

DAVIS WALDORF SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL PACKET
2024-2025

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Welcome parents and families of DWS students! Enclosed in this email you will find all the pertinent and important information for the coming school year. **Please be aware that some forms and documents are needed prior to the first day of school.** Those forms are included in this email as downloadable documents or links to online forms.

We look forward to the new school year with you soon.

Jennifer Slater
Director

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 24

All School Beautification Day

AUGUST 28

New Parent Orientation
6:30–8:00 in the MPR

SEPTEMBER 2

NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 3

Warming Day– Preschool

SEPTEMBER 4

Warming Day – Kindergarten
1st Day of School – Preschool
and Grades
Opening Ceremony
8:45–9:20 on campus

September 5

1st Day of School –
Kindergarten

September 6

Back to School Picnic
5:30–7:30 in the grove

September 20

First Day of Parent Child
Classes

September 27

Michaelmas Festival
12:15 in the grove

Access the digital [DWS Parent Calendar](#) on the DWS website.
Access code is dws1986



Beneath the canvas of night's
embrace,
Lying on grass it was a tranquil
space,
Perseids paint trails in an
astral dance,
A meteor shower's captivating
trance.
Gazing aloft where stars
convene,
A cosmic spectacle a wondrous
scene,
Perseid meteors streak and
gleam,
Fleeting dreams in night's vast
dream.
Born from the dust of Comet
Swift–Tuttle's tail,
Perseids grace our sky never to
fail,
August's gift as summer's
nights unfurl,
Shooting stars a celestial pearl.
Each speck of light a fiery kiss,
As meteors weave tales of
cosmic bliss,
Earth's orbit intersects this
cosmic rhyme,
A meteor shower frozen in
time.
Resting on the grass watching
the sky unfold,
As Perseids shower wishes
untold,
In awe I witnessed this

celestial play,
Laying beneath stars of the
Milky Way.

-Neutralian

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!



All School Beautification Day

Saturday, August 24,
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM
On Campus

Come lend a helping hand as we get campus ready for the first day of school!

We will be gardening, organizing, and cleaning up our beautiful 5-acre campus. This is a great way for parents and students to either reconnect or connect with the campus and friends after the summer break. Join us for any portion or the whole work party, any time you can contribute is much appreciated.



New Parent Orientation Invitation Video

Monday, August 28,
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Multiple Purpose Room, On Campus

New families (and families who joined us after the start of school last year) are warmly invited!

The Davis Waldorf School is thrilled and honored to welcome new parents!

The purpose of the evening is to provide parents an opportunity to become connected, informed, engaged, and enlightened about the Waldorf principles we teach from and how parents can help support their children's education and development. There will also be some business to take care of – communication, volunteer opportunities, festivals, info from the office, time for questions and so on. This is an educational gathering not to be missed!

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The Back to School Packet includes
Key Information
Forms for All Families
Aftercare and Vacation Care Contracts – **Due by August 28th**
Volunteer Forms
Hot Lunch Sign-ups
Parent Child Sign-ups
School News

Key Information

2024–2025 Academic Calendar

CHANGES: Lunar New Year 1/31

Click [HERE](#) to view/download.

School Hours, Daily Schedule

Click [HERE](#) to view/download.

Administration Contact Information and Communication Flow

Click [HERE](#) to view/download.

Parent Handbook Policy Updates 24–25

Click [HERE](#) to view/download.

Parent Handbook 24–25

Click [HERE](#) to view/download.

Communication Handbook 24–25

Click [HERE](#) to view/download.

Parking Info: Pick Up and Drop Off

Click [HERE](#) to view/download.

Dress Code

Click [HERE](#) to view/download.

Accessing the School Directory Information In Blackbaud

Click [HERE](#) to view/download.

Smoke Policy

Click [HERE](#) to view/download.

REQUIRED FORMS (TO BE RETURNED)

Below are all the Back-to-School forms we ask families to complete and return to the office.
Please fill out all applicable forms and submit them to the office before **August 28th**
(unless otherwise noted on the form).

