

Prairie Hill Waldorf School

Prairie Hill Waldorf School is part of the two largest and fastest growing non-sectarian educational movements in the world. Originating in Europe more than 85 years ago and currently celebrating over 75 years in North America, Waldorf schools provide a time-tested approach to education with methods supported by current brain research.

Today there are more than 2,000 kindergartens, grade schools, high schools and institutions of higher learning throughout the world that work with a common understanding and respect for the developmental needs of the child. Waldorf education has been honored and recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for its innovative approach to the central challenge of our time – the challenge of educating children.

Waldorf schools offer a balanced, comprehensive education that weaves together academic achievement and hands-on experience, including music and the arts – proven to enhance learning. Two foreign languages are added in the grade school. Waldorf schools strive to educate the whole child by integrating the artistic and spiritual with the scientific.

Early Childhood

Waldorf education for the child under the age of seven is an experiential form of education that explores the world around us. These experiences help the child to create a healthy and loving regard for nature as well as enliven and broaden the imagination. This imagination is later used in the elementary school and is the basis of intellect.

The young child absorbs everything in his or her environment without a sophisticated capacity for distinguishing good from bad, helpful from harmful. Consequently, Waldorf early childhood programs take conscious care to surround the child with a nurturing environment worthy of imitation as well as with wholesome and joyful experiences upon which to build life-long love of learning.

The Wonder Garden

In the Wonder Garden’s home-like atmosphere, the teachers gently lead the children through both practical and artistic activities that they can readily imitate. The children experience nature and the seasons first hand through daily outdoor play. Indoors, the seasonal rhythm is repeated in verses, songs and stories thus building the child’s foundation in the language arts through the oral tradition. Creative play is enlivened through the use of simple toys made from natural materials. Underlying all is a supportive daily rhythm which includes a nutritional snack and a small quiet rest.

- The Wonder Garden is geared for children beginning ages 2 years 9 months by June 1 and who are day-time potty trained (see below).
- A 2-morning program of Thursday & Friday,
A 3-morning program of Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday,
and 5-morning program are available from 8:30 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.

Late enrollment is available if space permits. Parents who wish to keep their child at home and enroll in the kindergarten for a future year, may complete an application and submit with the appropriate fee to hold a space for their child. Please contact admissions regarding this option or any questions related to enrollment.

Programs available leading to Grade 1 for 2007-2008

<i>Parent & Child Play Group</i>	<i>2, 3 & 5 morning Wonder Garden</i>	<i>2, 3 & 5 morning Kindergarten</i>	<i>Grade 1</i>
age 18 months by start of session to 3 ½ years 14 week session Autumn & Winter/Spring	age 2 years 9 months by June 1st	age 4 years by June 1 (with a few spaces for age 3 ½ by June 1 st)	age 6 by June 1st

“The best preparation for being a happy and useful adult is to live fully as a child.” – Plowden Report

Prairie Hill Waldorf School Offers

- The Morning Glory Playgroup for parent and young child together, ages 18 months to 3½ years
- 2, 3 & 5 morning Wonder Garden (8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.) preschool program for age 2 years 9 month by June 1 to age 4
- 2, 3 & 5 morning Kindergarten (8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.) age 4 by June 1 to age 6 (with a few spaces available for age 3½ by June 1)
- Tender Loving Care program (12:15-3 p.m.) for morning students, After School Care program (3:00-5:30) for students over age 4 and day students.
- A full grade 1-8 elementary school (8:15 a.m.-3 p.m.) providing strong academics, two foreign languages, integrated arts including a class play every year, sports and movement, music and strings program, with an experiential approach to learning.

Our Mission

Prairie Hill Waldorf School aims to educate children of all races, religions, and socioeconomic backgrounds. It is our mission as an educational community to prepare individuals for the needs of the world of the 21st century.

Our curriculum upholds the highest principles of academic excellence, artistic experience, and craftsmanship in practical work, while addressing the gifts and challenges of each student.

Prairie Hill Waldorf School is a private, nonprofit, nondenominational school and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, disability, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its hiring, educational or admission policies, financial aid, athletic or other school-administered programs.

About Prairie Hill

Prairie Hill Waldorf School is located on a historic 14-acre site in Delafield, Wisconsin. Founded in 1987, Prairie Hill serves 210 students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8, and almost 40 families in our parent-child Play Group program for ages 18 months to age 4. Prairie Hill is a fully accredited member of the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA) and is also accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement and the State of Wisconsin.



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