

# Inform

AWSNA COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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**DEAR WALDORF COMMUNITY,**

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you had a restful and rejuvenating summer and are filled with energy for the year ahead. We've received some great snippets of news from schools in recent months. If you are not already subscribed to our monthly enews, do sign up on [WaldorfEducation.org](http://WaldorfEducation.org) to get a glimpse of stories about our schools, Waldorf Education, and good education in general.

Together we can do what no single school can do alone: advocacy, participation in organizations like the Council for American Private Education (CAPE), Commission on Accreditation (CoA), and National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS); service mark protection; international leadership representation; publications and research; and being the voice for Waldorf Education.

Warmly,

*Stephanie, Melanie,*

*& Beverly*



**RENEWAL MAGAZINE IS NOW ONLINE**

We are pleased to introduce our new [e-magazine version](#) of *Renewal: A Journal for Waldorf Education*. By offering [Renewal e-Journal](#), we hope to reach a broader audience of parents and teachers, save trees, allow you to easily share articles of interest with your friends and on social media. It also allows us to better track readership, understand your interests, and to ensure impact. The e-Journal can be viewed on a tablet, e-reader, computer, or any mobile device. Enjoy! And, as always, we warmly welcome your feedback on *Renewal*. It is of tremendous value to our continued improvement.

**CELEBRATING WALDORF100  
with the "POSTCARD EXCHANGE"**

So far 1,200 postcards have been mailed to each of our schools from the International Waldorf100 world coordinating committee.



The "Postcard Exchange" is a project in which every Waldorf school in the world is invited to send a postcard to every other Waldorf school in the world, receiving in return 1,200 postcards individually designed by a young person, telling or showing us something of his or her country, school, or self. As the postcards are received, each school is encouraged to create a global map that gradually reveals where Waldorf schools are located all over the world.

To simplify the project, every school has been sent blank, pre-addressed postcards they can use. The right side of the postcard contains the address of the destination school. On the left is space for your school address. Students can design the main empty side of the postcard any way they want. The more individual and diverse, the better.



*Whidbey Island Waldorf School*

If you'd like to support the project with a donation to your school to cover postage, every bit is appreciated!

## ESSENTIALS IN EDUCATION BLOG

### The Importance of Learning a Second Language



Educators have long touted the benefits of second language learning for U.S. students, but its necessity is regularly challenged. Critics like to point out that language learning should be an elective, at best, due to expense and time constraints for becoming proficient. They also argue that English is likely to remain the international *lingua franca* of

business, implying that American students can rest on their English-speaking laurels. But there are many advantages to learning more than one language, and some are not just measured by business success. Read the whole article on [Waldorf Education](#).

And do visit AWSNA's education blog, called [Essentials in Education](#), in which we explore topics that matter to educators, researchers, policy experts, and thought leaders—from a Waldorf Education perspective.

We welcome comments and feedback, and we also welcome guest posts. Please contact Beverly Amico at [bamico@awsna.org](mailto:bamico@awsna.org) for details.

Please join us on social media:



## SAVE THE DATE FOR AWSNA SUMMER CONFERENCE 2018

We are already looking forward to next year's conference from June 25-28 at the Washington Waldorf School in Bethesda, MD. The conference theme will be ***Social Justice: Exploring Place, Race, Class, and Gender in Waldorf Education***.



## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Thank you to [Mercurius USA](#) and to [TADS](#) and to [BigSIS](#) for supporting AWSNA as members of our partners' circle.



## COMMUNITY WEB RESOURCES

[WALDORFEDUCATION.ORG](http://WALDORFEDUCATION.ORG)

### FORMS

Templates you can use to create your own forms can be found on the "Affiliated School Resources" page of our website.

### STAY CONNECTED

Sign up for our newsletter on our website and like and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Pinterest.

You can also support us on our website. Thank you for your commitment to Waldorf Education!

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