



A Word from Ms. Mall

Hello Dear Families,

As many parents are aware, Waldorf methods are deeply rooted in rhythmical activities always balancing active times with focused times. An example of how this manifests itself at school can be seen in main lesson where the children begin the day with active circle times and then move into focused instruction, followed by a doing and a practice. At home, it can be seen in regular sleeping and waking times, consistent meal times, focused and free play, and other consistent routines around personal hygiene.

Like my family, many of you reading this may already feel like there is no way to accomplish all of this considering your busy lives. As in any given group, we are all at different places in the journey toward this ideal image. In our family we have committed ourselves to striving for the ideal while knowing we will have both successes and failures. We began our initial journey with bedtime several years ago. After consciously observing our children's behavior without a consistent bedtime, we concentrated our efforts on bedtime and then compared the resulting behavior. Even now we do not have 100 percent success, but we have established a rhythm that is easier to pick up again after a few busy days.

One way we accomplish a timely bedtime is to arrange calming activities beginning at least an hour prior to bedtime. This can include a nice bath with softer light (secondary light or candles are nice) and lavender oil, stories or books, and a warm snack. For us this time can also include quiet play, drawing, modeling, or some other concentrated relaxing activity. During the hour before bed we turn off many of the lights in our home and again use dimmed secondary lights or candles. Lastly, we have chosen to eliminate the television from our school night activities. This means that from Sunday afternoon until Friday evening we choose not to watch television. Before we began this practice we were both skeptics, but now that we have seen the amazing benefits in the lives of our children, we know we have made the right choice for our family. *(Continued on page 4)*

Upcoming Events

September 2012

3 rd	Labor Day, No School
5 th	3:40pm, Enchanted Village meeting
6 th	6pm, WPG meeting
11 & 12 th	School Pictures
12 th	Grade 3 Parent Night
20 th	6pm, WCC meeting
21 st	6pm, Harvest Dance & Harvest Exchange
26 th	6pm, Open House & Waldorf Basics (NOTE CHANGE)

Announcements

Please keep Mary Robicheaux and her family in your thoughts, prayers, intentions, and meditations. Mary has been a light of kindness and warmth at Winterberry for over 7 years, and we look forward to having her return as soon as she is able. For updates on Mary's progress and to learn how to offer your support, please visit:

<http://www.caringbridge.com/visit/getwellmary/>

Awakening the innate potential in every child

The Next Big Things:

Upcoming Events & Opportunities in September

A Journey through the Waldorf Curriculum

Dear Friends and Families,

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

What: This interactive event will present an overview of the Waldorf curriculum from beeswax to the periodic table.

When: Wednesday, September 26th beginning at 6pm (Please note date change!)

Where: Winterberry Charter School

Why: Open the school and prepare for the coming school year, parent education, community and relationship building, community involvement and more!

NOTE: This was formerly referred to as the Open House or Waldorf Basics. That event has been re-titled and postponed, but not canceled!!

Harvest Dance & Harvest Exchange

Dear Friends and Families,

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

What: Harvest Dance & Harvest Exchange

When: Friday, September 21st beginning at 6pm

Where: Wendler Junior High School (*Pending Confirmation*)

Why: Celebrate fall, reconnect with old friends, meet new members of the community, and exchange fall harvest items for fun and variety.

See page 4 for more information. Bring the grandparents, cousins, and/or neighbors! Please contact Shanna Mall to volunteer with set up or clean up: mall_shanna@asdk12.org

Parent Handwork Workshop Series

When: Fridays, 8:45am to 9:45am

Who: Any interested parents

What: Come and learn a handcraft, Winterberry-style!

Where: Winterberry Charter School Front Lobby

Why: The focus is on learning the skills that your children are learning in the classroom so you can help them at home. We will do this by making Waldorf friendly crafts to go in the school store. You will also have the skill to take home and make another item for yourself... or you are welcome to buy your workshop-made item from the school store if you fall in love with it!

The workshops themselves are free. A tentative schedule is listed below. The workshops will start in September.

Call Lynne for more information at (907) 245-1068.

