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

Help re-build New Orleans ... join other Waldorf alums (students, parents, grandparents, staff, teachers, and alums) on a service-oriented expedition from April 7-10. Show New Orleans and the Waldorf School of New Orleans what all of us in service can do. Even an eighth grade class from a Waldorf school will be going! You'll have the opportunity to meet AWSNA Board members at a welcoming party. Partial travel financial assistance is available on a first come, first served basis. Contact AWSNA through Anamyn Turowski at 518-672-7878 or at aturowski@awsna.org for more information.

The Council for American Private Education, CAPE did an excellent analysis of the impact of the recent elections on School Choice potential. You can read about it at this link <http://www.capenet.org/pdf/Outlook359.pdf>

Preparations are moving forward for AWSNA'S annual golf benefit, **Winning With Waldorf VI**. Scheduled for June 13, 2010, and hosted by the Great Barrington Rudolf Steiner School, in honor of their 40th anniversary, the tournament features PGA Touring Golf Professional Duffy Waldorf. It will be held at the Copake Country Club, NY. For more information contact Sarah Dinan at sdinan@awsna.org.

TEENAGERS and WALDORF EDUCATION ... Save the dates for the AWSNA Summer Conference: June 24-27, 2011, to be held in Garden City, NY. 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. It is of value for middle and high school teachers, and will speak to educators of all levels who are lucky enough to participate.

Weed Out Hate - Sow Seeds of Love ... Marc Daniels, international author and heir to the gardening invention "Ross Root Feeder," is offering our Waldorf schools a limited number of seed packets to give out and will send out packets to you if your school can use some. The program is based on Martin Luther King's message of peace, and many schools have responded positively. We are very grateful to Marc for his important commitment and for his recognition of Waldorf Education as partners in his noble goal! To order seeds (first come first served) contact him at: marc@eurosenations.com.

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!





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RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR YOU

Did you know about **all the many resources available** on the AWSNA page of the www.whywaldorfworks.org web site? Some of these include:

- Green Pages: order green supplies from trusted sources with opportunities for discounts
- Waldorf: Messaging Guidelines
- Young Schools Guide
- Accreditation Guide
- Annual Financial Surveys
- Media Guide
- Overcoming Racism through Anthroposophy: Rudolf Steiner and Questions of Race
- Articles on Finance
- 2010-11 List of Mentors, Evaluators and Experienced Teachers Available to Schools

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
- Mentoring
- Governance

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 include forms you may need in these departments: Development, Human Resources, Enrollment, Long-range and Strategic Planning, Report Writing, Working with Parents, Finances, Community Life, School and Pedagogical Operations.

Created for our member schools, these password-protected resources can be found under “Affiliated School Resources” page listed in the AWSNA section of the site. If you need the password it's *4awsna*.

✻ *Wishing you all the best for 2011* ✻