



The Anchorage  
**Waldorf School**

*Awakening Wonder*

# WALDORF WEEKLY

September 8, 2023

## A RECAP OF TORIN FINSER'S PARENT EVENING

OUR EVENING WITH DR. TORIN FINSER LAST NIGHT WAS REJUVENATING AND INSPIRING. HE CREATED A SPACE WHERE PARENTS AND TEACHERS COULD SPEAK THEIR QUESTIONS AND THE THINGS THERE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT. SOME OF THE QUESTIONS ASKED WERE ABOUT NURTURING: DO WE NURTURE TOO MUCH? AND HIGH SCHOOL??? AND TRADITION VS MODERNITY? DR FINSER SPOKE ABOUT RECENT STUDIES ON PERSPECTIVE SHIFTING AND HOW WE INNATELY BUILD THAT SKILL AS A WALDORF SCHOOL. EVERY BLOCK IS A NEW PERSPECTIVE SHIFT...NOW WE LOOK AT THE WORLD THROUGH THE LENSE OF BOTANY...NOW WE LOOK AT THE WORLD THROUGH ALGEBRA...HOW WE LOOK AT THE WORLD THROUGH BIOGRAPHIES OF HISTORICAL FIGURES IN THE UPPER GRADES. ALL OF THIS PERSPECTIVE SHIFTING ALLOWS FOR CREATIVE AND FLEXIBLE PROBLEM SOLVING, BUILDING RESILIENCY IN OUR CHILDREN. AND AS WE NURTURE THEM, WE BUILD IN THEM A CAPACITY TO GO OUT INTO THE WORLD AND WORK WITH LOVE.

THIS IS WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO. IT WAS A GREAT REMINDER AND WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR HIS VISIT! PLEASE SEE HIS FLIERS AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATED TRAININGS AND PROGRAMS CURRENTLY BEING OFFERED.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE NEXT BUILDING BRIDGES PROGRAM, PLEASE LET ME KNOW!

THANKS, RENEE



## A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DEAR FAMILIES,

PLEASE BE SURE TO TURN IN YOUR CHILD'S MOST RECENT PHYSICALS AND VACCINATION RECORDS. WE WILL BE HAVING AN INSPECTION SOON AND IT WILL SAVE ME A LOT OF WORK IF I HAVE EVERYTHING IN ORDER BEFORE OUR LICENSING SPECIALIST COMES! THANKS SO MUCH TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE GOTTEN YOUR PAPERWORK IN!



RENEE PARKS

## UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 11th Parent Council Meets
- Sept. 11- 15th Wilderness Days
- Sept. 20th Early Childhood School Photos
- Sept. 21st Grades School Photos
- Sept 30th Michaelmas Fall Festival 11-1pm

## BIRTHDAYS

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AVA HUESEVELDT - 9/1  
JONAH RICE - 9/3  
ELIJAH RICE - 9/6  
NOAH RICE - 9/21  
DUNE DAVIS - 9/23  
KYIA DOPP - 9/25



# CAMPUS NEWS & UPDATES

## 2023 Fall Semester Community Events at AWS

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



**CHECK OUT THE CREATIVITY HAPPENING IN BEFORE AND AFTERCARE!**



**THANKS TO OUR LOVELY VOLUNTEERS, THE SCHOOL STORE HAS BEEN REVAMPED! DROP BY THE MAIN BUILDING TO SEE SOME FUN NEW ADDITIONS!**



EARLY CHILDHOOD



ASHLEY MIKOS



Hello from Sunflower Kindergarten,

The leaves were gently falling,  
Some green and yellow and red.  
They knew the seeds and flowers  
would find their way to bed.

They saw the squirrels a scurrying  
And gathering for their nests.  
They said we must tell Mama  
that Autumn is the best!

Blessings,  
Ms.Ashley





EARLY CHILDHOOD

**MARIGOLD  
KINDERGARTEN HAS  
ENJOYED PLAYING IN  
THE FOREST YARD  
THIS WEEK. IT'S  
LOVELY TO SEE HOW  
NATURE PLAY  
BRINGS OUT THEIR  
ABILITY TO  
COLLABORATE.**



REGIN DERVAES





GRADE 1

This magnificent week, our marvelous First Graders were mesmerized by the magic of the letter 'M'. They merrily embarked on a mythical adventure amidst majestic mountains, munched on mouthwatering mangoes and juicy melons (mmmmmmm), and mastered the art of crafting the letter "M" with their mirthful friends.