September:

7th – Learn to make knitting needles (for the store). The knitting needles sell for \$5 a pair. (*1st grade skill*)

14th – Learn to knit (bring knitting needles and wool yarn). The project will be knitting needle cases. If you want to make one for the store, wool yarn will be provided. If you already know how to knit, come and join us at the table. (*1st grade skill*)

21st - Stitch and wet felt our completed knitting needle cases. (*K - 3rd grade skill*)

28th - Make a felt gnome (for the store). This involves cutting out the pattern, stitching, and additional embroidery (if you are interested in embellishing, but not necessary). Materials provided. Completed gnomes go into the store. Basic gnomes sell for \$5 or \$8 - \$10 for embroidered gnomes, depending on complexity of design. (*4th grade skills*)

Accessing Our New Site

As many of you already know, the new Winterberry site is accessible by trail and bus. There are trails from the Dog Park by Alaska Pacific University, East High School, and the Goose Lake parking lot. People Mover Routes 3C and 3N stop on the Northern Lights near Wesleyan. The more families who access our site via busing, walking, biking, skiing, or any other form of non-vehicular transport, the more it helps the overall community, the neighborhood, and the planet! We appreciate the efforts you make to come to and from school without a car.

For those times when we do need to drive to school, we have a traffic plan to help make drop-off and pick-up times as safe and efficient as possible. Here is a quick summary to keep in mind when driving to Winterberry.

Winterberry Traffic Flow

1. When entering and exiting the school grounds, please keep to the right around the turn.
2. Traffic moves in a clockwise direction in the parking lot. Please note the do not enter sign!
3. Please always remember to use the pedestrian crosswalks when coming to and from the parking lot.

Winterberry Drop-Off: The Kiss & Fly

1. 8a – 8:30a, Students can be dropped off at Winterberry.
2. Kindergarten parents park and walk child in to Kindergarten classroom.
3. Students being dropped off in the loading (or “Kiss & Fly”) zone should be ready to exit the vehicle as soon as it has stopped.
4. After 8:30a, students are late and must be accompanied by a parent to their classroom door. Students will be welcomed in as soon as the teacher reaches an appropriate moment in the morning’s activities.

Winterberry Pick-Up: The Meet & Greet

PLEASE NOTE: *To protect the grounds, pick-up will be in front of the building until the ground freezes!*

1. 3:30p to 3:45p, Students can be picked up from the Winterberry play yard.
2. Parents should park and walk to the play yard to gather their child(ren). This is a good time to connect with the teachers and other parents!
3. After 3:45p, Students will need alternate supervision if they cannot be picked up. For information, please contact Sarah Miller with the Winterberry Enrichment Program at winterberryenrichmentprogram@gmail.com

Neighbor & Municipality Requests:

1. Please watch for and yield to condo traffic on Bryn Mawr Court.
2. Please turn left (towards Northern Lights Boulevard) when leaving Winterberry.
3. Please only park in the Winterberry parking lot. If you aren’t directly north of the school building, you aren’t in the Winterberry parking lot!

Thank you for keeping our children safe and our neighbors happy. This helps keep Winterberry a wonderful place to be.

A Word from Ms. Mall (continued)

Winterberry's unique curricular focus is dependent on children being awake and aware of what is being shared verbally by the teacher. Being fully rested is one way to ensure this happens. In addition to rest, elimination of TV during the week allows children's imagination to fully connect with and process the rich images being presented by the teacher. Both of these are perfect ways for you to support your child, your class teacher, and the class as a whole. For too much of the time, being a firm, kind, and consistent parent can feel like a thankless job. However, I want you to know that the faculty and staff of Winterberry do notice and are deeply grateful for your efforts. Thank you.

Blessings,

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Harvest Dance & Harvest Exchange

The Harvest Dance is an annual fall event for the Winterberry community. It includes a harvest exchange of yummy homemade food items, service auction by the 8th grade students of useful items (babysitting, dog walking, etc.), a potluck dinner, and dancing with a live caller. *Please bring a dish to share for the potluck.*

There are volunteer opportunities for setting up, running events during the dance, and cleanup. **Also this year, we are looking for someone to help in the overall event coordination, with an eye to having this person take over next year.** Sarah Robicheaux has coordinated this event for the past 7 years for our community. She helped establish the Harvest Dance and kept it running beautifully for our enjoyment. Let's all thank her for her dedication by helping find the next Harvest Dance coordinator and supporting that person in carrying on this Winterberry tradition.

