

How do we transform the notion  
of a traditional education?

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**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 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 Waldorf Academy, a young, modern, urban, organic learning environment in the heart of downtown Toronto. We provide an independent form of education that creates decidedly independent thinkers. 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 should you insist on a 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.



### **Elementary Education for the Elements of an Enriching Life**

Here, citizens are developed from the ground up. From woodland explorations along the local ravine 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 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.

### **Mastery in Middle School and Beyond**

Imagine a liberal arts education in middle school: discover a collaborative environment that mixes artistic thinking with scientific thinking.

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

Waldorf Academy 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.





## Consortium of Waldorf Schools

**Nestled in the heart of the Toronto, Waldorf Academy is one of six independent Waldorf schools in Southwestern Ontario.**

Waldorf Academy is the only independent Childcare through Grade 8 Waldorf school in Toronto.

Together with the following schools, Waldorf Academy operates within a unique consortium of schools that provide students with a truly Waldorf experience:

- Toronto Waldorf School, Thornhill, Ontario
- Halton Waldorf, Burlington, Ontario
- Trillium Waldorf School, Guelph, Ontario
- London Waldorf School, London, Ontario
- Edgehill Country School, Durham, Ontario
- Mulberry Waldorf School, Kingston, Ontario

Throughout the year, students from Waldorf Academy participate in seasonal dances, athletic events, musical performances and many more interscholastic events and activities with these Waldorf schools.

Additionally, Waldorf Academy shares its educational philosophy with over 1,000 sister Waldorf schools in 83 countries around the world, 19 of which are in Canada.

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## Parent Enrichment

**Parent involvement at Waldorf Academy is essential for a thriving, supportively-engaged school community. The educational experiences of the children and the community is strengthened through ongoing parent education and service opportunities.**

The school regularly encourages parents and guardians to participate in these enrichment opportunities which have included these and other events: Curriculum Night, Parent Evenings and Waldorf 101 Series. Visiting guest speakers in the past have included Dawne Macfarlane, Dr. Gordon Neufeld, Kim Payne, Kim Winter, Heather Churchill, Anthroposophical Society, and our own Waldorf faculty. Opportunities to be of service to the students and school meet all levels of commitment and time and can range from class play support, donations, pot lucks, field trips to class reps and board members.





## Come See Us for Yourself

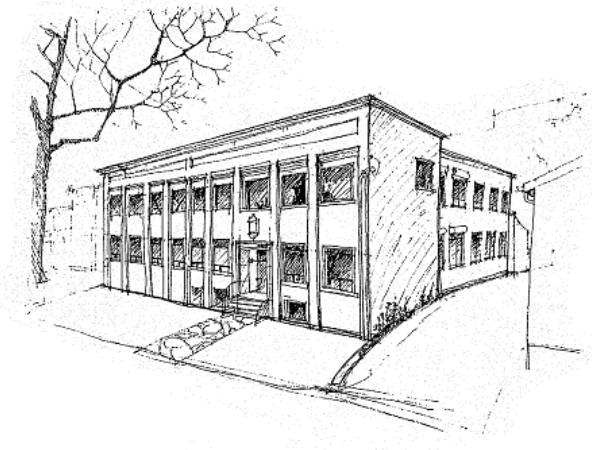
The best way to learn more about Waldorf Academy is to see to for yourself.

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