



Newsletter July 2020

Letter from our Founder & Executive Director



Dear Families,

Thank you for the excellent response and participation in our recent Facebook survey for reopening plans. We had over 100 participants! We value your feedback. One thing that Waldorf students have been known for, is their resiliency with whatever they are faced with. Steiner, the founder of Waldorf Education, encourages the use of positivity no matter what situation we find ourselves in. One positive outcome is that the current pandemic is creating an opportunity for us to come together and bond as a school as we work together in practicing the same identified 21st-century learning skills that we teach our students which include **collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creativity**. Together, we can model and create the best outcomes for the children we serve.

We know that some parents do not want to send their children to school in masks but also want to participate at our school when masks are no longer required or when the pandemic has subsided. We've heard parents also don't want to give up their place at the school to others who are on the waiting list. We are looking into creative options for this.

One of these options is to look into an online option for our school that families could attend until they are more comfortable returning to campus. We need to get special permission from the state for this as this was not in our original charter agreement. In addition, we need to assure we have the technological resources in place as the pandemic has created backorders of delivery of chromebooks and there are budget concerns for increased technology needs. We are looking at possible grants as well as options to see if CARES money is available for this, or possible business sponsors. We also plan to create a school survey to determine and assess what technological needs parents may have if we did an online option. If parents already have a computer or smart phone in place for online learning, then this will increase the likelihood of offering an online program.

For those who are able to join on campus, we have looked into masks with a transparent mouthpiece to better see the teacher for enhanced communication. We have also looked into transparent face shields that cover the face and extend below the chin yet show the whole face for teachers. We want to see if this option could be available for children as well. One teacher recommended we turn this into a fun art project of decorating the face shields and create a positive experience for face coverings with our school children. We are still collaborating before finalizing any plans.

Our school has other benefits that other schools might not have.

1. Each grade class stays together and eats lunch in their own classroom. We don't eat lunch in large groups such as gyms as other schools do. Each class stays together as a class rather than rotates to other classes with different students.
2. We have a comparatively smaller student body than other schools. We will have around 400 students whereas other schools have 650-1000.
3. As we are our own LEA we can make changes faster and be more flexible than other district schools might be able to do.

We are also planning in engaging in best practices of what other schools may be doing as well.

1. Our school and all grades classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned every day. In addition, we will have a designated cleaner on hand in the day, every day, wiping down areas.
2. We will be providing hand sanitizer stations, designated walkways, staggered entry, and exit to avoid large crowds, etc.

We have also contacted a local forest school to see if we can join forces to have more outdoor options. In addition, we are looking at other outdoor options such as local parks for holding classes as well as outdoors on our own campus.

We welcome your creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication as we work together to create our school opening plan. I have shared some of our ideas here in this newsletter and we plan to collaborate further with you. We will have another online zoom working and planning session for school opening on Thursday, July 16th at 7:00. Board Member Emma James, who is also a nurse, is the chair of our COVID19 committee. If you'd like to participate please email her and she will send you the link.

Emma.James@MountainSunriseAcademy.com. In addition to the meeting, we welcome parent volunteers to serve on this committee! This is an opportunity to work together and be involved with the school.

These times will not last forever and as we work together in a positive way and do our best, I'm sure we will be able to come up with a great opening plan that will best serve our students and school.

Due to COVID19 concerns of gathering in large groups, we are changing our Meet Your Teacher Picnic to an online meeting with your child's teacher. This will allow a personal one on one time to connect with your child's teacher and ask questions you may have and also for your child to meet their teacher. They will be reaching out to you and hold the meeting via Zoom or Google classroom. These meetings will occur the last week in July and first week in August. The teachers will be reaching out to you with further instructions.

We also invite you to join our parent online information meeting scheduled for July 29th at 7:00. The link will be shared via email and on our Parent Community FB group. If you haven't yet done so, please join this group to stay up to date on the latest news and to connect with other school families.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ParentCommunityMSA>

Thanks to our volunteers who are helping create our block crayon rolls for our students! We'd love to have more volunteers sign up to help prepare these for students! This may count towards your 40 hours of contribution to the school. We will be creating a place on our website to log your hours. We are also excited to share we have been creating a new website which should launch within the next few weeks!

