



Hello dear Winterberry Families,

We have successfully finished our first semester back from a long year away. We have started to find our way back to one another and that is a wonderful thing!

Winterberry has been busy with so many joyful learning activities and our classrooms and halls are once again filled with our dear students and beautiful watercolor paintings!

Today, rosy-cheeked children have been sledding and building snow caves, walking our Winter Spiral and dreaming of all of the play time opportunities that they will have over Winter Break. Please encourage them to play outside EVERY day!

May your holidays be filled with loving connections to family and friends near and far!

Wishing you all a warm and peaceful winter holiday break! We will see you again, "next year" on January 3rd.

Peace, Love and Joy!
Principal Pepe-Phelps



Winterberry's 2021 Winter Spiral



We are delighted to announce that Winterberry's community will have the opportunity to enjoy a Winter Spiral again this winter break. It will be set up and ready for families to enjoy after Thursday, December 16th. Deep gratitude and appreciation for Anchorage Waldorf School who generously shared the evergreen boughs from their spiral, to Ms. Maria, her family and the Eckman family for gathering the boughs and to the magical makers who set up the spiral for this year. Together we make a beautiful whole.

Please be mindful that travelling the spiral is an event intended to be held in a mood of quiet contemplation. When negotiated with intention and reverence, the process of traveling inward to find the inherent divine spark that burns within each of us, taking hold of that inner light and carrying it outward to share in the greater world can be profound for all who experience it. It is our fervent hope that every person who walks the spiral during the waning days of this year will have the opportunity to experience the spiral in this manner.

The spiral will remain in place through winter break and beyond. Your family may need to clear snow from the branches for them to be seen (depending on how King Winter chooses to bless us in the coming days) please do so carefully and please refrain from walking through the spiral and only travel the path set forth so that its integrity remains intact for those who follow you. Allow yourselves plenty of time for the experience, it can take up to an hour for a family to clear, light, walk and clean up.



Because the spiral this year will be a self-guided experience, there are certain things that families will need to provide.

- Approximately 30 tea light candles to light the ice lanterns that line the path
- A central pillar candle
- Smaller candles that each traveler can carry
- A pint size mason jar to put over/close to your flame as you walk out so your light doesn't blow out
- A source of fire for lighting the tea lights and the pillar (I find that a taper candle works best to light the others)

Please plan to remove all traces of your visit when you go – please do not leave candles as they could pose a fire hazard to our school and the neighborhood.

If you notice another family is there when you arrive, please honor their experience and wait quietly for your family's turn.

Enjoy this gift, dear Winterberries and take your light forth into the darkness.

Dates to Remember

Winterberry Parent Guild
will meet via zoom
January 6th, 2022
6:00pm

Time: 1st Thursday of the month at 6pm

Topic: WPG Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

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K3IHVnIEeTdYZz09](https://asdk12.zoom.us/j/95290064733?pwd=ZEFyVXV1RCsyV1NP K3IHVnIEeTdYZz09)

Winterberry Charter Council
will meet via zoom
Tonight

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17th-
January
2nd
Winter
Break ~
No
School

January
17th
Martin
Luther

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>

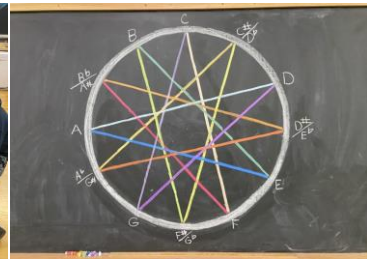
King
Day
No
School



Grade 8



Grade 8



Music



Grade 1 Apples



Grade 5



Waiting for pick up



Snow Cave



Mr. Shea



Ms. Glaser



Santa Lucia



Grade 3 Watercolor



Friends on the swing



Las Posadas



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Spiral Walk



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