

## In the Spotlight...

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**Our Mission** – The Great Barrington Rudolf Steiner School cultivates students’ academic, emotional, and spiritual development through our Waldorf curriculum.

We provide students with the foundation to live up to their full human potential, creating lives of meaning and purpose that positively contribute to our world.

**We accomplish our mission:**

- By instilling in students a love of learning, a sense of wonder, an appreciation of beauty, and a connection to the natural world.
- By following a curriculum based on the developmental stages of human beings as described by Rudolf Steiner.
- By attracting excellent teachers who are committed to their own professional and personal development, and giving each teacher the freedom to work creatively within the Waldorf curriculum.
- By working cooperatively with parents to facilitate continuity between school and home.
- By being a part of the time-tested, world-wide tradition of Waldorf Education that integrates the humanities, sciences, and practical and fine arts.

**Our Background** – On January 13, 1971, The Great Barrington Rudolf Steiner School (then called The Pumpkin Hollow School) opened its doors to twelve kindergarten children. We now enroll approximately 175 students from Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Columbia County, New York, and northwest Connecticut.

The school is one of over 1,000 Waldorf schools, a world-wide movement of independent schools founded in 1919 by Rudolf Steiner. At the heart of the school’s philosophy is the belief that education is an art. Whether the subject is arithmetic, history, or physics, the presentation must resonate in the child’s imagination and experience. To educate the whole child, the heart and will must be engaged as well as the mind.

**Our Blueprint for Success** – The Great Barrington Rudolf Steiner School, located in the beautiful Berkshires of Western Massachusetts, is a thriving 47 year-old Waldorf School with approximately 175 preschool through 8th grade students. Our curriculum includes Spanish, handwork, woodwork, music, eurythmy, an educational support program and physical education. Festivals and celebrations are community-oriented. Our Board is active and well-established and our strong PA reflects a supportive and diverse parent body. The school is a full member of AWSNA (Association of Waldorf Schools of North America), Waldorf Early Childhood Association of North America (WECAN), and the Association of Independent Schools of New England (AISNE).

Spacious classrooms, handwork and woodworking studios, a science room and auditorium look out over thirty-two acres of open and wooded land bordering the Green River. Basketball and handball courts, open playing fields and biodynamic gardens extend the classrooms beyond school buildings. The classic Berkshires timber frame barn where the school began is now the school’s 1,000 square-foot library.

The Steiner School is pleased to be an integral part of the vibrant culture and local flavor of the Berkshires, drawing people from all over the country who move here to send their children to our school. Many of our alumni and current parents are successful local business owners and members of the community.

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