



# DWS COMMUNITY UPDATE JANUARY 25, 2023



*In this update... Auction 2023, Fire Drill, New Staff, Vacation Care, Re-Enrollment*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January 25

Parent Council Social

@ 6:00 pm, MPR on Campus

Introduction the the Grades Talk

@ 6:30 pm, MPR

### January 27

On Campus Fire Drill

@ 9:00 am

### January 28

Board-Faculty-Staff-Parent Council  
Confluence

### February 1

Re-Enrollment Contracts RELEASED  
& TAP Application Opens

### February 3

Open House

@ 4:30 - 6:30 pm

### February 13

Re-Enrollment Contracts DUE  
at reduced enrollment fee



## After a Tempest

by William Cullen Bryant

The day had been a day of wind and storm;—  
The wind was laid, the storm was overpast,—  
And stooping from the zenith, bright and warm  
Shone the great sun on the wide earth at last.  
I stood upon the upland slope, and cast  
My eye upon a broad and beauteous scene,  
Where the vast plain lay girt by mountains vast,

**February 15**  
Board Meeting  
@ 7:00 pm, [ZOOM](#)

**February 20**  
NO SCHOOL - President's Day

**February 21 - 24\***  
NO SCHOOL - February Break  
*\*Vacation Care Available*

**February 28**  
Diversity Inclusion and Social Justice  
Committee Mtg.  
@ 7:00 pm, [ZOOM](#)

WEBSITE CALENDAR

DWS BLACKBAUD  
PORTAL



And hills o'er hills lifted their heads of green,  
With pleasant vales scooped out and villages  
between.

The rain-drops glistened on the trees around,  
Whose shadows on the tall grass were not stirred,  
Save when a shower of diamonds, to the ground,  
Was shaken by the flight of startled bird;  
For birds were warbling round, and bees were  
heard About the flowers; the cheerful rivulet sung  
And gossiped, as he hastened ocean-ward;  
To the gray oak the squirrel, chiding, clung,  
And chirping from the ground the grasshopper  
upsprung.

And from beneath the leaves that kept them dry  
Flew many a glittering insect here and them,  
And darted up and down the butterfly,  
That seemed a living blossom of the air.  
The flocks came scattering from the thicket, where  
The violent rain had pent them; in the way  
Strolled groups of damsels frolicsome and fair;  
The farmer swung the scythe or turned the hay,  
And 'twixt the heavy swaths his children were at  
play.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Auction 2023, March 25 Everybody cut footloose!

The DWS Annual Auction is fast  
approaching! Time to dust off your neon  
leg warmers and book your perm  
appointment. This year's theme is a  
celebration all things 80s and, more  
specifically, the movie Footloose! Join us



at the Full Belly Farm barn for a night of dancing, food, and an amazing auction. Tickets on sale soon!

Thank you so much to all the teachers, staff and parents who are helping organize this major event - but more help is still needed. **This Thursday, January 26th, 2023 an Auction Planning meeting will be held on Zoom from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm.** We will be working on our lists of businesses to reach out to and discussing the auction timeline. All are invited, and the more the merrier!



#### THUR 1/26 ZOOM INFORMATION:

<https://zoom.us/j/99370465779?pwd=eXR3L2FMK1RuU09yUnhBMlkwRGgwZz09>

Meeting ID: 993 7046 5779

Passcode: 9fPvSS

Thereafter we will be **meeting in person every other Friday from 8:30 am to 9:30 am beginning February 3rd, 2023** to follow up and check in.



## Fire Drill, Friday 1/27

This Friday, January 27, a Fire Drill will be held during the morning Main Lesson Period (approximately around 9:00 am). **For Preschool and Kindergarten families, we recommend arriving before 8:45 or after 9:30** as the early childhood classes will also be participating in this drill and may not be in their classrooms during that time.

## Welcome New Office Staff!

The DWS office is growing! Two new team members joined us after Winter Break, and we are so excited to introduce them. If you stop by the front desk, you will now be greeted by the lovely **Katie Mahoney** who has taken over the Office Coordinator position from Eden Tomich. Eden will still be working in the office on various outreach and organizational projects; she can now be reached at

[marketing@daviswaldorf.org](mailto:marketing@daviswaldorf.org). Also supporting our outreach efforts is the wonderful **Cheyenne Medilo Rada**, who has stepped into the role of Outreach & Events Coordinator. Read about the new team members below!

