



Davis Waldorf School

Inspired Learning for the Whole Child

Parent Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

6:30PM TO 8:00PM

ZOOM

Meeting Agenda



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- Welcome Verse
- Introductions
- Parent Council
- School News
- Committee Reports
- Overview of Festivals & Events
- Halloween Festival
- Community Talk Time
- Closing



Welcome Verse



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Volunteer Lead

“The healthy social life is found only when, in the mirror of each human soul, the whole community finds its reflection, and when in the community, the virtue of each one is living.”

- Rudolf Steiner

Introductions



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Name

Child(ren) and grade(s)

Favorite school festival?



Parent Council



MISSION:

To develop and support initiatives that contribute to a vibrant and inclusive school and parent community.

OBJECTIVES:

- Support school festivals, events, and fundraising activities
- Foster and maintain community within the parent body
- Strengthen communication and partnership between parents and the faculty and board
- Provide educational opportunities for parents and the community at-large

NEEDS:

- Parent feedback and communication

Parent Council News



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- All parents & guardians are members!
- Leadership committee elections
 - PC Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, PC Rep to the Board
 - Positions still needed... Social media wizard, PC Blackbaud page creator

NOTES

Nomination and voting on leadership committee

Chair- primary liaison to the director and school , coordinates and leads meetings. Receives phone calls community members, faculty , parents. organized volunteers for various festivals and events (committee can also help with this)

ViceChair - helps with above

PC Representative to the Board - attend parent council meeting and take all issues to Board of Director Meeting and represent voice of parents at the Board of Director Meeting .

Secretary - Helping generally leadership committee , taking notes at PC meeting
Still needed:

- FB/social media, (anytime)
- Hospitality Coordinator: recruit volunteer/s for hospitality to help staff & faculty celebrate birthdays on quarterly basis (note this is different from the monthly hospitality all the classes help with once per year), (Oct)
- PC Blackbaud page creator (anytime)
- Book Faire coordinator (Nov)

Why do we need to PC representative from each class? It is import to have a voice from each class, can update class on things more pertaining to them, updates from the PC class representative may be more likely read coming from a parent from the class - make parent council more personal , can share things one to one/ at drop offs and pick ups.

Parent Council News



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Volunteering

- 30 hours suggested per year
- Lots of opportunities!
 - Join a committee
 - Help plan a festival/event
 - Campus work days
 - Teacher appreciation
 - Faculty & Staff Birthday cake baking (quarterly)



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- We need School festival coordinators!
 - Halloween
 - Family Craft Day
 - Auction Co-Chair
 - May Faire
- Upcoming PC Event... Book Faire



School News



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EVENTS

- Michaelmas Festival - Fri, Sep 30 at noon
- Teacher inservice day (no school) - Mon, Oct 24
- Halloween Festival, Sat Oct 29
- Annual Giving, starts Nov 1
- Dia De Los Muertos, Nov 1-3

NOTES

Some events coming up

Michaelmas on Friday at 12:10 - Arrive at noon, as the play is short and you may miss it if you are late. In the grades, they will eat Sun cakes afterwards.

October 24th - In Service Day

Faculty will do Self Study to get ready for AWSNA 2023 (Association of Waldorf Schools of North America) accreditation. In other years, this can be a day where teachers visit other schools.

- Buttercup Preschool will have school that day as a make up day
- Vacation care available for October 24, sign up going to be announced in next few days

Halloween

Pumpkins - Field trip for 2nd Grade to get pumpkins, Friday before Halloween pumpkin decorating and lighting

Annual Giving - November First to December

Dia De Los Muertos -

bring picture of loved one - place name and grade so that picture returns to you
one table special place for pets



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School News

Board Update

- Reviewed 2022-2023 budget
- Discussed annual giving
- Plans for upper grades buildings

Faculty Update

- Very minimal tears in week 3 :)
- good collaborations for first 3 weeks
- Amount of Field Trips has increased this year



Committee Updates



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Site Committee

- We are continuing to develop a plan for new buildings in our Middle School area and developing a maintenance plan to support our buildings.
- Still need to fundraise for additional projects such as these.
- Plan for 4000 square foot building that will house Aftercare, Handwork and Strings so that multi-purpose room is back to be available. Will also include a library and bathrooms

Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice Committee

- The DISJ Committee has secured funds to update class readers, add artwork in the realm of diversity and inclusion and provide training.
- Looking for members to join. Ideally one representative from each class. Zoom one hour long on tuesdays- once a month. Would like one representative from each class would be helpful to integrate the changes for each class

Current Fundraisers



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Amazon Smile

- Just go to smile.amazon.com and register Davis Waldorf School to be the charity recipient

Nugget Markets Community Scrip Program

- Pick up a Scrip card at the DWS office, register online (<https://scrip.nuggetmarket.com/signup/user>)

Office Max

- Will donate 5% of your purchase to DWS. Provide this code at checkout - 70227060



Halloween Festival



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Halloween and The Protected Path - celebrating magic and mystery.