Our new school building is progressing nicely. Asphalt was recently laid on the north

and west side. Sinks and cabinets in each classroom have been installed and the flooring has also been laid. We've included some pictures!

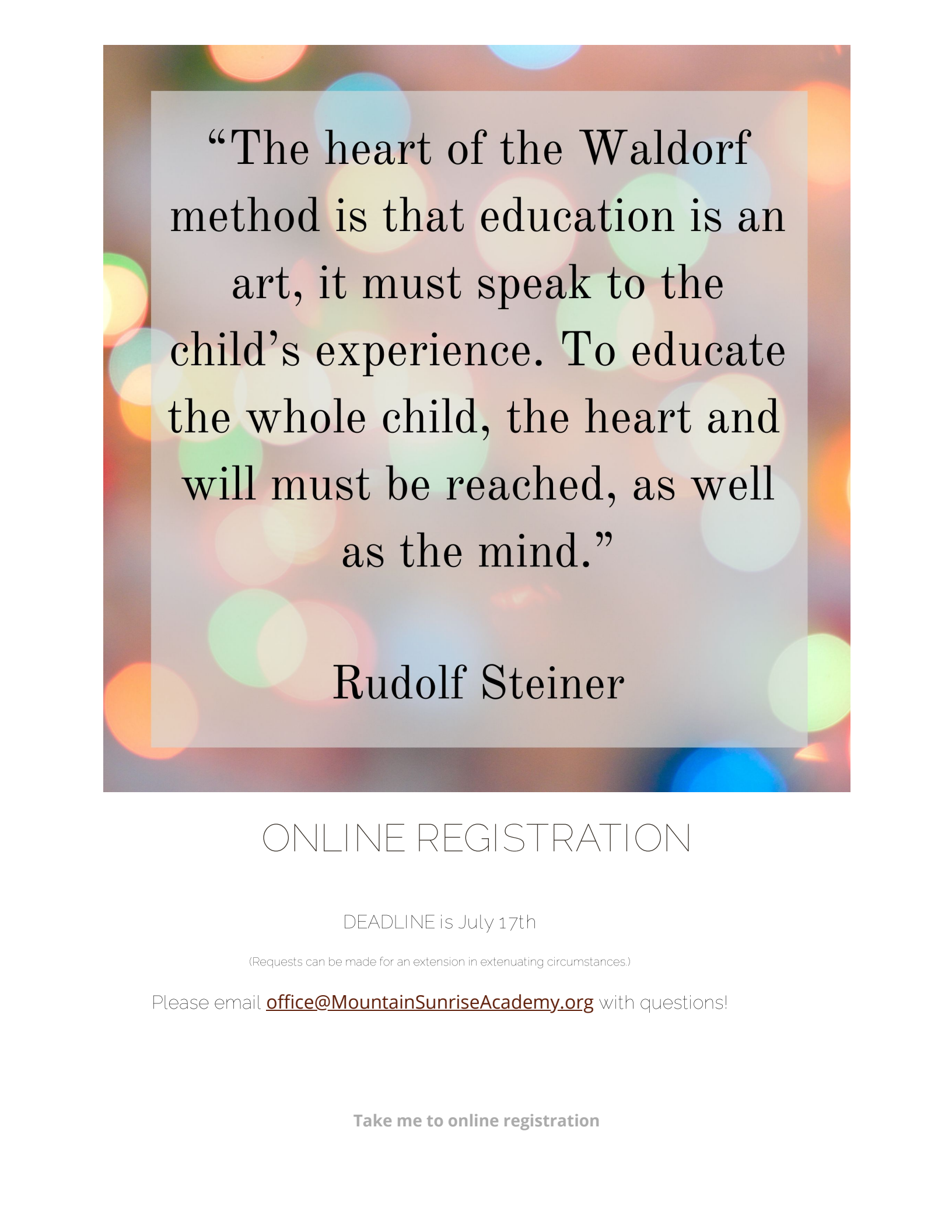
Online registration is due Friday, 7/17. We've streamlined it to make it a quick 5-minute process!