The contracts for June Bug (PK & Kinder) and Sunflower (1st – 8th) Aftercare
must be submitted by **August 28th.**

***Drop-in care is NOT available during the first two weeks of school.
A contract must be on file in order for care to be provided.***

Digital copies of forms can be emailed to office@daviswaldorf.org.

Physical copies of forms can be dropped off at the office at the front desk OR in the secure drop box to the left of the office door outside of office hours.

Summer Office Hours: 8:30AM – 1 PM , Mon. – Thur.

FORMS FOR ALL FAMILIES

Volunteer Information Survey

Click [HERE](#) to complete survey

Annual Giving Made Easy Form

Click [HERE](#) to view/download.



Aftercare & Vacation Care Program Information

We are happy to support working families by providing a robust extended care program. We offer 2 kinds of contracts, full year and adjustable and drop in care as space allows. **Three pick up times are offered in both our Early Childhood June Bug Program and our Sunflower Grades Program: 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30.** If your family utilizes our Aftercare and/or Vacation Care programs, please make sure to review the following documents to familiarize yourself with the changes for the upcoming school year.

- (1) [Aftercare Billing & Program Information](#)
- (2) [Aftercare Calculations](#)
- (3) [Aftercare Comparison](#)
- (4) [Aftercare Cancellation Form](#)

AFTERCARE CONTRACTS	June Bug Program Preschool & Kindergarten	Sunflower Program 1st–8th grade
<u>FULL YEAR</u> Aftercare Contract DUE August 28th	Click HERE to download.	Click HERE to download.
<u>ADJUSTABLE</u> Aftercare Contract DUE August 28th	Click HERE to download.	Click HERE to download.

VACATION CARE CONTRACTS	June Bug Program Preschool & Kindergarten	Sunflower Program 1st–8th grade
<u>FULL YEAR</u> VACATION CARE PACKAGE	Click HERE to download	Click HERE to download
October Inservice Day– October 28th	Click HERE to download	Click HERE to download
Parent/Teacher Conferences and Thanksgiving 11/25–11/27	Click HERE to download	Click HERE to download
Winter Break 12/30–12/31 & 1/2–1/3	Click HERE to download	Click HERE to download
February Teachers Inservice 2/18–2/21	Click HERE to download	Click HERE to download
Spring Break 4/7–4/11 & 4/14–4/18	Click HERE to download	Click HERE to download



Volunteer Forms

A wonderful part of being a Waldorf parent is the wonderful connection that is

fostered through volunteering and being an active part of your child's education! Teachers appreciate the help in the classrooms whether it is through sharing a cultural holiday, an area of expertise or through chaperoning a field trip. Be prepared at a moments notice by completing the necessary paperwork now.

Parent volunteers in the classroom must complete a Volunteer Agreement and must undergo a "volunteer level" background check. Getting a Livescan as soon as possible is highly recommended. Results can be delayed due to fingerprint quality or other unforeseen issues. A Livescan only needs to be done once for your entire time here at Davis Waldorf School and is required for all overnight field trips. In addition, getting Livescanned early saves the school time and money, as the volunteer background checks need to be completed each year.

Early Childhood Volunteer Forms	Grades Volunteer Forms
Early Childhood Classroom Volunteer – Immunization Form Click HERE to view/download	Volunteer Live-Scan Form Click HERE to download
Volunteer Agreement Form Click HERE to view/download	Live Scan Locations in Davis Click HERE to download
	Automobile Use Policy & Agreement Click HERE to download
	Volunteer Agreement Form Click HERE to view/download

Support our Middle Schoolers through our Hot Lunch Program!

The hot lunch program is provided for grades 1st–8th and is a fundraiser for the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to raise money for their culminating 8th Grade Class Trip. This ongoing work over three years helps the students build resilience and perseverance as they work toward a distant goal.