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## **Katie Mahoney**

### **Office Coordinator**

Hi, my name is Katie. I grew up in San Francisco, CA and come from a big family. I loved being from a big city and opted for something along the same size when I moved to Los Angeles at age 18 for college. I studied Child Development. My career in Education has brought me from teaching preschool, being a reading tutor, assisting in special education classrooms, and working with children and families in early intervention services. I have always enjoyed helping others. I have a son named Samuel and a dog named Sunny. I love photography, hiking, swimming, chocolate and road trips. I am happy to be here and join the Waldorf family.



## **Cheyenne Medilo Rada**

### **Events & Outreach Coordinator**

Cheyenne Rada is a Sacramento State University graduate with an English Literature degree. Born and raised in Northern California, she has always had a love of music, dance, art, literature, animals, and helping people. Between working and going to school, she always found time to tutor her peers as well as younger students. She loves working with students of all ages and strives to see the moment when material clicks in a student's mind. Her love for tutoring and helping people is what led her to Davis Waldorf School and she can't wait to help all of the students, faculty, and staff here. When she's not helping others she enjoys cooking, arts and crafts, painting, and reading.



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## ***Thank you, Jen Griffin!***

Alongside these welcomes is also a bittersweet goodbye. Early Childhood Director Jen Griffin will be leaving us at the end of January. Jen has accepted a leadership position at a new Early Childhood Program that is much closer to her home in Sacramento. A huge thank you to Jen for all her hard work and care. She will be greatly missed - both in and outside the classroom.





## VACATION CARE: February Break (2/21-24)

During the upcoming February Break, Vacation care will be offered on February 21st through 24th as long as minimum enrollment thresholds are reached. In order to secure a spot for your child(ren) in the Vacation Care program, you must submit a Vacation Care Contract (linked below). Drop in Care is NOT available. **Contracts for February 21 - 24 are due Tuesday, February 7.**

**Junebug Vacation Care Contract**  
Preschool and Kindergarten

**Sunflower Vacation Care Contract**  
1st through 6th Grade



## Re-Enrollment Starts Feb 1

### WHERE Can You Re-Enroll?

**Re-Enrollment Contracts** will be available digitally through the [\*\*DWS Blackbaud Portal\*\*](#). Signing your contract(s) will simultaneously register you with our online Tuition Management system. For detailed instructions on signing your contract(s), please click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#).

### WHEN Can You Re-Enroll?

- **Re-Enrollment Contracts** will be available digitally through Blackbaud on **Wednesday, February 1st**.
- The deadline to sign these contracts and ***pay a reduced enrollment fee*** is **Monday, February 13th**.
- If you **DO NOT** plan to re-enroll for the 2023-24 School Year, please contact the office ASAP at: [\*\*registrar@daviswaldorf.org\*\*](mailto:registrar@daviswaldorf.org)



## Tuition Assistant Program (TAP): Committee Members Needed

*Would you like to be part of a group that helps ensure a DWS education is available to families from diverse economic backgrounds?* The Tuition Assistance Program committee is seeking additional members to help carry forward this important work for the remaining and upcoming school year.

The TAP committee is a board-mandated group that meets on average 2 times per month throughout the school year to help determine awards for DWS families who have applied for financial assistance. Our immediate need includes someone who is comfortable working with spreadsheets and sorting through basic financial data. Committee work for community volunteers averages 2 to 8 hours per month. Having enough TAP committee members to manage the workload ensures that families in need are supported through the application process and receive awards in a timely manner.

Financial aid is a crucial part of our school's mission to make a quality Waldorf education available to all families, regardless of income level. We welcome and encourage current and alumni parents, as well as friends of the school, to serve on this important committee. Interested folks can contact DWS Business Manager Gabrielle Walton at [finance@daviswaldorf.org](mailto:finance@daviswaldorf.org) to learn more. Thank you for your support of this vital program and we look forward to hearing from you!



