



VISION

The Vision of the Sarasota Waldorf School is to graduate students with independent and creative thinking, joy and love of life, and power and energy for work.

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Our Mission is to educate the whole child – mind, body and spirit – through a time- tested curriculum that balances academic subjects with artistic and practical activities, based on the developmental stages of the child.

Teachers are the heart of our school. Their profound reverence for each child as a unique human being draws out the student's inherent curiosity and love of learning.

Our students are nurtured through:

- A Waldorf Curriculum
- Inspiring Environments
- Waldorf-trained Teachers
- Committed, Active Parents

The outcome is that our students unfold their innate capacities, balancing:

- **Creativity**, with a mastery of analytical and critical thinking
- **Courage**, with appreciation and wonder for the beauty and mysteries of the world
- **Confidence** and self-esteem, with self-discipline and the ability to impart purpose to their lives.

DESCRIPTION

Waldorf education has a 100 year track record of success, based on sound principles and practices, which resonate with the new brain research completed in the last 15 years, regarding how children learn.

The results of Waldorf education include well rounded, excited and motivated learners, who excel in arts, science, mathematics and most important and most lacking in public education, the skills to think critically, independently and creatively. The experience of Waldorf education enriches the lives students, their families and teachers.

**The Sarasota Waldorf School
Donor Gifting Levels
2006 Sponsorship Packages**

Primrose: \$5,000+

- Display Banners at 3 major fundraising events
- Business Card, Ad or Logo on event programs
- Business Card Ad in monthly newsletter
- Free Attendance at all Adult Education classes
- Honored Guest at annual Appreciation Tea
- 6 Tickets and Table at annual Great Garden Bash evening out

Tiger Lilly: \$2,500+

- Display Banners at 3 major fundraising events
- Business Card, Ad or Logo on event programs
- Business Card Ad in 4 monthly newsletters
- Free Attendance to 4 Adult Education classes
- Honored Guest at annual Appreciation Tea
- 4 Tickets for annual Great Garden Bash evening out

Snapdragon: \$1,000+

- Business Card, Ad or Logo on event programs
- Business Card Ad in 2 monthly newsletters
- Free Attendance to 2 Adult Education classes
- Guest at annual Appreciation Tea
- 2 Tickets for annual Great Garden Bash evening out

Poppy: \$500+

- Business Card, Ad or Logo on event programs
- Business Card Ad in 1 monthly newsletter
- Free Attendance to 1 Adult Education class
- Guest at annual Appreciation Tea
- 1 Ticket for annual Great Garden Bash evening out

Lavender: \$250+

- Recognition in event programs
- Newsletter sponsor listing

Sponsor a Child's Education: \$5,830-\$26,220_

- Sponsor a kindergarten child for \$5,830/yr.
- Sponsor a 1st or 2nd grade school child for \$8,640/yr.
- Sponsor a 3rd grade school child for \$8,740/yr.
- Sponsor a grade school child for 3 years \$25,920 or \$26,220
- Partial scholarships available

Sponsor a teacher's education:

- \$8,000/yr.

Other event Sponsorship Options

Great Garden Bash:

- Sponsor a teacher's admission for \$50
- Sponsor a couple's admission for \$100
- Sponsor a 6 person table for \$400 or an 8 person table for \$600

Name: _____

Pledge/Contribution Amount: _____

Address: _____

Notable Quotes:

“We care that our daughters are surrounded by kindness and strength, intelligence and sensitivity...and fun. We care that they are seen and loved for who they are. We desire for them that they are guided into becoming more of who they are rather than being molded into someone else’s perception of what is “right”. These are the gifts Rosemary Garden gives to our family. We could not ask for a better teacher than Anne savage. Our older daughter is flourishing. So will, one day, our younger one.”

--Joshua Rosensweet and Jen Trujillo

“I chose a Waldorf education for my child because I think it is the most holistic, wholesome form of education available. Children are truly honored as they grow. The care a class teacher has for his/her class as the teacher travels with the children through to 8th grade has a rich, lasting supportive effect on the children who eventually become young adults and must negotiate their way in the world.

My child had been in the public school system for pre-school, kindergarten and first grade. He was pulled out of the classroom 5 days a week sometimes twice a day for therapy. He felt different, children chided him for being different and I watched him become more and more introverted. His demeanor was one of a very sad lonely child. Waldorf education has opened the door to self fulfillment, self confidence, and has empowered him to succeed and take chances. His creative juices are flowing; He now loves going to school. He is a very happy kid!”

--2nd Grade Parent

“After seeing how children in our society are crippled, targeted, and spiritually drained, I decided we must protect, preserve and cherish the miracles who have graciously chosen us.”

--1st Grade Parent

“The Waldorf experience is, in my mind, the best form of classroom education there is. It is worth sacrificing for; it is worth not home schooling for. The strengthening of will that happens in the waldorf-educated child is found few other places in our culture.

Contemporary children’s wills—which are defined as the ability to set oneself on the path toward doing, and then accomplishing—are generally deteriorating in our culture. But the will of the waldorf-educated child grows in strength with every year they participate in this kind of education.

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I was a home schooling mom of six children for fifteen years. We left the home school lifestyle so that my youngest child could participate in a Waldorf classroom. Though we used Waldorf insights in our home school, and while I deeply value the wonderful experiences my family had at home, I know that several of my children would have benefited greatly from the order and rhythmic beauty of the Waldorf classroom and community. Had they developed the will forces strengthened by time in a Waldorf classroom, they likely would not have struggled so in adolescence.”

--N.N.L, Waldorf Mother of six, ages 7-22

“The Sarasota Waldorf School has become part of our family...a home away from home for our children. We [my family and the school] enjoy a positive, nurturing give and take relationship. As a result we all grow, supporting and inspiring each other throughout the process. What I feel for this school is so pure and strong that there is no question in my mind that this is where we belong.”

--Kindergarten Parent

“We chose waldorf education because it educates the whole child – meaning the heart as well as the mind. Through a gentle, natural process that enables the true spirit and beauty of the child to shine through.”

--1st Grade Parent

“Waldorf education is not just okay, it is ideal. Where else are you going to find a school that provides instruction in 2 foreign languages from 1st grade on, instruction in all of the fine and practical arts and teachers who themselves are artists? Presenting all academic material in an engaging and artistic manner? At the Waldorf School all children’s academic and artistic gifts are unfolding in a balanced and harmonious way.”

--2nd Grade Parent