONNECT, HOW TO BE THEMSELVES AND HOW TO BE COMFORTABLE WITH ELEMENTS OF NATURE AND BEYOND. MAGICAL MOMENTS.....



SHANNON HERDA
FACULTY CHAIR-GRADES



GRADE 8



SKIP THE SUPERMARKET

Get your freshly roasted
**Kaladi Brothers
Whole Bean Coffee
from Grade 8!**

Trieste Cafe Blend only
\$16 per 1lb
check or venmo

**Available in the School
Store/Front Office**

all proceeds support the Class
of 2024 Spring Trip



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PIZZA

**SIGN UP FOR PIZZA SLICES ON
WEDNESDAY AT THE FRONT DESK, MS.
HERDA WILL ORDER PIZZA SO THAT IT
ARRIVES FRESH BY 1PM ON
WEDNESDAY. \$5 PER SLICE AND FROM
UNCLE JOE'S.**



**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



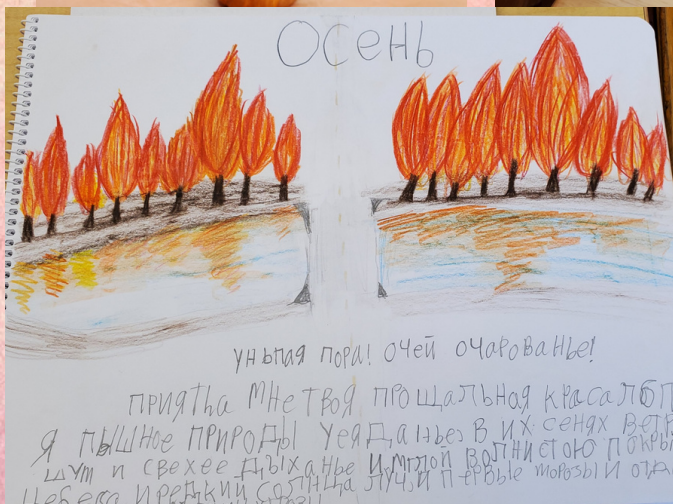
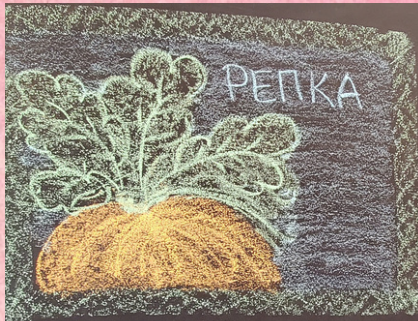
HANDCRAFTED
UNCLE JOE'S
EST. 1981
Pizzeria
STONE BAKED

SPECIALTY CLASSES

MEANWHILE IN THE RUSSIAN CLASS CHEBURASHKA TOLD US A STORY ABOUT A GIANT TURNIP. STUDENTS HAVE BEEN LEARNING THE RUSSIAN ALPHABET IN GRADE 2-3 AND MAKING LETTERS IN A CREATIVE WAY. GRADE 6-7 LEARNED INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ALEXANDER PUSHKIN AND WROTE DOWN ONE OF HIS WONDERFUL POEMS IN THEIR BOOKS. GRADE 8 HAD TONS OF FUN TRYING OUT SOME COSTUMES DONATED TO THE SCHOOL BY THE REYNOLDS FAMILY. THANK YOU, THE REYNOLDS FAMILY SO MUCH! STUDENTS CAME UP WITH LOTS OF GREAT IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE PLAYS AND SKITS.



RUSSIAN LANGUAGE
SVETLANA BURTON



унылая пора! очей очарованье!

приятна мне твоя прощальная краса
люблю я пышное природы убядание
в их сеньх ветр шумит и свежее дышанье
и мягкой волнистою покрыви
себя и предкии рощи на лучи
первые морозы и отж