



Kindergarten through Grade 8

Waldorf-inspired public education promoting the growth of the whole child: head, heart and hands.

Winterberry is a tuition-free, charter school of the Anchorage School District committed to offering a holistic education inspired by the educational pedagogy of Rudolf Steiner, founder of Waldorf education. Winterberry began in 2005.

Our Mission

Grow the innate potential of each child.

“Receive the children in reverence; educate them in love and send them forth in freedom.”

– Rudolf Steiner

The principles of Waldorf education evolve from an understanding of child development and prioritizes the needs of the growing child. Our school allows for the gentle unfolding of each child, all in an effort to develop healthy, resilient human beings.

Our teachers are uniquely trained to cultivate the innate potential of each child and feed a lifelong love of learning through connection, presence, play and storytelling.

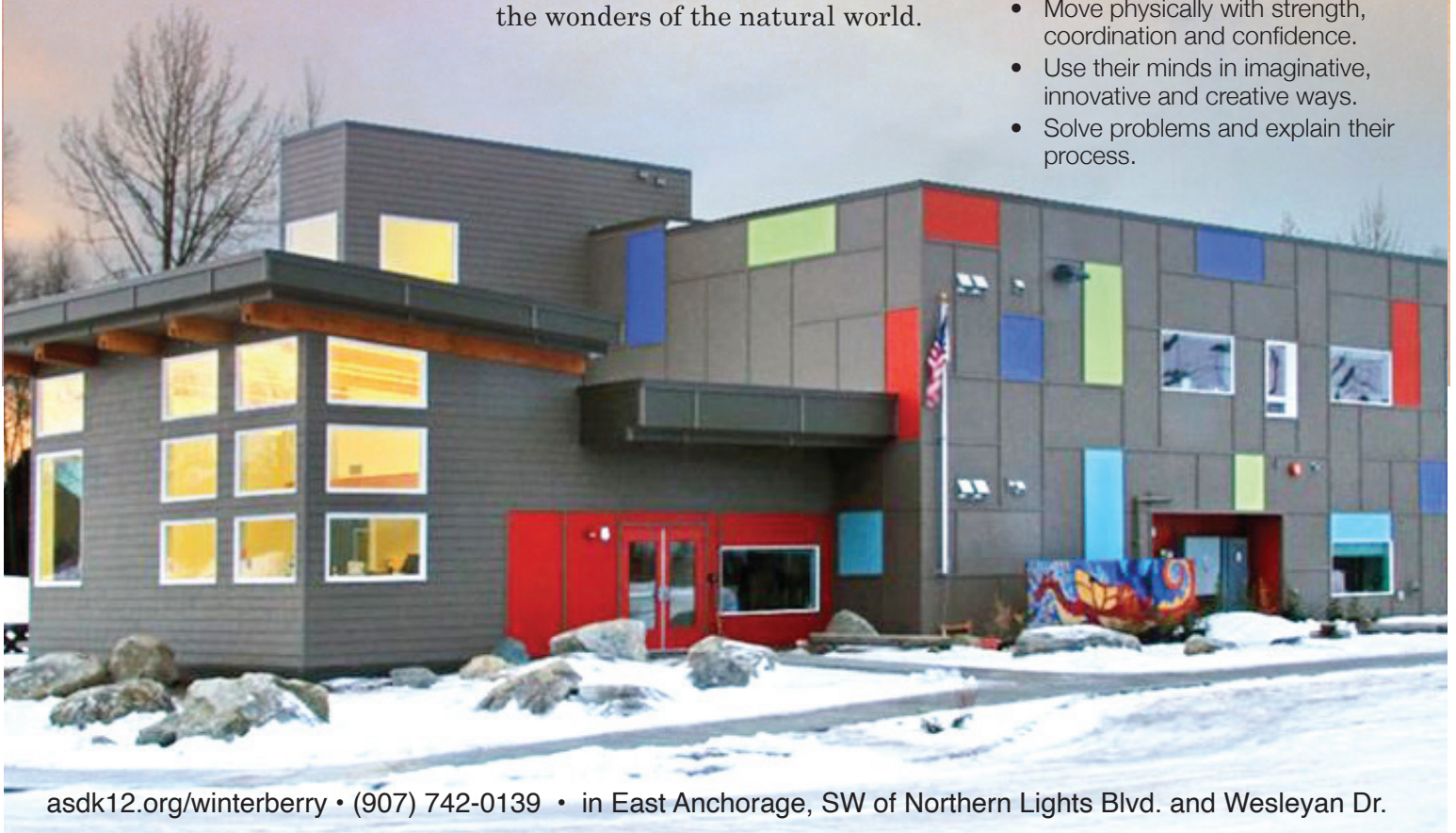
Winterberry students experience writing, literature, legends and myths, poetry and physical movement, world languages, the beauty of math, science, music, handwork, and lessons that come alive through storytelling, art and the wonders of the natural world.

Our Focus

- Build capacities (academic, social-emotional and will).
- Follow natural child development phases, including emotional, physical and cognitive dimensions.
- Encourage self awareness and social competence.
- Develop healthy relationships and strong communication practice.
- View school as a learning community.

Goals for Our Children

- Know themselves and navigate confidently in a social environment.
- Be flexible and resilient, remain curious and adaptable.
- Recognize the value in all persons and in the natural world.
- Treat themselves and others with respect and kindness.
- Move physically with strength, coordination and confidence.
- Use their minds in imaginative, innovative and creative ways.
- Solve problems and explain their process.





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Teaching to the Head, Heart, Hands at Winterberry Charter School

Waldorf-inspired Learning

Our school educates one class per grade K-8, 8:15 am to 3:15 pm with early dismissal every Thursday 8:15 am to 12:30 pm.

Winterberry offers a Kindergarten program 8:15 am to 12:30 pm, Monday-Friday, with an option for after-care until 3:15 pm (excluding Thursdays).

Specialty Classes and Sports

- Handwork: fiber arts, woodworking
- World Languages: Spanish, German, French
- Music: choral singing, pentatonic flute, recorder, potentially strings
- Movement: physical and imaginative play, mindfulness, Native Youth Olympics, folk dance, Pentathlon, Circus arts and performance
- Grade 6-8 cross country running and ski team

Predictable Rhythm

A consistent daily rhythm eases transitions and carries students confidently through their weeks.

Schoolwide seasonal celebrations like the fall Festival of Courage, winter Lantern Walk, Solstice Spiral Walk, and spring Mayfest renew our community with a close connection to the changes in our natural world and to each other.

Connected to Nature

We make maximum use of outside time and fresh air.

- Outdoor Recess: 40 minutes
- Movement Class: outside for 45 minutes two to three days per week
- Nature Walks for K-Grade 3: at least an hour long, once per week through neighboring wooded trails
- Fresh Air: some Specialty Classes and lunch can occur outdoors, at the teacher's discretion

Blended Learning Option – Winterberry Hybrid Program

A dedicated full-time teacher is available to mentor families who wish to use a blended learning model within Winterberry's Waldorf-inspired community through the Hybrid Program.

Families enjoy the expert leadership and guidance of an experienced Waldorf Hybrid teacher. Children K-8 have the option of attending class in their dedicated Hybrid classroom, and weekly field trips with multi-age peers led by the teacher. Families receive a Waldorf curriculum and all the high-quality supplies needed to deliver grade-specific lessons to their student.

Come and See!

Call Winterberry's front office to learn more or schedule a tour (907) 742-0139



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