Lastly, we've had some questions about school supply lists. Waldorf Education has special supplies that aren't readily available to purchase at stores such as beeswax block crayons, beeswax modeling wax, wool yarn, a certain type of watercolor paints, wooden flutes, etc. In addition, other supplies such as watercolor paper and quality paintbrushes are expensive. As we are a free public charter it is not required for you to contribute towards this. However, we'll be asking for donations to cover the partial cost of these expenses. The more families that are able to participate with donations, the more we'll be able to offer the students at MSA. More information on donations will be forthcoming and contributions will be able to be made on our website. Grades teachers may also have some supply list items that are unique to their classes such as 6th graders working with the compass and square during their geometry block and teachers may also send out some items they'd personally like to have in their classes to be provided by parents.

This has been a lengthy newsletter as there has been much information to share. Thanks for reading to the end and also thanks for your involvement and contributions to our school! We look forward to opening our doors next month!

Warmly,
Krystelle Rose M.A. Ed., M.B.A.
Executive Director
Founder
Mountain Sunrise Academy

Volunteer Here



“The heart of the Waldorf method is that education is an art, it must speak to the child’s experience. To educate the whole child, the heart and will must be reached, as well as the mind.”

Rudolf Steiner

ONLINE REGISTRATION

DEADLINE is July 17th

(Requests can be made for an extension in extenuating circumstances.)

Please email office@MountainSunriseAcademy.org with questions!

[Take me to online registration](#)

Building Progress Photos

These photos show a classroom, the exterior of our school, and new asphalt!



UPCOMING!

DATES TO REMEMBER

GRAND OPENING!
Saturday, August 8
Save the Date!

SCHOOL BEGINS!
Wednesday,
August 12
Can't wait for the big day!

ONLINE PARENT
INFORMATION
MEETING JULY 29th
at 7:00

Information to join will be sent via email and shared on our FB group.



The image shows a male teacher with glasses and a blue sweater sitting at a wooden desk. Behind him is a chalkboard with a handwritten quote in cursive: "The world around us. We, as humans, both live in and form part of the environment. We are affected by our environment, but we also affect it by our actions on it and changing it." On the desk are papers, a laptop, and a stack of books. The entire graphic is decorated with blue abstract shapes and line art.

**OUR MEET
YOUR TEACHER
PICNIC EVENT
WILL BE
RESCHEDULED
AS
INDIVIDUAL
ZOOM CALLS
WITH YOUR
TEACHER THE
LAST WEEK OF
JULY AND
FIRST WEEK OF
AUGUST DUE
TO COVID-19
CONCERNS.**

SPOTLIGHTS



1st Grade Teacher Spotlight

Marta Barlow

My name is Marta Barlow and I'm going to be a 1st Grade teacher at Mountain Sunrise Academy! I'm SO excited to be here!

Mountain Sunrise Academy is the school I've been searching for my whole life! I believe it will fulfill my dream of creating a loving, nurturing, holistic environment for my students. I believe it will allow me to grow and expand spiritually, emotionally, and physically. I also believe it will fulfill the dreams of countless families, who have also been searching for the perfect school to help their children achieve a high academic standard in the best possible environment.

I've taught for over thirty years. I started out by homeschooling my



Board Member Spotlight

Lesley Lind, Board Secretary

Lesley Lind is a proud Utah native & local business owner. With a background in marketing, fashion & makeup artistry she has become an industry leader in her field. She is a wife, mother of two children & lover of the outdoors

own children. Then, I was asked to teach Grades 4-8 in a private school. I liked it so well, I knew I had to become a licensed teacher! So, I spent six years completing a Bachelors in Elementary Education, Grades K-8 and a Masters in English Language Learning at Western Governors University. While going to school, I was a substitute teacher and instructor in the American Preparatory Schools, where I also completed my student teaching. After graduation, I became a licensed teacher and finally got my own classroom, teaching 2nd Grade at Odyssey Charter School in American Fork! There I did my student teaching to receive my Masters. I loved working with English Language Learners! They are precious, beautiful children and hold a special place in my heart! Recently, I upgraded my teaching license to a Level 2. I love to learn and am always looking for opportunities to increase my knowledge and expertise.

