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Upcoming Events

Tuesday September 6

First Day of School
8:25 am - 3:10 pm

Pre-School - Parent Evening
7:00 pm in the Pre-school

Thursday September 8

Class 1 Parent Evening
7:00 pm

News

One World Festival



Sunrise Waldorf School is excited to be hosting a table at the One World Festival offering activities for the children. Come on out and see us, bring your friends and family and enjoy this amazing day of culture and exchange put on by the Intercultural Society of Duncan. Saturday September 17th from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm at the field next to the VIU campus.

Friday September 9th

Rose Ceremony
Details TBA

Saturday Sept. 10

New Parent Orientation
10:30 am - 1:30 pm
RSVP to
admissions@sunrisewaldorfschool.org

Saturday Sept.17

One World Festival - Intercultural Society
11:00 am - 4:00 pm
@ the field next to the VIU Campus
Please come out and see us at our activity table.

From the Office

New Parent Orientation Saturday September 10 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

First week back... don't forget your...



The weather has been so incredibly hot this August, but the mornings are chilly and fall is on its way. Parents please be reminded of what students should have with them on the first day back:

- Indoor shoes should be warm and able to jump and move around in
- Appropriate hats and gear for outside play
- Class 4 and up PE change of clothes
- Full change of clothes in a bag that lives in the classroom

SWS Dress Code



Remember to look over the dress code. [Click here](#) to review it.

Our Beloved Faculty



Here is an introduction by name to all of our teachers and administrative staff. Be sure to say hello and get to know them all by name.

Head of School - Mr. McDuff a.k.a Coach K.
BAK Kindergarten - Miss Dorota
SSK Kindergarten - Miss Mima
SSK Kindergarten - Miss Angela
Sunchild Pre-School - Miss Lisa
Sunchild Pre-School - Mr. Pressman
Class 1 - Mr. Mothes
Class 2 - Mr. Hans
Class 3 - Ms. Sveistrup (sway-strup)
Class 4 - Miss Jewell
Class 5 - Mrs. Koby
Class 6 - Ms. Prichard-Harris
Class 7 - Ms. Hitch
Class 8 - Mrs. Cameron

Handwork - Mrs. Bellavita
Handwork Assist. Ms. Mullin
Handwork Assist. Mrs. McIntosh
French - Mme. Rheault
Strings - Ms. More
Woodworking - Mr. Massimo
Physical Education - Georgia
Eurythmy - Mrs. Von Meyenfeldt
Aftercare - Miss Hannah

Office Manager - Mrs. Stacey
Reception - Miss Tammie
Admissions - Miss Chantey
Financial Director - Miss Laverne

S.E.A. CL.6 / Remedial - Miss Anisa
S.E.A. CL.3 - Mrs. Hall



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 this 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. 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 is limited for this program so please make sure that you sign up in advance.

Early Pick Up

Parents please note that if you or a family member are picking up your child before dismissal, you must come and check in with the office first. We will give you a slip to take to the teacher where your child can be dismissed early. Please do not go directly to a classroom without checking in.

Next Year's Calendar and Daily Schedule



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.

Classifieds

Knitting with Miss Houston

Moms and/or Dads are invited to join me, Donna Huston (Retired Sunrise Handwork teacher), for knitting lessons, tea, and conversation at the beautiful new Waldorf Store next to the Community Farm Store. Knitting happens Wednesdays from 10 am until noon for the month of September. In no time you will be able to keep up with your children!
September Workshop:

Faculty Meeting Snack



Our amazing Faculty will be gathering for their weekly faculty meeting every Thursday. Your class teacher will be asking for support from parents to sign up for a particular week to provide a simple snack to keep them fueled through the afternoon. Each Class will be responsible for a few weeks in the year. Your Class teacher will be in touch with more details soon. The snacks are meant to be simple, not elaborate or a meal. Something loving to hold

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 school wide announcement. 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. This includes any and all products containing peanuts, peanut oils, and foods processed in a facility with peanuts. Other tree nuts and seeds are permitted but mixed nuts which are coated in peanut oils are not. Please be aware of the details on the packaging of foods being purchased. Teachers, parents and students eating egg for lunch must make sure to wash their hands thoroughly after eating. Practicing good hand washing in all classes before and after eating will help to ensure that all the children in the school are kept safe. Thank you.

Students in Class 4 are also asked to refrain from bringing egg in their lunches.

No Scents Please

SWS is also a scent free facility. Please be aware that we have students and faculty members who have very severe reactions to perfumes, scented house hold and beauty products, essential oils and incense. Please use scent free detergents, deodorants and soaps at home and refrain from wearing scents on your body when coming to campus.

Home Stay Opportunity

We have received an application from a Grade 7 student (male)

**Learn to knit a 'Magic Square'
Wednesdays, 10 am to noon
Waldorf store, Unit 3
5380 Trans Canada Hwy.,
Duncan, B.C.**

from China who is looking for a Home Stay family. His name is Boran and he has been attending a Waldorf School in China. We would love to find him a place to live where he will be loved and cared for during his time at Sunrise Waldorf School. If you are interested in knowing more about this opportunity please contact Chantey in the admissions office at admission@sunrisewaldorfschool.org or call the office at 250.743.7253.

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