

Week Three: July 22nd to July 26th

Full day

Introduction to Waldorf Early Childhood Education

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The future depends on children receiving health-giving experiences in the first seven years of life. They need to experience loving guidance that will in turn bring joy, wonder and reverence into their lives. Yet an essential aspect of early childhood education is the inner attitude and soul life of the educator which is imitated by the child. In this immersion into the world of early childhood, you will experience hands-on lessons in circle, handwork, story and puppetry. You will be introduced to child development from birth to seven, inner development of the educator, and the essentials of Waldorf education for the young child.

Heather joined Halton Waldorf School in August 2017 and serves as the early childhood coordinator and early childhood faculty chair. After eleven years of teaching mixed aged kindergarten at Huronia and Toronto Waldorf School, Heather left the classroom to co-create My Child Myself, a centre that offered parent learning and community building. Heather completed her kindergarten training at Sunbridge Institute and birth-to-three training at Sophia's Hearth.