In my personal life, I love to garden, grow flowers, and make dried flower arrangements. Additional skills are knitting, crocheting, embroidery, and sewing. I'm also a pretty good cook and baker! In my spare time, I like to paint by number and work crosswords and jigsaw puzzles. I adore being a mother and grandmother! I have eight children

and forty grandchildren, with two more grandchildren due by the end of this year!

I am very excited to begin this new chapter of my life!

GET INVOLVED

Sewing Project




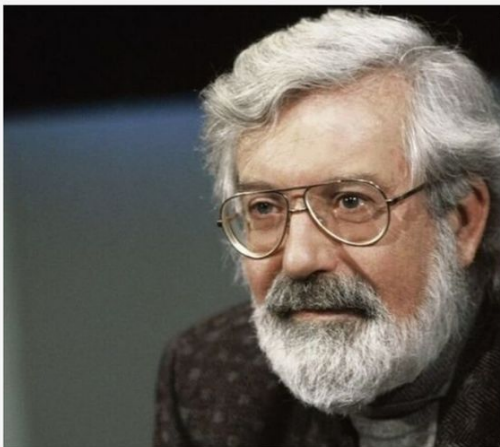
Our crayon rolls (above) are turning out beautiful! Thank you to our volunteers! We still have more kits to complete. These require basic straight line sewing. If you would like to volunteer, we would love the help! Please sign up below and we will contact you with more information!

[Sign-Up Genius Link](#)

To teach is to learn twice.

Joseph Joubert

 quote fancy



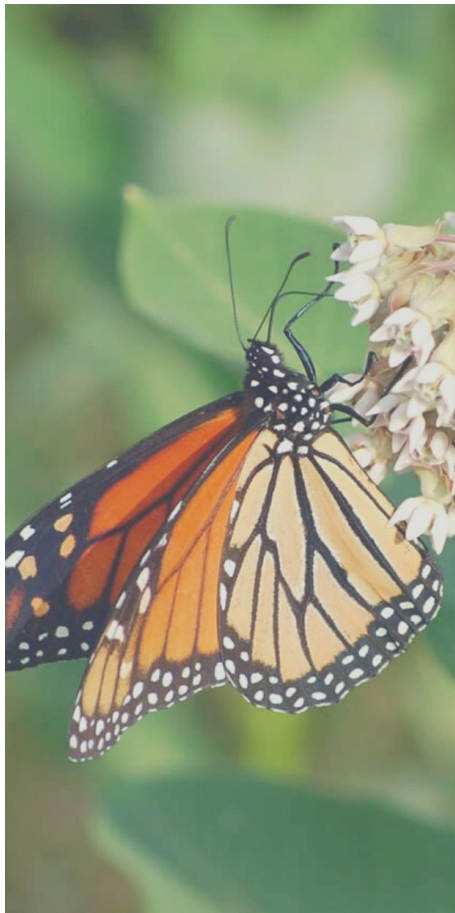
**I am deeply grateful for
Waldorf Education,
which woke me up and
helped me discover my
imagination.**

- Michael Ende - Author, Neverending Story

**“That’s what’s so wonderful about
Waldorf education. You’re exposed
to all these different ideas, but
you’re never given one view of it.
You’re encouraged to think as an
individual.”**

— Julianna Margulies, Actress





"It's peak breeding season for Monarch Butterflies!
The population builds with each new generation
and will reach its peak when fall migration begins
in August.

This fall, the monarchs that migrate to Mexico will
be 4th generation butterflies, the great-great-
grandchildren of those that left Mexico last spring.
Monarchs born after mid-August will likely be part
of the migratory generation. Get ready to watch for
signs that the monarchs are on their way to Mexico
again."

https://journeynorth.org/monarch/spring2016/monarch-butterfly-migration_july2016.html

If you are wondering what you can do to support
our Monarch Butterflies, here are 3 simple things.

1. Don't use pesticides in your garden.
2. Plant native milkweed.
3. Create a monarch way- station.

(<https://homesteadandchill.com/all-about-raising-monarch-butterflies/>)

For Instagram inspiration for gardens and monarch butterflies
follow @Deannacat3



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