



Dear Winterberry Families,
Happy Thanksgiving! We have so much to be thankful for.... First and foremost, that you share your precious children with us on this journey from kindergarten to grade eight.... for your loving dedication to your student's learning experience; providing them with nutritious food, a good night sleep, warm gear for playing outside, limited time screen time-- so their imagination can flourish and they can focus on learning. We are grateful for your thoughtful communications with your child's class, for volunteering for nature walks, and for any of the number of ways you are committing to supporting Waldorf education. We have made it beautifully through (almost!) half of another challenging year. I look forward to seeing you all at our Winter Assembly and to the ways we will come together next semester.

Wishing well,
Principal Pepe-Phelps

Dates to Remember

Winterberry Parent Guild
will meet via zoom
December 2nd
6:00pm

Time: 1st Thursday of the month at 6pm

Topic: WPG Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://asdk12.zoom.us/j/95290064733?pwd=ZEFyVXV1RCsyV1NP K3IHVnlEeTdYZz09>

Winterberry Charter
Council
will meet via zoom
December 16th
6:00pm

**Time: 3rd Thursday of
the month at 6pm**

Topic: Winterberry Charter
Council

Time: 6pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://asdk12.zoom.us/j/519426010>

Log your Volunteer hours

Lantern Walk photos and reflections of gratitude

Outdoor gurus and artists

The gifts that just keep coming and the energy that renews abound! Thank you to **Matt French and Oona Martin**~ the dynamic duo for their continued commitment to our outdoor classrooms and lunch spaces!



Steve Brunkhorst

"Feeling appreciated is one of the most important needs that people have. When you share with someone your appreciation and gratitude, they will not forget you. Appreciation will return to you many times."



G.A.R.D.E.N. Committee

Holding, working, managing, designing this year's campaign: many thanks to

Iris Hilsinger, chair of GARDEN

Kelly DuFort, graphic artist

Liz Osorio, WPG treasurer

Thank you for months of dedication and hard work!



Charlie Brown

"What if today, we were just grateful for everything?"



Amazing Substitute Teachers!

Thank you to all the subs who come into our school and share their time and talent with our students. It is reassuring for the faculty and staff to know that substitutes are available and willing to step in when and where they are needed! **Mr. Max, Ms. G, Mr. O, Ms. Benner, Mr. Parker, Mr. Jonny, Mr. Brandin, Mr. Mike, Ms. D, Mr. Quinn, Ms. Martin, Ms. Conant, Mr. Stabb, Ms. Becker, Ms. Tornfelt, Ms. Weatherson, and Ms. Cross.**

Henry David Thoreau

“I am grateful for what I am and have.
My thanksgiving is perpetual.”

Lantern Walk

Thankful that we could come together as a community and raise our voice in song!

Thank you **Mr. Crawford** for your beautifully lit trail and **Ms. Lisa** for all your ice lanterns sending light upon our path and into our hearts.

King of the Land of Computers

Winterberry has our very own computer whisperer, **Trevor Snyder!** We are so grateful for his sage (and understandable) advice. We are so lucky he always thinks of us when system updates are happening through ASD. We would be lost without him!



Mr. Edwin

Remember the mud? The eight inches of snow we woke up to? Did you know we have 230 students to clean up after?

Thank you Mr. Edwin for all the work you do inside and outside for our school and our students. You are amazing!



William Arthur Ward

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."



Ms. Shana

We are done with the first quarter and we have Ms. Shana to thank for making sure all of our supplies and materials needed both inside and outside of the classroom were ready for our wonderful students and amazing teachers!



Moving with the ever changing needs as we opened the school and as we prepared for outdoor lunchrooms and classrooms could not be done without your grace under pressure!

Shadonna Richards, A Gift of Hope

"We must value life and treasure each breath we take. We must value each person and how he or she touches our lives everyday."



Health Care Workers Everywhere

This year, our ASD nurses and our beloved Nurse Katrina were asked to step into roles that require huge amounts **head, heart and hands** as they navigate a kaleidoscope of information and data that changes daily.



Thank you Nurse Katrina for the cup of tea, the soft pillow, the attention to safe practices and for having a calm way with our teachers, parents and students everyday!