If interested, please contact Shanna Mall at mall_shanna@asdk12.org

HELP WANTED: Friendly, Enthusiastic Volunteer Coordinator

Looking for a fun way to meet people and get involved in the life of Winterberry? Are you outgoing, friendly, and love organizing people? Have we got an opportunity for you!

Winterberry is looking for someone to be the volunteer coordinator. This person works with the classroom coordinators and event organizers to help ensure that school-wide events have all of their volunteer needs filled. The volunteer coordinator also maintains the lists of parents with specific skills and is a first point of contact for finding volunteers for school projects and needs. This person tracks total volunteer hours for the school.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Shanna Mall at mall_shanna@asdk12.org

Making a Difference: Parent Volunteer Hours

Over the years, Winterberry has varied its request from parents for volunteer hours. Winterberry asks parents to log their volunteer hours and uses this information in reporting school activities and in grant applications. However, the most important impact of volunteer hours is the direct service our families provide to Winterberry and our students.

All forms of volunteer hours count towards the number requested by the school. Some parents take home materials, prepare them at home, and return them to the teachers in time for the class activities. Some parents chaperone field trips, assist in the classroom, contribute to work parties,

recruit other parents and community members for projects, and/or serve as classroom coordinators. Serving on the WPG and WCC are also important volunteer activities.

There are innumerable ways for parents to volunteer through out the school. If you would like to be more involved, contact your child's teacher or any member of the MTC.

The volunteer hour request for each family for the 2012 – 2013 school year is 20 hours per child. Volunteer hours can be earned by any family member or friend.

Fee Requests Explained

As a public charter school that is part of the Anchorage School District, there are no tuition fees at Winterberry. However, you will hear requests for fees for school supplies, class projects, musical instruments, and field trips. Each of these different fee requests will be discussed below, as well as your options if these fees are burdensome to you and your family.

Winterberry Charter School purchases many consumable supplies necessary for providing a Waldorf-inspired education. Winterberry does ask parents to contribute to the general fund the school uses to purchase these educational materials. Winterberry requests \$100 per student that the school then uses to bulk order main lesson books, watercolor supplies, handwork materials, and so on. A breakdown of the materials and costs per student is available at the front desk. Generally, the cost per student is over \$200 per year. If contributing \$100 per student would put a strain on your family's budget, please talk to Shanna Mall.

Requests for funding for class-specific materials and trips generally will come to you from the class coordinator or your child's classroom teacher. These requests vary by class and are curriculum specific. The coordinator or teacher will explain how the money is to be used. If the class funding requests create a financial hurdle, please discuss your ability to participate in the class funding with your child's teacher.

Finally, several grades use a variety of wind instruments that are available for you to purchase. If you purchase your child's flute or recorder, your child can bring it home over breaks for extra practice and enjoyment. You can contact the front office about purchasing your child's flute or recorder.

At the beginning of the year, there are a number of requests for money parents receive. Winterberry Charter School does need the support of parents to offer a rich, well-supplied, Waldorf-inspired education to all our students. If you have any questions about any fee requests you receive, feel free to contact the source of the request, your child's teacher, or Shanna Mall. If you would like to sponsor a scholarship for any of these fees, please contact Shanna Mall or your classroom teacher.

Winterberry in Living Color

Thank you to all of the artists and volunteers who have brightened our classrooms with care and color this August. Lazuring is a specific art form and requires skill and practice. To that end, we hired a team of very talented Lazure artists to offer a workshop in the technique and then to help us and guide us in painting the school.

Lazure painting uses glazes, “transparent radiant color,” rather than opaque paints. These glazes are layered on the walls, over a white base, allowing the light to pass through the colors and be reflected back. Waldorf schools traditionally use this painting method to bring beauty to the walls without making them barriers. The colors of the classrooms are also modeled after Rudolf Steiner’s ideals. As the children graduate from grade to grade, they graduate through the colors as well. You may notice that the predominant color of the classroom also has color elements of the prior year (in the back of the classroom) and the coming year (toward the door).

