



DATES TO REMEMBER

Winterberry Parent Guild
will meet TONIGHT
(last meeting of the year!)
Time: 1st Thursday of the month at
6pm
Zoom Link to
meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4270246187?>

New Family Welcome
May 14th
Zoom at Noon
In-person 2:00pm
Grade 8 Graduation

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Winterberry Charter Council
will meet
May 20th
Time: 3rd Thursday of the month at
6pm

Zoom Link to Meeting
<https://asdk12.zoom.us/j/519426010>

Meeting ID: 519 426 010

May 19th
Goose Lake Pavilion
11am

Grade 6 Plant Sale

May 18th

2-3:00pm

On the ice rink (East Side of the
Play Yard)

Winterberry Well Wishes To Our Dear Music and Hybrid Teacher



Since I moved to Anchorage from Dillingham in 2015, I have always taught at more than one school; one of my schools is experiencing some staff changes, and our district's answer to those changes is moving me to a whole new school. It is with a heavy heart that I depart the Winterberry Community, which has been my second home for the past five years. Our school has equipped me with much knowledge to continue Waldorf practices wherever I am called to. Our Winterberry students are so gifted in all areas of knowledge, especially in music. Please continue singing, dancing, and playing; blessings on your summer, family, and friends!!

Ricky Lind, Jr.
he/him/his
BMusEd., Ed.M., CWE

Dear Winterberry,
It is with a grateful heart that I share I will be staying home next year to care for my baby, Lucas. It has been a true pleasure being a part of the Winterberry community.
Wishing well,
Ms Jenny

Wishing Well,
Jenny Saroyan
Winterberry Hybrid Program



Dear Winterberry Families,
The end of the school year is coming soon.
Here are two important handwork
messages.



1. The last handwork Zoom for grades 3-8 will be **Friday, May 7th**. I will be with my daughter in Oregon on the 14th for her college graduation. The last Zoom for grades 1 and 2 will be **Tuesday, May 11th**.
2. When your student either completes the handwork project they are working on, or if they have not been doing handwork **please return your students handwork bag, knitting needles, any other tools or equipment and unused**

yarn to school. Put your student's name on the bag if it's not already there. 8th graders who are using the bag they made in 4th grade, of course, should keep those. If they have a loaner bag from me, they should return that.

The handwork bags will be cleaned and waiting for the students in the fall.

Here's to wrapping up those fabulous projects!!

*Grades 6 and 7 will be holding a
PLANT SALE*

*Tuesday, May 18th
2-3:00 on the ice rink
They will be offering vegetable, flower
and berry starts.
If they have remaining inventory, they
will open again on Wednesday, May
19th*



Introducing:
Kian Wiggins Babij



Q. How long have you been in Winterberry's now, eighth grade class?

A: I started here in 5th grade, and rejoined in 8th. I went to Stream Charter school for 6-7th and did robotics, science, art, and coding. I was happy to come back.

Q. What are your hobbies and passion?

A: I really like skiing, mountain biking and surfing. I'm currently finishing some speakers I custom built. A goal of mine is to surf the bore tide.

Q. What do you hope to do after leaving Winterberry?

A: I'd like to focus more on my hobbies and passions because I might not have as much time once I start high school. I'll be attending the school within a school at East.

Q. Tell me one thing that you would like to remember about Winterberry?

A: I remember we played a game of soccer in 5th grade, and it felt like the teams were unfair, and everyone was super frustrated – not everyone knew how to play. We definitely talked about it after the fact. In the moment it was really frustrating.

Q. How would you wish to celebrate your graduation?

A: Probably with some family and friends, a dinner together.

Q. Is there one sentence you can think of that describes your time at Winterberry?

A: Very fun and everyone was very accepting, and we had a lot of freedom as well and I really enjoyed that.

Q. Is there one thing you would like to say about your 8th grade year?

A: It was a little weird because of zoom, but once we went to in-person it a lot of fun.

Q. What are these times teaching you?

A: Social interactions are very important, Covid taught me that. I had never really thought of that as a privilege, but it really is.

Q. What is your advice to your future self?

A: Stay in the moment as much as possible. Don't stress out about things you need to do in the future.

Q. How did you imagine you would be in 8th grade in 1st grade?

A: First grade me would probably not be the greatest kid because I enjoyed messing around. First grade me probably saw 8th grade me as way cooler. I was super anxious to be that way and wished I was older. My opinions weren't really listened to when I was younger.

Q. Did you live up to your vision?

A: I feel like my opinions matter more now because of my ages. I appreciate being heard more.