## Hot Lunch Order Forms

If you have not already, please submit a new [Hot Lunch Order Form](#) to the office ASAP.

For cancellations and changes to your order, please email [office@daviswaldorf.org](mailto:office@daviswaldorf.org).

Click [HERE](#) to download Order Form



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

DAVIS WALDORF SCHOOL

## INTRODUCTION TO 1ST - 8TH GRADE



Learn more about the magical journey of Waldorf Grades 1st - 8th from our incredible teachers! Adults Only.



JANUARY 25th WEDNESDAY

Parent Council Social

6pm - 6:30pm

Information 6:30pm

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

We will be providing a general overview of the Waldorf curriculum and how it meets the whole child - Head, Heart, and Hands

RSVP by 1/23/2023 to [enrollment@daviswaldorf.org](mailto:enrollment@daviswaldorf.org) or call (916) 715-7634

3100 Sycamore Ln, Davis CA

## Parent Council Social & Intro to the Grades Talk Wednesday, January 25

For our January meeting, DWS Parent Council is hosting an Introduction to the Grades parent education event **in person from 6 pm to 8 pm on Wednesday, January 25th**. Please join us at 6 pm **in the Multipurpose Room (MPR)** for light refreshments, to socialize and meet fellow parents and for an overview of the journey through the grades at DWS from our amazing teachers. There will also be an update on school related news. RSVP is appreciated but not required. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Confluence

**Saturday, January 28**

**8:45 am – 2:00 pm**

Location: DWS Multipurpose Room

Twice a year faculty, staff, Board members, and Parent Council representatives meet to discuss longer term plans, visions, and goals for the school. All DWS community members



are invited to participate in this weekend's confluence. Below is the agenda for the gathering.

**8:45** Arrive: Social time, coffee, tea & pastries

**9:00** Welcome & Connecting People

**9:30** Agenda Items

- Site Update,
- Auction,
- Fund a Need: *Gardening, Basketball Court, Other Ideas related to Summer Site work*

**10:45** Break

**11:00** Accreditation

**12:15** Lunch (provided)

**12:45** Mission, Vision, Values

**1:45** Wrap-up

**2:00** Closing



# DAVIS WALDORF SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



FEBRUARY 3  
FRIDAY  
4:30 - 6:30PM

*From  
Wonder to  
Wisdom*

*Integrating the arts  
and academics, our  
academically rigorous  
curriculum develops  
imagination and  
independent thinking.*

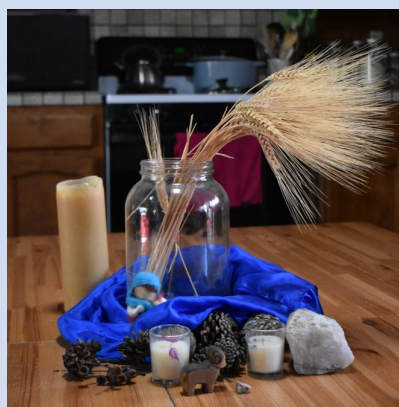
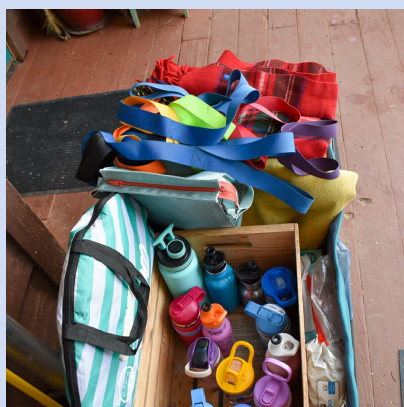
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## Open House, Friday February 3 4:30 - 6:30 pm, On Campus

Davis Waldorf will be holding an Open House on Friday, February 3 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Visitors will be able to experience the Waldorf approach firsthand. Walk through our grades classrooms and view examples of student projects and artwork while enjoying curriculum related snacks. Musical performances by our strings program will occur throughout the evening. **This event is open to all and no RSVP is required.**

For our preschool families, a 4:15 pm tour with Director Jennifer Slater through the grades is available. If you are interested in joining this group, please come to the Kinder Yard at 4:15 pm the night of the event.