So, great thanks to Robert Logsdon, Diane Goettlicher, and Martha Loving Orgain, all highly respected and well known Lazure artists who came to Alaska with their cheerful and hard working apprentice Nika to make our space beautiful. Thanks, as well, to our incredible parent volunteers who came day after day (and night after night) to make this work happen in the brief time allotted to us for painting. Thank you to Eric Judge for organizing the entire effort and doing the behind the scenes work like taping and finishing the rooms. Thank you to Shanna Mall and Troy Larson for housing and feeding the entire painting crew for the duration of their stay (2 weeks). And thank you to all of the other parent volunteers who hefted a brush or a roll of tape or took on hoards of children so the grown ups could work: Cheryl Lyon, Michelle Jackson, Peter Smith, Tara Smith, Margo Sorum, William Starnes, Lynne Jablonski, Christina Holmgren-Larson, Gavin Vaughn, Shanna Mall, Tiffany Mamae, Kristy Crosby, Don Antrobus, Marina Needum and our awesome Edwin Guantero.

Winterberry School Store

The school store is finally open again! We are seeking parent crafters to make Waldorf friendly items for the store as well as suggestions for items that you would like to see on our shelves. Call Lynne to make a request or suggestion at (907) 245-1068

One of our most popular items in the store is the modeling, or sculpting, beeswax. At \$2.00 per “stick,” the children find that it is an affordable item that they can purchase for themselves. It also comes in boxed sets with multiple colors.

Take a small piece of wax and hold it in your hand to warm it up. This will make it more pliable. The beeswax can also be softened by placing it in a jar of warm water (recommended for Kindergarten and 1st graders). You can make anything, such as flowers or animals, combining colors to embellish your design. The warmed and shaped beeswax can also be attached (it sticks) to a beeswax candle to decorate it. Modeling beeswax can be used over and over again, so a little can go a long way.

Children simply enjoy the act of molding the wax. It smells good and feels smooth. It comes in many colors and can be used throughout the grades, matching projects to skill level. This can be a great family activity, especially on one of those cold winter days.

Classroom Coordinators

One great volunteer opportunity is being the classroom coordinator for your child's class. Although the needs of each individual teacher are different, there are some duties that all classroom coordinators perform:

1. *Creating a parent contact directory for the class:* A very important task is collecting contact information from the other parents in the class and collecting it into a document for use by the other parents. This can include emails, phone numbers, and addresses that families are willing to share with each other. This provides a great resource for parents and students for coordinating play dates and other after school activities.

2. *Maintaining a class email list:* Although some teachers prefer to send class emails themselves, sometimes it is helpful to have the classroom coordinator send out group emails to the class.

3. *Finding volunteers for specific projects:* Usually, finding volunteers for field trips and other class needs is not a problem. Sometimes, though, a field trip comes up at short notice or no one volunteered for a needed task. The classroom coordinator will sometimes be asked to call other class parents to fill a specific need. Other similar tasks include maintaining a sign-up sheet for bringing in bread, soup, snack items, or flowers if your class does any of this.

4. *Coordinating classroom volunteers for Winter Faire:* During Winter Faire, each class is responsible for the activities in one room. The classroom coordinator plays a vital role in making sure the volunteer slots are filled and the room is beautifully transformed for the event, as well as returned to its normal state ready for school after the event. Although the classroom coordinator may find another parent to take on coordinating the Winter Faire volunteers, making sure this is covered is a critical responsibility.

Serving a class as the classroom coordinator is a very rewarding way to get in your volunteer hours. It's a great way to meet and get to know the other parents in your class. Below is a list of the classroom coordinators for each class and their contact information. If you are interested in taking over one of these slots, feel free to contact any person listed below to talk about their experiences, and talk to your child's teacher to let them know you would like to help them in this very necessary way. Thank you for all you do to help make our community strong.