HOLLY WILEY





GRADE 2/3



BRANDIN HAMILTON

We are having a great start to the school year. Our class is learning about the magic of numbers and how to tell time. Our bog walks are presenting us with the changing of seasons from summer to autumn. Lastly, but not leastly, the garden our families have been tending to all summer has been giving us tasty herbs and veggies.



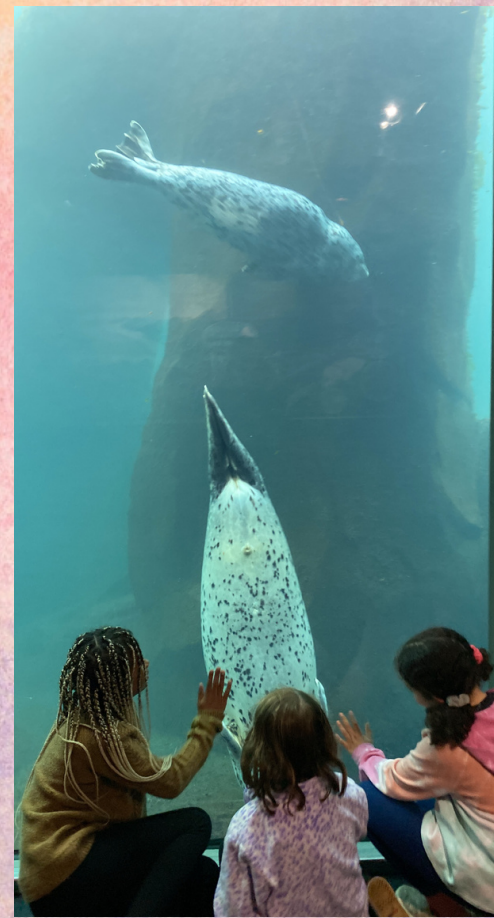


GRADE 4/5

Grade 4/5 had a blast last week taking the train to and from Seward! We also did an overnight stay at the Sealife Center and learned all about animal perceptions and bioluminescence. The children had so much fun and really enjoyed seeing and learning about Alaskan marine wildlife. In addition to learning about marine animals, the children also hiked the Two Lakes Trail and explored the Seward shoreline. It was an amazing field trip, we all learned so much, and we had a ton of fun!

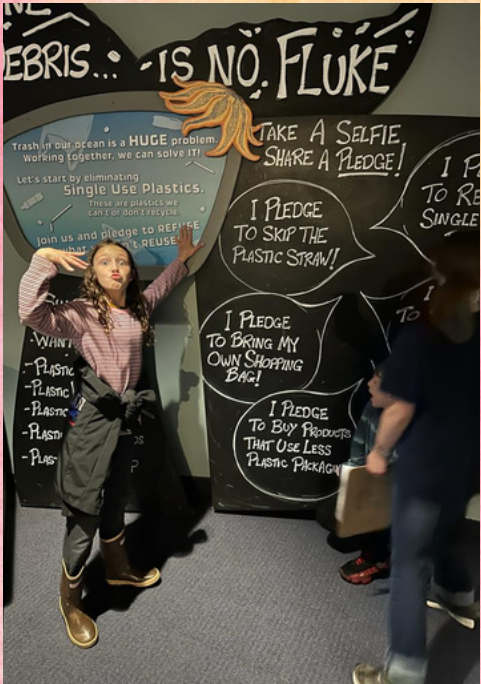


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# GRADE 4/5





GRADE 6/7



KAT POWERS

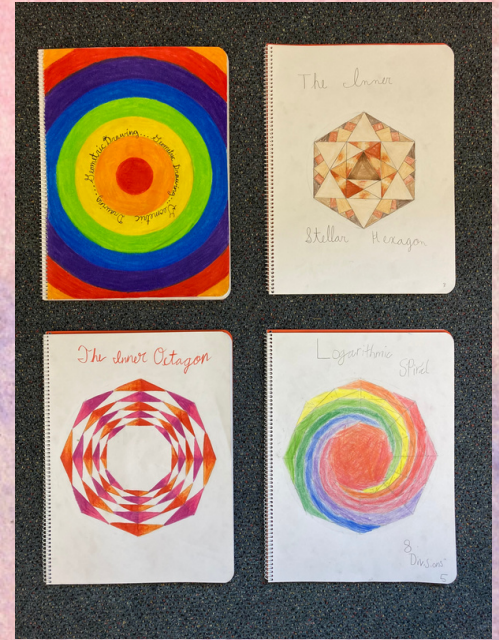
The 6th and 7th grade daily verse this year:

Above me, the heavens with moon and sun,  
Below me, the earth firm and strong,  
Behind me, an angel to guard me and guide,  
Before me, the goal to which I stride,  
Beside me, my loved ones, and all around  
Fire and water and air abound.