## Parent Council Mtg

Wed 3/1 @ 6:30 pm

Join PC  
Mtg

### ZOOM LINK:

[https://zoom.us/j/98891094204?  
pwd=S21oZ0dWZkFKamtIQXF4Uk  
FGc1k5dz09](https://zoom.us/j/98891094204?pwd=S21oZ0dWZkFKamtIQXF4UkFGc1k5dz09)

## Diversity, Inclusion & Social Justice Mtg

Tues 2/28 @ 7:00 pm

Join Diversity  
Mtg

### ZOOM LINK:

[https://zoom.us/j/97048113640?  
pwd=aE9GNWx3akppbVZ4M1B3a  
2lrMWI5UT09](https://zoom.us/j/97048113640?pwd=aE9GNWx3akppbVZ4M1B3a2lrMWI5UT09)

## Board Mtg

Wed 2/15 @ 7:00 pm

Join Board Mtg

### ZOOM LINK:

[https://zoom.us/j/87689848411?  
pwd=Ujg1M044NS9Ea0VmdUJ4cG  
R5WkRqUT09](https://zoom.us/j/87689848411?pwd=Ujg1M044NS9Ea0VmdUJ4cGR5WkRqUT09)

## STUDENT SHARE



### Lunar New Year

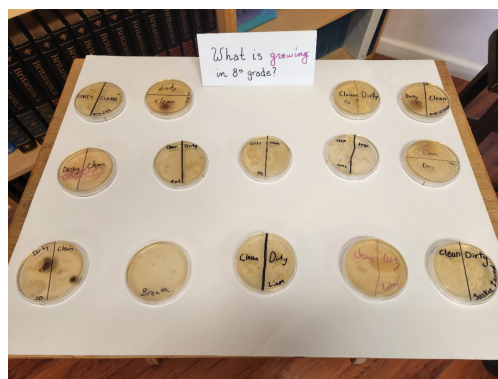
Lunar New Year is a celebration of the arrival of spring and the beginning of a new year on the lunisolar calendar. Celebrated all over the world, DWS has recently started incorporating this important event into our yearly calendar. Our students have been celebrating with crafts, food and, at the end of this week, a parade of color and sound to scare away the dragon Nian, who represents the old year.





## 8th Grade: Organic Chemistry

During their Organic Chemistry block, the 8th grade students conducted a controlled experiment using agar plates to explore bacteria. Each student was asked to observe the growth of microbes on their plates, make observations and draw conclusions from what they saw. The students then organized these conclusions into a narrative essay. Below is an example of one of these essays.



### **Is Twenty Seconds Enough?** *by Saskia Zavod*

Since Covid-19 hit our world, every child, adult, and elder knows to wash their hands for twenty seconds. Humans rely on soap and water to keep away bad bacteria and viruses. However, what is the difference between a washed hand and an unwashed hand? Is twenty seconds enough to keep ourselves healthy?

Bacteria and viruses cover the Earth. It's a fact that not all bacteria are bad for humans. But all viruses are bad; some bacteria are even worse. To prevent exposure to these microbes, people wash their hands all the time: after the bathroom, before eating, and after touching a particularly gross thing. From a young age, people are taught to wash their hands for twenty seconds to keep themselves healthy. But are we doing enough?

In petri dishes filled with agar, the eighth graders created two sides: a dirty side and a clean side. They touched commonly used surfaces to get as many microbes on their hands as possible. They then touched the agar on the dirty side to transfer the microbes onto the petri dish. After, they washed their hands with soap and water for twenty seconds. Finally, they touched the agar on the

clean side. The petri dishes were left to cultivate the bacteria for several days. Once the petri dishes had grown the bacteria, the eighth graders observed how well they washed their hands.

The Petri dishes were unanimously dirty on both sides. Some were cleaner on the dirty side than they were on the clean side and some were dirtier on the dirty side than they were on the clean side. This experiment showed that twenty seconds of hand washing might not be enough after touching a commonly used surface. Perhaps people should wash their hands for longer, or perhaps people should clean things like door handles and bathrooms more often. But, in the end, it's only natural for microbes to live among us. We can never be fully clean of bacteria and viruses but washing our hands may help. We will never truly know unless we experiment.

## CHALKBOARD CORNER







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