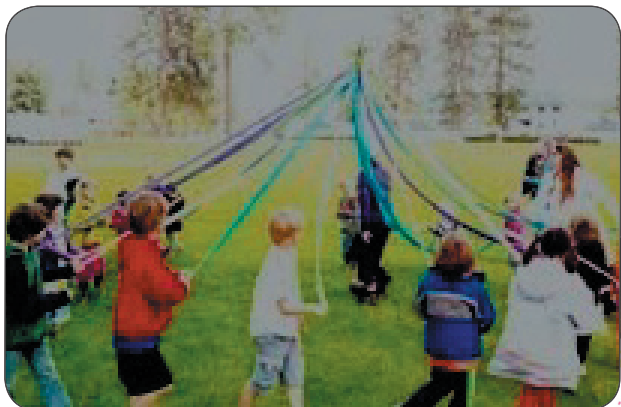


WINDSONG SCHOOL NEWS

... Spring 2013 ...

www.spokanewindsongschool.org

The May Day Festival is Drawing Near!



THE MAY DAY FESTIVAL will be held on Wed., May 1, from 4pm - 6pm at Windsong school.

Festivities will begin with a spring puppet story at 4pm. The May pole dance will follow around 4:20.



Then about 4:40 we'll have a pot luck meal together. Please bring a healthy dish to share. When the May Queen arrives about 5:15 she'll have plenty of cascarones to go around! Music and dancing will wrap up the evening

Come enjoy the festival and remember to bring outgrown winter wear to trade at the winter clothing exchange.

Winter Clothing Exchange We'll have a winter clothing exchange at this year's May Day Festival. Bring used but still good winter clothes (snow pants, rain pants, boots, etc.) ... clean. People can trade their children's outgrown clothing throughout the evening.

Rain or Shine, Be Ready On Time!

Your child's day does not *just* start with a walk, or playtime or a morning rhyme, - it is so much more! Each class begins the day according to the developmental needs of the children. This time is very important to their social, physical and academic development. Starting the day in rhythm with the class sets the tone for the rest of the day - please bring your child to class at 8am on time!

Currently, often it is below 40° at 8am and approaching 60° by 11am. Send your child in layers. Unless it is above 60° *when your child's class is outside*, they will need hats, gloves and jackets along with boots and rain gear if its damp or rainy out.

End of the Year Family Concert

Mark your calendars for Friday, June 7! We will have our first annual end of the year fundraising concert from 6-7:30pm Featuring the wonderful and varied talents of our own Windsong community!

If you are a musician who would like to participate in this event, please contact Liv Larson Andrews at parson.larson@gmail.com or Julie Cordero at corderographics@gmail.com.

Watch for more information about this fun end-of-the-year concert to be coming soon!

... CALENDAR ...

Ongoing – Parent Meetup & Handwork Days - check our online calendar for current locations and dates.

April

- 15 6pm Anthroposophical Study Group at Forza Coffee 29th & Regal, 6pm
- 16 8am School Tour
- 22 6pm All School Meeting - Growth Initiative Updates!
- 24-26 Early Childhood Parent Teacher Conferences

May

- 1 4-6pm May Day Festival
- 7 8am School Tour
- 13 11am Mothering Tea (no E.C. parent meeting)
- 27 Memorial Day - No School

June

- 4 8am School Tour
- 7 6 - 7:30pm End of the Year Fundraising Concert
- 10-14 Last Week of School

For the latest calendar information check www.spokanewindsongschool.org or Windsong's community page on Shutterfly.com or call 326-6638.

Japan Week Spokane April 20 -28

Wed. April 24, 3-5pm
Family Festival at the Mukagawa Commons. For more info visit japanweekspokane.com

Anthroposophical Study Group meetings

Our lively anthroposophical study group is a member of the Anthroposophical Society and meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6pm at Forza Coffee. Contact melissaw@spokanewindsongschool.org for more information.

2013-14 Program Offerings

Parent-Infant and Parent-Toddler Classes

Windsong's Parent-Infant and Parent-Toddler classes offer families with infants and toddlers, who are looking for community and connection in their parenting journey. One day a week a small group of parents and children come together for a cozy morning of cooking, toy making and seasonal festivities. These ongoing 6 week classes are offered several days a week.

Preschool

Our preschool provides a wholesome and open-ended environment known to foster self-directed play. Windsong preschool teachers work in a deeply intentional way to provide healthy and creative models for children to imitate through story, song, circle games and daily work. Morning or afternoon preschool options are available. For children ages 2 1/2 to 4 1/2.

Part-time Kindergarten

The Windsong Kindergarten is a home-like, secure and loving place that recognizes the young child's need for predictable rhythm throughout the day, season and school year. We offer two years of kindergarten, welcoming younger children's first venture into "school," and preparing veteran "second year" kindergarten children for first grade.

Full-time program

Our full-time program is for children ages 3 to 6 needing care five days per week. Our preschool kindergarten is focused on helping children build a sturdy foundation for a full life. Monday through Friday, 8am to 5:30pm (earliest pick-up time is 2pm).

Grades

Formal academics begin in first grade with a curriculum that encompasses a wide variety of subjects and activities. Fine and practical arts, music, and movement are infused through all parts of the academic curriculum and are also stand alone subjects taught by specialty teachers.

For complete class descriptions, enrollment and tour information visit our website, spokanewindsongschool.org or call 509-326-6638.

Donation Button on Our Website is Up & Running!

To use go to spokanewindsongschool.org. Click donate button. You will be directed to another page, click donate again. It's that simple! We plan to be set up for donating through Smart Tuition next fall.

2012-13 School Year Donations to Date

\$46,364- provided in tuition discounts, remission and financial aid
\$30,200 - teacher and admin salary donated back to Windsong
\$9,000 - supply donations by staff, parents and extended family

"Our highest endeavor must be to develop free human beings who are able of themselves to impart purpose and direction to their lives. The need for imagination, a sense of truth, and a feeling of responsibility—these three forces are the very nerve of education." – Rudolf Steiner

Sliding Scale Tuition Information

Waldorf Education, from its inception, has acted on the belief that this unique education should be available to all families who seek it, regardless of their economic status. Each family is encouraged to contribute "the most they are able to contribute." Each family's contribution assures a stable learning environment for the entire school community. Sliding scale rates for tuition are available for families who qualify. Priority deadline is May 1st. Tuition assistance does not cover the registration fee or capital funds fee.

Windsong Community News

Ms. Renee will host our garage sale again this August! As you go about your spring cleaning, please save any items that could be donated to the sale.

Details will be coming soon.

Vegetables for soup and nuts or fruit for mousey snacks are always appreciated. Just bring them any day of the week you think about it!

Do you have information to share with our community? Send to: admin@spokanewindsongschool.org attn: Windsong News

Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you to the Freeze family for repairing the play yard fence.

To Mr. Mark for fixing our wagon.

To the Antoniuk Keeble family for bags of various good grains.

Thank you to everyone who brings vegetables for soup days.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us out who we may have missed here!