Above, below; near and wide;  
Behind, before, and either side:

The encompassing world lies far and nigh, And in the centre,  
here stand I.

By Paul King





GRADE 8

Dear Community,

You may read this as 8th grade is on their Williwaw, Long Lake adventure hike. This hike is a culminating one for it involves hiking several days while carrying all needed supplies and sustaining momentum both individually and as a group. Other trips have involved hiking for day trips, carrying lunch and hiking back. Then moving onto longer hikes and staying in a furnished cabin perhaps. Then an unfurnished cabin - such as Derby Cabin in Seward. Finally, this trip is to have no cabin, no support and just on our own for three days, two nights. Managing food and weather conditions as safely as possible. Absolutely worth it - in all regards!

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.**

An advertisement for Pizza Day at Uncle Joe's Pizzeria. The background is a dark, textured surface with 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.**





## **We are delighted to announce the start of our Building Bridges Program in the Baltimore/DC region starting on March 9, 2024!**

Building Bridges sessions are designed as engaging and inspiring in-person learning experiences consisting of a series of workshops designed to introduce the anthroposophical foundations of Waldorf education through study, group discussion, and the practice of the arts. With in-person long weekends, supplemented with some virtual learning, participants in Building Bridges will earn the equivalent of the first semester of teacher education, and upon subsequent entry in Antioch University can be awarded 7 graduate credits in advance standing.

**March 8-12, 2024** (Friday 4 pm through Tuesday 12pm)

**Research and Self Dev** with **Torin Finser**, **Visual Arts** with **Karine Munk Finser** (and possible guests)

**May 17-19, 2024**

**Human Development** with **David Barham** and **Eurythmy** with **Eva Binamu**

**September zoom session - 3 hours** (date and time TBD)

Continuation of **Human Development** with **David**

**Oct 4-6, 2024** (Friday 4 pm through Tuesday 12pm)

**Speech** with **Debbie Spitulnik** and completion of **Human Development** with **David**

**Nov 1-3, 2024** (Friday 4 pm through Tuesday 12pm)

**Drawing** with **Anna Scalera** and continuation of **Eurythmy** with **Eva Binamu**

**December zoom session - 3 hours** (Date and time TBA)

Continuation of **Drawing** with **Anna**

**Jan 17- 21, 2025** (Friday 4 pm through Tuesday 12pm)

**Curriculum** with **Alison Henry** plus continuation of **Speech** with **Debbie**

**February zoom session - 3 hours-** continuation of **Curriculum** with **Alison**

**March 8-9, 2025**

one day **Wrap-up** with **Torin and Karine**, **Closing/Graduation**

**[centerforanthroposophy.org/programs/](https://centerforanthroposophy.org/programs/)**





Karine Munk Finser

### Fall 2023 Online Courses

#### **Symptomatology of Illness and Health: Learning to Perceive to Build Resilience**

with Michaela Glöckler

September 17, October 15 and 29

Sundays 1:30-4:30 pm ET

Fee: \$450

#### **Art History and Drawing from Slides**

with Patrick Stolfo

October 11, 18, 25 and November 1, 8, 15

Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 pm ET

Fee: \$450

#### **Introduction to Therapeutic Speech**

with Dietrich von Bonin

October 8 and December 17

Sundays 1:30-4:30 pm ET

Fee: \$300

#### **Karma III: Reincarnation and the Human Encounter: Examples from History and Everyday Life**

with Torin Finser

December 6 and 13

Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 pm ET

Fee: \$150

**Note 1:** For participants who are registered for the Kairos Fall 2023 Semester, these online courses are included in your tuition. Members of the public are welcome to register for the listed fees. If you need help with registration, please call Milan at (603) 654-2566.

**Note 2:** Kairos students working toward certification must also register for a Studio course.

**What is  
Kairos?**

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