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THE waldorf
SCHOOL OF PHILADELPHIA

It's not what to think.
It's how to think.

The Revolution will Not be Downloaded

Mainstream education is failing our children. It forces us to choose between academics and the arts. Between free play and structured study. Between analytical thinking and creative thinking. But those are false choices. They result in an education that is expedient, but lacks substance. They leave our children empty and limit the brilliance of their possibility.

It's time to rethink what's possible. It's time to reclaim the future for our children. It's time to refresh our notions of what education can and should provide. Your children deserve an education that fills them with beauty, meaning and wonder. They deserve an education that's joyful, creative, thorough, advanced and substantive. They deserve an education that touches every part of who they are.

A Proven and Enriching Alternative to Education as Usual

Welcome to the Waldorf School of Philadelphia, a young, modern, urban, organic learning environment in the heart of Mt Airy. We provide a decidedly independent form of education that creates decidedly independent thinkers. We're not a school for learning differences. But we are a school for learning that makes a difference. Learning that inspires. Learning that endures. And learning that your children will treasure forever. Join us.

Why You Should Insist on Waldorf Education for Your Child

Though nearly 100 years in the making, Waldorf education remains the most refreshing independent school movement of our time. It was founded by Rudolf Steiner in Austria in 1919, and it has blossomed throughout Europe, North America, South America, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Russia, India, China, the Middle East and Japan. In short, wherever there are people who crave a deeper understanding of the world, there is a Waldorf school.

The appeal is clear; a synergistic, complete and holistic learning experience that takes the best of classical education and makes it relevant and timeless even now. It uses science to inspire artistic thinking, and it uses art to inspire scientific thinking. Each subject is intertwined with every other, providing nuance, context and deeper meaning for each. In this way, music, art, drama and movement are as integral to the curriculum as math, science and language arts. No other form of education provides an academic experience this enriching, authentic and joyful. It's no wonder Waldorf students are sought after by magnet schools and universities alike.

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A Sanctuary for Early Childhood Experiences

Playful environments produce prolific thinkers. At every age. The Waldorf School of Philadelphia creates a warm, safe, nurturing environment for young children to thrive. They explore the world around them. They develop key motor and cognitive skills that will aid them throughout their lives. And they experience joy.

Education You can Taste and Smell and Touch

Here, learning is both irresistible and highly tactile. Children as young as one and two learn how to cut fruit for sharing and roll dough for baking fresh bread in parent-toddler classes and in the nursery. In kindergarten, they chop vegetables for soup and learn to finger-knit with organic plant-dyed yarns, a practice that develops fine motor skills and teaches them how to recognize mathematical patterns. Their day breathes with a natural rhythm and nurtures them with folk tales, puppetry and community.

Elementary Education for the Elements of an Enriching Life

Here, citizens are developed from the ground up. From woodland explorations along the Wissahickon to a finely honed sense of community, our elementary school students are on their way to becoming stewards of both the natural world around them and the people in it. The roots of stewardship they plant today will continue to flourish within them for generations to come.

Making the World You Want to Live in

Waldorf kids make things. They make things from scratch. From the utensils they cook with to the clothes they wear to the textbooks they study from. And because they make so many different things, they naturally become creative problem solvers. Their ideas have purpose. And they put them to good use. Give a Philly Waldorf kid a problem, and he'll quickly think of all the ways he can solve it. Oh, and he'll have fun doing it, too.

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Mastery in Middle School and Beyond

Do you recognize your daughter? She's a fencer, an astronomer, a historian and a mathematician. She's a sculptor, an archer, a classical musician and she's conversant in another language. She can recite Shakespeare, write haiku poetry and describe the wonders of sacred geometry.

The Waldorf School of Philadelphia offers a comprehensive liberal arts education – in middle school. It's an uncompromising, yet unexpected foundation that will serve your child for the rest of her life. When students graduate eighth grade here, they have developed into critical thinkers with agile and penetrating minds, ready to attain new heights.

Take the Next Step

Ready to learn more?
Schedule a tour or attend an
open house. Contact us today!



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