Protected path (Early childhood through 3rd grade) with a Angel guides. 4th , 5th and 6th help in path. 8th are the Angels.

Perilous Path for older children? Still TBD

Children dress up (but not in media or scary masks). Adults are welcome to walk the path with child and dress up.

Tickets for protected path and children receive treats/gifts on the path.

Tickets sales will be announced in Newsletter. This year will offer tickets to current parents first, then alumni and Friends of DWS.

Festival starts 4:30, Paths start at 5 pm. Festival ends 8:30 pm

Protected Path goes around campus. The festival itself including music/singing , chili and cornbread, and a fire is at the main parking area inside.

Park at the church or anywhere you can find.

Preparation for this event is an all hands on deck. Please see the signup genius!

Sign up Genius Live!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49AFAA29A31-2022>

Festivals & Events



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- Michaelmas (Fri, Sep 30)
- Halloween (Sat, Oct 29)
- Winter Spiral (Dec 1-2)
- Family Craft Day (Sat, Dec 3)
- Winter Concert (Fri, Dec 16)
- Auction (TBD Sat, Spring)
- May Faire (Sat, May 6)
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NOTES

Michaelmas - Festival of courage . Trying to change how we are being with the world. Transition to winter , and look internal and find forces of courage. Michael who helps subduing the dragon. As they go older they talk about what is the dragon in their life. The children participate in a play that includes all the grades. Cakes eaten together. KG makes capes and celebrate with a golden cape ceremony - speak about being a knight and to have strength and courage

HALLOWEEN - SEE NEXT SLIDE!

Winter Spiral - Darkest part of the year

Evergreen boughs are placed in the shape of a spiral - At first only a single candle lights the center of the winter spiral. Every person who walks the spiral of evergreen is holding an apple that has a candle, lights it using the central flame and then chooses a spot for their light as they walk back out. By the end of the night, the spiral's light expands. Very meditative/quiet event. Grades happen on Friday night and best to leave toddlers at home. KG Winter Spiral happens at a different night. It is a night of quiet reverence and wonder to look inwards and experience light in the darkness.

Advent is also celebrated in classes- honor every kingdom (stones/mineral, then plants, then animal then winter break)

Family Craft Day

All in Middle School Area and a day to make things- gifts to make and give in winter season

Candle dipping, beeswax candles, gnome homes, tin hammer, wreath making, marionettes made and show performed by 7th grade, wreath making . tickets fund class grade trip

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Winter Concert - Richard Brunelle Performance Hall at Davis High School- The 2nd to 8th graders will perform. A night of song. First graders love to attend and see their Buddies !

Auction

Full Belly Farm - Foot loose theme Auction (80's style)

Still Need Help to organize!!! There is one person co-chairing , Need someone to chair

Each class makes auction item to be auctioned off (Birthday Party organization, quilt Talent show at dinner party)

Can have Item or experience (2nd largest fundraiser)

May Faire

Celebrate and Honoring Spring Season. Lots of Rites of Passage- traditional pagan dance around maypole. Each Class KG to 8th Grade have a role. King and Queen or Royal Court (alumni usually Seniors in High Schools invited to be Royal Court) announce the Games to Begin. Puppet shows, vendors, bakery . Children usually dress up for this event and will bring play clothes for play after

Spring Concerts

8th Graders do solos or small group performances . Only 4th graders and above perform .

8th Graders Presentations - 8th Graders work on projects all school year - design a video game, breed pigeons, build a computer, etc. Choose something they are interested in and learn and then share with community .

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Festivals in bolded font

1. These are all hands on deck. Need as much help as possible. Many hands make light work!
2. These are on Saturday/Weekend days





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Community Talk Time



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BLESSINGS ON OUR SCHOOL