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from the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America

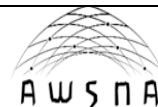
AWSNA IS SPONSORING AN “IMAGINATION UNPLUGGED” CONTEST! On April 18-24, children around the world will celebrate **Screen-Free Week** (formerly TV-Turnoff) by turning off televisions, computers, and video games and tuning in on the world around them. Screen Free week is good. We are asking you to share your screen free week anecdotes. The contest is for the best screen-free activity photo and essay we receive by May 1, 2011 – we’re looking for photos that are filled with life and creative activities. Send yours to aturowski@awsna.org. Winners will receive the celebrated Dragon Boy series by Donald Samson and a subscription to Renewal Magazine. Waldorf school communities already know the benefits of a week with no screens, but we can all do a bit more to focus away from the distractions of electronics that are so enmeshed in our complex and beautiful world.

HERE WE GO – We’re off to New Orleans! Already 55 people (alums, grandparents, parents, teachers, students!) have signed up to be in New Orleans April 7, 8, 9, and 10, 2011, helping the Waldorf School of New Orleans and the St. Bernard project to help rebuild New Orleans. In addition to our many supporters, there are two eighth grades that have chosen this for their 8th grade class trip! The turnout is substantial, which is not surprising given the strong spirit of service that lives in our Waldorf communities. Still wish to be in New Orleans but can't come? Give a gift (large or small) at <http://www.whywaldorfworks.org/contribute.asp> and be there with us even if you cannot come.

Leadership in AWSNA - Since September the Board of Trustees of AWSNA has been hard at work building a plan for the future leadership of AWSNA, with the current vacancy in one of the three executive positions. A committee comprising a Leadership Council Representative, Colleen Everhart, two Board members, Chaddie Hughes and Alexander Rist, with Carol Fulmer as Chair, has been exploring the financial realities and the Waldorf Membership needs to forge a plan to bridge the transition in leadership. Leadership meetings are happening in New Orleans this spring with the Board of trustees and the Leadership Council where this committee's work will be considered. It is a time of transition in many ways in the world and AWSNA is no exception!

Did you know you’re included: We’re looking for a new name for AWSNA’s Alumni Corner, since it is meant to include grandparents, parents, current students, alumni students, board members, friends – in fact, the Waldorf community. Please let us know your ideas for a name for this section of the www.whywaldorfworks.org – currently called Alumni Corner. Email your suggestions to webeditor@awsna.org. Your creativity counts!

During these next few very busy months full of May celebrations, class plays, graduations, proms, senior and eighth grade projects, class trips, report writing and curriculum completion, it is good to remember together, as a Waldorf community, the gift offered to us in the recent events in Japan. Our good fortune to carry on our lives, to celebrate the seasons, to be engaged intensively in our Waldorf communities locally, continentally and worldwide, are luxuries not possible in Japan right now. So in the hectic press, let's all stop once a day to breathe deeply, feel gratitude, and to offer thoughts of peace, restoration and compassion for the many layers of grief of so many people in Japan.





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Duffy Waldorf, Golf and Waldorf Education Champion is coming east for Winning With Waldorf VI. June 13th is the day and Copake, New York, is the locale for the big event. The Great Barrington Rudolf Steiner School in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, is the hosting school, opening their annual golf event to include the famous Mr. Waldorf! This year is the school's 40th anniversary year and Winning With Waldorf VI is the final fun event of the year!

AWSNA's Summer Conference: This year's theme is **Rudolf Steiner's Unique Understanding of Adolescence, Child Development, and the Spiritual Intentions of Waldorf Education** and the keynote speaker is Peter Selg, M.D., a youth psychiatrist working out of anthroposophy as director of the Ita Wegman Institute in Switzerland. This conference will delve into Rudolf Steiner's insights into children and into the whole pedagogical challenge which childhood presents, creating a basic reflection about the spiritual core of Waldorf Education.

Four ways you can further Waldorf Education in North America: Sign up for e-news and on the Alumni Corner on the www.whywaldorfworks.org and stay informed about Waldorf news; support your local Waldorf school every way you can; use GoodSearch (instead of Google) when surfing the web; and give a gift to AWSNA, as we stand together for holistic education and the protection of child development. Thank you for your commitment to Waldorf Education!

AWSNA RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR YOU

Please keep these excellent resources in mind:

- Green Pages
- Waldorf: Messaging Guidelines
- Young Schools Guide
- Accreditation Guide
- Annual Financial Surveys
- Media Guide
- Overcoming Racism through Anthroposophy
- Articles on Finance
- List of Mentors, Evaluators and Teachers

We also offer helpful "Effective Practices" documents:

- Development
- Human Resources
- Enrollment
- Long-range and Strategic Planning
- Report Writing and Documentation
- Working with Parents
- Finances
- Community Life
- School and Pedagogical Operations

FORMS AVAILABLE: Don't reinvent the wheel: we've compiled the best forms from member schools that you can use as templates to create your own. These valuable tools can be found under "Affiliated School Resources" page listed in the AWSNA section of the www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org. If you need the password it's *4awsna*.