



Summer Edition Newsletter



Upcoming Events

Tuesday September 6

First Day of School

Saturday Sept. 10

New Parent Orientation

10:30 am - 1:30 pm

RSVP to admissions@sunrisewaldorfschool.org

Important Updates from Mr. McDuff - Head of School

Friday September 30

Michelmas Pageant
Details and time TBA

From the Office

New Parent Orientation **Saturday September** **10:30 am - 1:30 pm**



A warm welcome to all of the new families and faculty that are joining our community this year. The new parent orientation is an important event to attend and is for parents only.

Ms. Chantey will walk you through all of the vital pieces of information that you will need to know about to acquaint yourself with the school and the amazing community that surrounds us. All new parents and those who have been with us for a short time are encouraged to attend. If you are a long standing parent, we'd love to have you too. Your experience and words of wisdom can be so helpful to those just orienting themselves to our school and also to the Valley. This is also a great way to meet new families and to build the heart of our community. Alderlea Farm pizzas will be served so please RSVP to: admissions@sunrisewaldorfschool.org Please include in your RSVP if you have a need for Gluten Free or Vegetarian options.

Thank you, I am so looking forward to meeting you all and orienting you to our beautiful school. - Ms. Chantey

Grade School Thursday Dismissal



For most of our history, the grades school has been dismissed one period early on Thursdays at 2:15 pm in order to accommodate our weekly faculty meetings. Last school year, we made a change and ended school each day at

3:10 pm, including Thursdays. After consideration of many factors, we have decided to return next year to the early dismissal of 2:15 pm on Thursdays. However, in order to accommodate parents who are unable to arrange for an early pick-up, we will offer teacher supervision at no additional charge for those children who cannot be picked up until 3:10 pm. More details about this new program will be provided before school resumes. If you are unable to collect your child(ren) for 2:15 pm on Thursdays, please notify the office to sign up your child's name for the Thursday afternoon supervision which will be in effect until 3:10 pm. Space will be limited for this program so please make sure that you sign up in advance.

Next Year's Calendar and Daily Schedule



Dear Parents, I hope that this finds you enjoying a wonderful and restful summer break. We are all looking forward to

welcoming you and your children back to the Sunrise campus.

We are always striving to improve our facilities, meet the needs of parents, develop our faculty, and offer a high standard of Waldorf Education. Please take some time to read about the many updates and developments that will be coming into effect this school year. - Mr. McDuff

Electives for Grade 6-8

For 2016/17, we are introducing two six-week blocks of electives for students in Grades 6, 7 and 8. The first elective block will be offered each Friday afternoon during the last lesson of the day from September 30 through November 4. The second block will run at the same time from January 27 through March 10.

We are excited to be able to offer the students the opportunity to select specialized course blocks that provide an opportunity for exploring areas of interest for each student and expanding their social connections with their schoolmates in other grades. The offerings, covering academics, arts, sports and service, are still being planned, so look for more information at the beginning of the school year. Our main challenge right now is narrowing down the selections as we have more ideas than can be offered!

Sunrise will now be a peanut free school

This is a very important announcement as we have a new student joining our school with a life threatening allergy to peanut and egg. We will now be a peanut free school so please be mindful of what is being packed into your child's lunches. Practicing good hand washing in all classes before and after eating will also help to ensure that all the children in the school are kept safe. Thank you.

Eurythmy

We are very pleased to announce that the Kindergartens and Classes 1 and 2 will be receiving Eurythmy instruction one morning each week beginning the first week of October. Ms. Von Mayenfeldt has been the lower grades Eurythmy teacher at the Vancouver Waldorf School for many years and has joined our faculty part-time after retiring to Salt Spring Island. We welcome her warmly.

Kindergarten

Dorota Ignaszewska will lead the Bright Angel Kindergarten program next year. Dorota is an experienced Waldorf teacher both in the grades and in Waldorf Kindergartens. For the past two years, she has taught Grades 1 and 2 at Whistler Waldorf School, but said that she feels called to return to her friends on Vancouver Island. Dorota completed five years of studies at the Faculty of Philosophy



Our school calendar is [available here](#) and can be printed for your convenience. We will also be providing hard copies in the cubbies located in the front entrance.

AWSNA Newsletter



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Classifieds



We are a Cortes Island family hoping to swap homes with a family in the Cowichan Valley so that our boys can attend SWS this fall. We have a spacious 2 BR chalet-style home plus separate yoga-dance studio attached bedrooms and bathroom. Both dwellings have electric and wood stove options. There is an additional 30' yurt with wood stove and running water. Organic garden, orchard, berries, asparagus, perennial veggies, and barn. Composting toilets, washer/dryer/indoor-outdoor clothes lines. We have a land line telephone. There is wired cable internet in the home and no smart meter. Very peaceful sanctuary with no Electro magnetic radiation (No WIFI, Cell phone reception or smart meters)....a haven for bees and other pollinators! Close to Hague Lake, Manson's town center, Cortes Island Elementary School, Manson's Lagoon. Cortes has a thriving home school community with many options for alternative classes and education. Please contact Andrew or Diane at chrisjacksdad@gmail.com, dianebrussell@gmail.com, or call (250) 935-6647

(equivalent to a Bachelor's degree) at the Catholic University of Lublin. She completed her Bachelor of Education degree at UVic and has completed Waldorf Early Childhood Teacher Training and Waldorf Foundation training. She is a BC certified teacher. We are so pleased to welcome you back.

Class 3

We are also happy to announce that our Grade 3 teacher for next year will be Trisha Sveistrup. Trish has a Bachelor of Arts and Aviation diploma from the University of the Fraser Valley and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Manitoba. She has completed her Waldorf Foundation Studies with the Rudolf Steiner Centre in Toronto, and is taking her Waldorf teacher training courses beginning next week at the West Coast Institute. She has also continued to deepen her understanding of Anthroposophy and human development through various art and biography classes at Arscura, School for Living Art, in Ontario. Welcome to Ms. Sveistrup and family.

Class 6

Last but not least, Ms. Joy Harris will be taking Class 6 this year. Ms. Harris has been working with our school over the last several years as a substitute teacher and has been a support teacher for Grades 1, 2, and 3. Joy has a graduate diploma in music education and a B.Ed. from the University of Regina, with a major in language arts and a minor in music. She is in her second year of Waldorf Teacher Training at the West Coast Institute and will also complete a Grade 6 intensive this summer. She has also earned a Life Skills Coach Training and Facilitation Certificate from SIAST (Saskatchewan Polytechnic). We are very familiar with Joy's abilities as she supported the lower grades teachers last year by teaching music and games classes in Grades 1-3. In addition, Joy stepped in to take the Grade 3 class for the month before winter break while we waited for the arrival of their new teacher in January. She took over a class that was really struggling and the improved learning during her time as their teacher was very obvious to us and to the class parents. Joy has previously taught English in Japan and been a substitute teacher in the public school system. Welcome Ms. Harris.

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