2012/2013 Classroom Coordinators

Kindergarten: Vacant

Grade One: Vacant

Grade Two: Margot Sorum,
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Grade Three: Ashley Gose, peatry22@gmail.com

Grade Four: Vacant

Grade Five: Vacant

Grade Six: Vacant

Grade Seven: Shiree Farmer,
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Grade Eight: Vacant

Site Committee Update

Outdoor Work Party

Please join us the afternoon of Thursday, September 6th for making forests and forts! We'll start after pick-up, around 12:30. Wheelbarrows, wagons, water bottles, shovels and rakes will be needed.

I'm seeking project managers for projects like building platforms, bridges, planting groves of evergreen and birch, and more. There's a list. There are also a couple of other projects cued up.

Child Caregivers Needed: For anyone not up for any heavy (or even light) lifting, help with keeping kids engaged is much appreciated.

Contact – Donna Mears 632-6382 mears@alaska.net

Winterberry to Zero Waste

Environmental stewardship is a value we hold at Winterberry. We participate in the ASD mixed paper recycling program and recycle plastic bottles and aluminum cans as well.

As great as recycling is, we need to all be aware of the waste we generate and strive to make that as small as possible. Lunch waste can be a big part of our trash, so third grade is working to build a composting program for things such as fruit cores and peels.

Students will be asked to bring home non-compostable lunch waste so they're aware of the waste they generate and it will give parents a better idea of what our kids are eating. Reusable containers are a great help in reducing lunch waste and the school store carries some options.

A New Tradition: Enchanted Village

Winterberry's 1st Annual Enchanted Village will be held Saturday, October 20th. It will be a fun filled family event with a Craft Fair, Fairy Walk, Gnome Stomp, and Pumpkin Festival.

To make this new event a success, volunteers and imagineers are needed to craft up our school for a day of fall fun. Winterberry's Enchanted Village will have a little of something for everyone. Come and sign up for one of the components!

Craft Fair: Upstairs, the upper grades will host a craft fair, inviting local vendors (by jury or special invitation) to buy a booth for the day. Vendors with handmade crafts, organic products, or a service with a Waldorf flavor will get first preference. The booth fee is \$75. Volunteers are needed to organize the craft fair including classroom configuration, ambiance, and opportunities for classroom fundraisers (class run booths).

Fairy Walk: The fairy walk will be in the Kindergarten room. A "Fairy Court" with be-winged queen will wait at the end of the white maze to make a wish with the children.

Gnome Stomp: Darkened tunnels and glowing gems will set the underground theme for the first grade room. The king of gnomes will gift adventurers with a gem from his kingdom.

Pumpkin Festival: Children can watch and try out crafts and trades from the days of yore.

Join us in creating a new and exciting tradition in our new school! The first meeting to set up committees will be on Wednesday, September 5th at 3:40 pm (at pick-up time).

Winterberry Nutrition Request

To adequately prepare the minds and bodies of our children for success and comfort each day, we ask that families create healthy and well-balanced lunches to be eaten at school.

Our hope is that the foods provided to students throughout the day abundantly nourish their beings allowing them to be fully present to the offerings of the day. This, for most of our students, includes six and a half hours of academic, social, and creative time. A lunch filled with protein, fresh fruit, water, fresh vegetables, and whole grains provides everything a growing body needs.

Our staff is happy to help your family with suggestions for achieving this goal and feel honored to be part of this journey with you. Most classes have at least one snack each day and families are asked to bring enough food for their child's lunch, snack, and after school needs.

Additionally, please pack foods that are ready to eat either in individual containers or thermoses (cold/hot). There are no microwaves, refrigerators, etc. available for student use. It is essential to plan lunches accordingly.

Lastly, in several grades our students still cook grains and bread together at least once a week. We use whole-grain flour and natural sweeteners, like honey or maple syrup, because we know these ingredients serve to fuel most bodies well. However, if your child has a particular allergy or sensitivity, please let the classroom teacher and office staff know.

