



INFORM



At the Lakota Service Weekend.

WALDORF ALUM SERVICE WEEKEND: 53 volunteers from our Waldorf community gathered to work at the **Lakota Waldorf School** in April, including current 8th grade students from Orchard Valley and representatives (parents, staff and alumni, alumni parents, grandparents, board members) from these schools: Anchorage, A Child's Garden of Thyme, Baltimore, Beaver Run/Camhill Special School, Chicago, City of Lakes, Detroit, Four Winds, Hawthorne Valley, Kimberton, New Orleans, Susquehanna, Westside Waldorf, WISC, and Youth Initiative H.S. Thanks to contributions from Lowe's Lumber, we built a deck, a play house, an outhouse, and a classroom loft. Many who could not join us offered items from far away, including gifts of hand-dyed silks from the Denver Waldorf School.



Work is fun!

This is the second annual service weekend sponsored by AWSNA. As happened at the Waldorf School of New Orleans last year, the

Lakota Waldorf School was transformed during a hard-working weekend. Staff from New Orleans joined in to "pay it forward" with us.



Lunch break.

"Pilamaya ye" in Lakota means "You make me feel grateful." This year of such fine publicity and continued resilience in the strong work in our schools is remarkable. Pilamaya ye, all parents, administrators, and teachers for your work, your commitment and your sacrifice to make Waldorf Education and genuine freedom possible for the children of North America.

We look forward to seeing you at the **WALDORF ALUMNI NIGHT** on Wednesday, May 2, from 6 to 9 p.m. at R.F.D. (Regional Food and Drink) in Washington, D.C.! All Waldorf-connected alums are invited, including parents, grandparents, teachers, and those who attended any Waldorf school, ever. Questions? Contact: alumni@princetonwaldorf.org

AWSNA SUMMER CONFERENCE: If you haven't already done so, now is the time to register for the **2012 AWSNA Summer Conference**. Keynote Speaker Florian Osswald will address this year's theme: ***Working with Young People – Answering the Call of the Future***. June 23-29, 2012, hosted by the Sacramento Waldorf School in Fair Oaks, CA. Link to a pdf flyer and registration: <http://tinyurl.com/bv323y7>





TEACHING WITHOUT DISTRACTION

The media flurry about Waldorf Education continues after last fall's New York Times article. Here's an article about the Ottawa Waldorf School: "No iPads, interactive whiteboards or flat-screen televisions either....Students here don't even have calculators. The only apples and blackberries used at this small private school are baked into pies that are cut into pieces as part of a lesson on fractions." Read more: [Why Waldorf Works](#).

ALUMNI NEWS: We're thrilled that the Brentwood Library in Tennessee features the artwork of Waldorf alum Troy Berrgren Lacey. Lacey uses the process of wet felting to make her original designs and one-of-a-kind pieces.



WALDORF EDUCATION EVENTS:

The Why Waldorf Works website lists events about Waldorf Education all over the U.S.A, Canada, and Mexico. Find out about AWSNA-related events [here](#) and Waldorf Education events [here](#). Send us your conferences so they can be included; webeditor@awsna.org.

AWSNA RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR YOU

FORMS AVAILABLE: 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 valuable tools can be found under "Affiliated School Resources" page listed in the AWSNA section of the www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org. If you need the password, it's *4awsna*.

*Here are some ways you can further Waldorf Education in North America:
Sign up to receive the e-news and on the Alumni Corner on www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org
to stay informed about Waldorf news;
find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/waldorfeducation;
support your local Waldorf school every way you can; use GoodSearch (instead of Google)
when surfing the web.
You can also support AWSNA on-line on www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org.
Thank you for your commitment to Waldorf Education!*

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