(1) [Hot Lunch Information](#)

(2) [How to Sign up For Hot Lunch](#)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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Vegetable Soup	Fiesta Bowl: Vegetarian	Chili: meat and vegetarian options	Mountain Mike's Pizza: cheese & pepperoni
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Parent & Child Classes

Our Hollyhock Parent Child Program offers a supportive and nurturing program for young families. The first 3 years in a child's life are an amazing time of growth that fill parents and caregivers with awe and wonder.



In our warm and inviting Buttercup Preschool room, classes are held for little ones and their caregivers. The classes are held by an experienced Waldorf Early Childhood teacher who provides a program that echoes the rhythms of the Waldorf preschool. These classes offer caregivers a place to connect, discuss child development and parenting techniques, create seasonal crafts and learn about Waldorf Education. These classes are offered on Fridays throughout the school year and are divided into seasonal sessions.

[Parent Child Class Registration Form](#)

Rosebud Wee Ones: 6-18 months Fridays 1:30-2:30 with Parent Education Course on Saturdays	Daffodil Toddlers Class: 1.5-3.5 years Fridays 9:30-11:30 with Parent Education Course on Saturdays
Fall Program 9/20-12/13 \$375	Fall Program 9/20-12/13 \$500
Winter Program 1/10-3/28 \$375	Winter Program 1/10-3/28 \$500
Spring Program 4/4-5/30 \$262.50	Spring Program 4/4-5/30 \$350

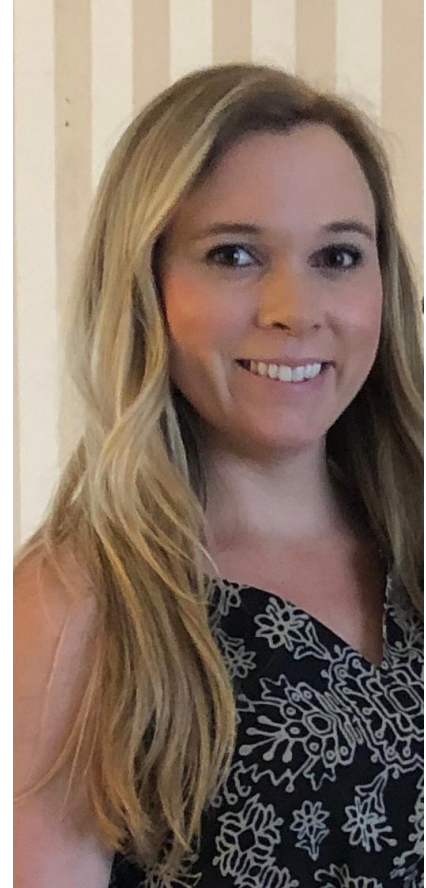
Welcome Marissa Wickboldt as the new Office Coordinator!

We are thrilled to share that Marissa will be the Office Coordinator!

Marissa has been a Davis Waldorf School parent since 2018. Beginning with parent child classes, she now has children in Kindergarten and 1st grade. She loves being involved in her women's philanthropy group and is an active Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) representing foster youth in Yolo County. She has spent 12 years as a flight attendant

where she enjoyed traveling and meeting new people, including her husband. She was born and raised in Yolo County and attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where she earned a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies and a minor Spanish.

Marissa loves to spend quality time with her family, traveling, gardening, old houses, and is an aspiring minimalist. She is excited to take on the role as the DWS Office Coordinator and looks forward to welcoming and assisting faculty, staff, and families every day.



Help us get the word out about DWS Write a review and and collect a DWS Sticker!

Write an honest review of our school and come collect your DWS sticker from the office! You can leave a review on [Yelp](#), [Niche](#), [Great Schools](#), [Google](#), [Facebook](#) or any review site of your choice. Send that same review content to Rachel Hilbert at Development@DavisWaldorf.org and collect 2 DWS stickers!

Strings Camp

About 35 DWS students attended Strings Camp at Cindy Toy's farm in the mountains west of Ashland in southern Oregon.



In addition to three strings sessions each day, the campers participated in theater workshops, trail building, pond swimming, baking projects and various crafts such as beading, tie dye, and clay throwing.



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