Winterberry Dress Request

In order to reduce classroom distractions, continue our commitment to upholding Steiner's views on materialism, and respect the needs of all students, families, and staff, we respectfully ask that students attire be comprised of:

- **solid colors,**
- **stripes,**
- **polka dots, and/or**
- **patterns.**

We also ask that all outerwear and accessories (including indoor shoes and lunch boxes) also follow these guidelines. Please choose plain shoes that do not include electronic lights, sounds, wheels, or commercially produced pictures.

When students come to school with items that do not meet these guidelines, school staff may ask them to alter the clothing so it is not distracting (turn a shirt inside-out, for example), give the students an alternative item to wear instead and/or work together with families to find an alternative within a reasonable period.

Our goal is that we can come together on this issue out of respect for all community members knowing that while such items may not distract one, they do distract another. Thank you for your commitment to creating the highest quality environment for our children.

As always, thank you for your willingness to grow and work together to create a culture of caring and respect at Winterberry!

Winterberry Charter Council

The WCC met August 16th in the 5th grade classroom. Present were Mary Meade, Shanna Mall, Meg Eggleston, Erin Fleischer, Lynne Jablonski, Meggan Judge, Todd Robicheaux, Della Swartz, Tara Smith, Bob Steinmann, and Kyle Vander-Schrier. The liaison with the Castles at Bryn Mawr condo association board, Jill Abrams also joined us!

We discussed our needs for consistent attendance of our board members, the advantages of early charter renewal versus a revision, brainstormed topics for a parent handbook, and the Back to School Picnic. Our next meeting will be September 20th and there is always time on our agenda for community comments. Please join us!

Winterberry Charter Council

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Winterberry Parent Guild

The Winterberry Parent Guild met at our new school site on August 2nd at 6:00pm. We reviewed our move-in and move-out expenses from the summer and voted on each one, reimbursing individuals as appropriate. We discussed the needs around the blessing ceremony, the move-in date, the “welcome back to school picnic,” school registration, the new Winterberry Enchanted Village (October 27th), and more. The minutes will be available after they are approved at the next meeting. All are welcome to join us at our next meeting on Thursday, September 6th at 6:00pm.

We need YOU on the WPG! Seat vacancies include grade representatives for kindergarten, 1st grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade, 8th grade, and one faculty seat. Please consider representing your class on the Winterberry Parent Guild Board! Representatives need to be voted in by their classroom parents in whatever manner each class sees fit.

Winterberry Parent Guild

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Moving Traditions Committee

Vision:

*To hold the heart of Winterberry
through the transitional first year
in our new home*

Charge:

Ensuring that all the intangible components the community, who we are and who we aspire to become, are transferred to our new location; Realizing the possibilities the new location brings to help the community towards our shared vision for the school; Supporting community members in transitioning their work and participation to the new location; Listening to concerns from community, gathering information, and helping channel ideas to the appropriate committees or individuals.

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Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments.

Meetings:

Mondays at 3:45 at Winterberry

Welcome Back to Winterberry Charter School

Hello Winterberry Friends & Families,

While this is only the second newsletter produced by this group, we are finding a wealth of exciting and important ideas to share with all of you. We are a community full of very industrious, resourceful, and dedicated human beings. Thank you so much for being part of this school.

Please do take a moment to email or talk to any member of the MTC with any questions or comments you might have about anything in any newsletter, or to tell us what you would like to see here. Chances are

very good that if you are wondering about something, others are too. Don't worry if you aren't sure it should be addressed in a newsletter. We're happy to listen and to work with you. We can all learn more by sharing our ideas, comments, questions, and concerns.

We would also like to express our deep gratitude for the care, respect, and support that you all have shown for Mary Robicheaux, her parents Sarah & Todd, and her brother, Max. To witness a community face adversity with such love is inspiring.

With Thanks,

MTC

“We receive the children in reverence, educate them in love, and let them go forth in freedom”
-Rudolf Steiner

Winterberry nurtures and promotes the development of healthy, responsible and creative human beings. Our aim is to provide a holistic learning environment and demonstrate that all children are natural and inspired learners who can achieve. Inspired by Waldorf educational methods, our integrated curriculum seeks to provide each student with meaningful, hands-on, developmentally appropriate experiences that inspire learning and personal growth.



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