



# BLUE OAK SCHOOL

A WALDORF-INSPIRED PUBLIC CHARTER (K-8)

## THE ACORN – WEEK OF JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2023

### UPCOMING EVENTS

01/03 – Parent Council Mtg.  
(6:00PM)

01/06 – Morning Coffee Sales: 4<sup>th</sup>  
Grade Fundraiser (7:45AM)

01/09 – i-Ready Testing Begins

01/09 – Equity Task Force Mtg.  
(3:30PM)

01/10 – Finance Committee Mtg.  
(4:15PM)

### SIMPLICITY PARENTING

Starting this week, Blue Oak faculty and staff will have the opportunity to train with Kim John Payne to learn about how to support social issues, teach emotional resilience, and build the foundations for behavioral support through a Waldorf lens. While our staff begin the journey of better understanding the methods he has to offer, we would like to invite our families to join us on this journey as well.

Kim John Payne, M.Ed., is an experienced Waldorf teacher, school counselor, and private family counselor-therapist of many years. Payne has worked extensively with the North American and U.K. Waldorf movements. He has published a number of parenting books, including his most well-known “Simplicity Parenting: Using the Extraordinary Power of Less to Raise Calmer, Happier, and More Secure Kids,” and has a podcast as well.

We invite you to explore these ideas and concepts with us as a school via whichever method is most accessible to you (use the link below to see all available options) to help our students and children flourish.

### CARD PLAY!

The CARD “Play” Activity Guide for Winter and Spring of 2023 has been released. If you’re interested to see what extracurricular programs and activities they have to offer, see the link below. Additionally, Chico Creek Nature Center has a number of full moon and new moon hikes scheduled in the coming months.

### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Hello Blue Oak families! My name is Amanda Hurd and I will be your new Assistant Director... A little bit about me... I have two little ones who are adventurous and keep me on my toes. We love to be outdoors and adventure around to see what we can explore and experience. A fun fact about me is that I have skydived multiple times and bungee jumped off of the highest bridge in New Zealand. Learning should be fun, engaging and offer a variety of experiences - I am eager to learn the Waldorf way and am so excited to join the Blue Oak family and get to know each and every one of you.

### KINDERGARTEN INFO

#### Kindergarten Parents –

In the coming weeks, our Registrar will be sending home letters regarding your Intent to Return for the 2023-2024 school year. Please be sure to read and respond to this letter once received so that we can ensure your student a seat in class next school year.

#### All Blue Oak Parents –

The Blue Oak Kindergarten Lottery is coming up quickly. If you know of any families who are interested in applying for a seat in our Kindergarten classes next year, they must do so before January 31<sup>st</sup>. The lottery itself will take place in February. If you have any questions, visit our website or reach out to directly our Registrar, Kellie Machi.

### BLUE OAK SPIRIT STORE

Don’t forget, the Blue Oak Spirit Store is now available year-round. Start the new year off with a cozy sweatshirt or fun t-shirt for you and your family. Check out the link below to see all of the adult and youth options we have to offer!

### SCHOOL VIRTUE: WISDOM

WELCOME,



Welcome the New Year,  
Let the bells ring!  
Lift up your voices;  
Everyone sing!

The New Year's beginning;  
Start it off right.  
Bid it good fortune  
And welcome tonight.

The Old Year is passing,  
But there's none to mourn.  
We are rejoicing;  
The New Year is born!



NEW YEAR