

August 2021

Dear WSOC families,

We are happy to kick off the start of the 2021-2022 school year by welcoming our returning families, as well as the new incoming families, joining the Waldorf School of Orange County community! We are still riding high on the accomplishment of safely completing the prior 2020-2021 school year fully open on campus, and look forward to opening our campus again to all of our students in just a few short weeks.

Over the summer, many realms of the school have been working tirelessly together to ensure that our faculty, staff and facilities are fully prepared to welcome your children back on campus. During this process we proudly welcomed our new School Administrator, Kevin McDuff, to our community. So far, thirty-three new students have discovered this community, thanks to the amazing outreach and communications from our administrative team, with even more being welcomed this month. The Board of Trustees, College of Teachers, and Administration have been working closely together to bring life to the expansion of our Nursery which includes new infrastructure to the campus to be completed this year.

As was the case last year, we will continue to face changes with health and safety policies, and will remain diligent in thoroughly reviewing and implementing any appropriate changes to ensure the school can continue to operate safely on campus.

Open lines of communication are paramount in successfully building trust in our community as we navigate growth and change together. We are proud to belong to a community enriched with differing opinions and hope that we can continue our practice of empathy and grace in order to focus on our commonalities. We feel so grateful for the community of teachers, staff and fellow families that we entrust our children to on a daily basis. Our hope is that each member in our community feels heard and can feel comfortable reaching out to us with any questions or concerns.

We look forward to the upcoming start of the school year and hopefully meeting many of you sometime throughout this year!

Sincerely,

The Leadership Circle

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