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A Newsletter for Waldorf School Communities  
from the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America

## Facts about Waldorf Education...

- Introduced to North America in 1928.
- Schools and institutes 100% independently founded. Every school is an independent organization, self-directed and based on Waldorf pedagogy.
- Covers 3 countries in North America, 34 states, 4 provinces in Canada, 3 regions in Mexico, and 1 Native American nation.
- 162 affiliated Waldorf schools.
- 250+ early childhood centers.
- 17 teacher education institutes with over 600 students preparing to be teachers.
- 39 complete Waldorf Education programs pre-K through high school.
- 1 school entirely adapted to the needs of children with special needs.
- 1 school adopted by Native Americans.
- 165 stores sell Waldorf-inspired products.
- 8 Waldorf schools with educational programs designed in partnership with farms practicing organic or biodynamic agriculture and 57 schools with gardening and farming programs.
- 2 children's outward bound camps for further education.

**NOW is the time** to register for the AWSNA Summer Conference "*Working Together: Building the Bridge to Adolescence.*" This conference focuses on how Waldorf schools prepare students for high school, meeting the challenges of adolescence, and building vibrant K-12 programs. Keynote Speakers include Betty Staley, Douglas Gerwin, Michele Starr, and Arthur Pittis, and accompanied by a wide array of focus groups, artistic workshops, round table discussions and an opportunity to network with hundreds of colleagues. Hosted by the Atlanta Waldorf School and Academe of the Oaks, from June 22 - 25, 2010. You can register at [www.whywaldorfworks.org](http://www.whywaldorfworks.org).

**Good news...** AWSNA received special funding for building integrity and quality in the institutes through site visits from other institutes' teachers. The emphasis is going to be on building collaborative strength and high quality. This funding came through the Freunde der Erziehungskunst, with the hope that high standards globally for Waldorf Teacher Education could be cultivated and shared on an international level.

**"Why Waldorf Works Books&More"** is available on our website ... this is an enhanced online store that acts as a rich resource for children, parents, and teachers. You'll find books that enrich, inspire, and reveal the truth, beauty, and goodness in children, in Waldorf Education, and in the world. Every book has been cleared through AWSNA as a good representation of the kind of literature, and curricular support, for deepening the unique view of the unfolding human being we hold in Waldorf Education.

**A new Effective Practices module on Governance** is available in the Affiliated Resources section of Why Waldorf Works. This module covers important topics such as Board of Trustees, Pedagogical Decision Making, Administrative or Rights Realm, Brotherhood, Operational Coordination, Decision Making Processes and Reflections on Governance.

**Save the date: June 7, 2010!** AWSNA's annual golf tournament, Winning with Waldorf V, will be hosted by the Emerson Waldorf School in Chapel Hill, NC.