Q. Is there any last thing you would like to say to your class/teacher/friends?

A: I'd like to thank Ms. Cronick for being a great teacher and very supportive of things in school and out of school. I'd also like to thank my classmates in general for being good friends and supportive of each other and myself.

Introducing: Jeremiah Thongdy



Q. How long have you been in Winterberry's, now, 8th grade class?

A. 8 years, I have been here since 1st grade.

Q. What would you like to pass along to the upcoming 8th grade classes?

A. Life is hard, life is unfair, but don't give up, because the only time you truly fail is when you stop trying.

Q. What do you hope to do after leaving Winterberry?

I am hoping to continue my work in blacksmithing/bladesmithing, as well as begin to work on a career in law enforcement.

Q. Tell me one thing that you would like to remember about Winterberry?

The friends that I have made and lost in my years here.

Q. Are there any people that you would like to remember at Winterberry?

A. Everyone in my class, including my teacher, because everyone in the class has been a great friend to me.

Q. Is there one person at Winterberry that you would like to try and stay close to at Winterberry?

A. Euchie.

Q. How would you wish to celebrate your graduation?

I'm really not sure, something fun for sure though.

Q. Is there one sentence you can think of that describes your time at Winterberry?

Hardship and friendship, so different, yet never apart.

Q. Is there one thing you would like to say about your 8th grade year?

It has been a very interesting time, as well as stressful and fun, all at once.

Q. Tell me a funny story/memory from your time at Winterberry.

In our 6th grade class, I remember during our snack time, Christy yelled out "Bananas have seeds!?!?" And the whole class had a good laugh.

Q. What are these times teaching you?

That no matter what happens, you have to stay close to your friends and family, otherwise things will get bad for you.

Q. What is your advice to your future self?

A. Suck it up and get your work done.

Q. How did you imagine you would be in 8th Grade in 1st Grade?

A. I'm not sure, I was never really one to look towards the future back then.

Q. Did you live up to your vision?

I think if I had a vision, I would not have met it.

Q. What do you wish an 8th Grader had told you in 1st Grade?

A. That if you do work all your work as soon as you get it, it will make everything so much easier.

Q. Is there any last thing that you would like to say to your class/teacher/friend?

"Anything that's worth doing is poison –
might injure you, might impair you, might kill you.

But I assure you, anything that's not worth doing is risk-free.

So breathe this poison. May it be your pleasure and power."

It has been both joyful and painful, but in the years that I have known you all, I have learned so much from you, and I would like to thank you for that from the bottom of my heart.

Online registration for next year will open
April 26th for current ASD students.
All students must register online for the
2021-22 school year. There is no paper
registration.

Students new to the Anchorage School District or entering school for the first time will be invited to pre-enroll starting July 15th. To pre-enroll you will need to scan a copy of your student's birth certificate, immunization records or exemption form, proof of residency in the Anchorage Municipality and if pertinent any legal paperwork.



If you have any questions, please call Ms. Colleen 742-0139.

From Nurse Katrina
Some Summer Safety Reminders
From the National Safety Council

Water Safety

Drowning caused 3,709 deaths in 2017. The younger the child, the greater the risk.

Bicycling

Bicyclists must take extra precautions when they ride. They often share the road with vehicles, but injuries can happen even on a bike path.

Skateboarding

Everyone falls, but there's a right way to do it. In 2017, 98,486 people were treated in hospital emergency rooms after being injured skateboarding.

Boating

Most boating experiences are positive. But joyful times quickly can turn deadly if boaters are not vigilant about safety – at all times.

Pedestrian Safety

Cell phone distracted walking is a huge problem, and rarely are we more vulnerable than when walking, crossing streets and negotiating traffic.

Teen Driving

A teen's biggest safety threat is sitting in the driveway. Half of all teens will be in a car crash before graduating from high school. Teen drivers who continue to practice with their parents increase their chances of avoiding a crash.

Child Passenger Safety

Car crashes are the leading cause of death for kids and young adults from ages 1-24. Properly securing kids in car seats, booster seats and seat belts can protect them in the event of a crash. NSC offers tools and tips on keeping your children safe on the road.

Playground Safety

Playgrounds are a place for fun and a place for skinned knees. Nearly 80% of playground injuries are caused by falls. Parents can take the hurt out of the equation by familiarizing themselves with safety risks and watching for potential hazards.

Staying Safe Outdoors

NSC offers a wide range of tips to help you and your family stay safe outdoors. Whether the weather is warm or cold, you don't want to put an end to the fun because of an injury.

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