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Waldorf offers alternative education

The Waldorf school in Eugene places an emphasis on the visual and performing arts

By Jesse Sowa
Community Reporter

Parents who want their children to have an alternative education with a strong focus on the arts have an option in Eugene.

The Eugene Waldorf School, described as independent by its administrators, offers students the opportunity to experience things that many public schools don't offer.

The school, which includes pre-school through seventh grade, allows students to see what the performing and visual arts are all about. Waldorf will include eighth-grade next year, said Tiger Grinnell, the school's office manager.

Until recently, high school-aged students also attended Waldorf. The high school program ran from 1993-96, but it is uncertain whether the program will return.

Waldorf education is grounded in the life and work of Rudolf Steiner, an Austrian philosopher and scientist. The original Waldorf school was opened in 1919, in Stuttgart, Germany. There are

currently over 700 Waldorf schools throughout the world.

Through its curriculum and atmosphere, the school attempts to meet the needs of children at each of their developmental stages. Artistic cognitive and practical lessons are all combined to nurture the strengths and potential of each child.

First-grade students learn how to use the recorder, a musical instrument somewhat like a flute, and are also introduced to singing. Also taught in the first grade are German and Spanish, along with needle work such as crocheting and knitting.

Children entering the fourth grade have a chance to play an instrument in the school orchestra. While in the fourth and fifth grades, students experience woodworking and also begin physical education classes and eurythmy, a movement class.

Students are usually taught by the same teacher for the duration of their time at Waldorf, said Grinnell, whose children attended Waldorf. The teachers use traditional curriculum and mold it around their own strengths and the class as a whole.

"Each teacher takes [the curriculum] and personalizes that to the class and to themselves,"

Grinnell said. "One of the good things about that is you really get to know the group."

Grinnell said offering the students these different options opens up opportunities for various career and life choices in the future.

"We give them the freedom to meet their destiny," she said.

Grinnell added that many positive things come from the Waldorf experience, including a love of attending school.

"The dominant feeling among the children is they love to come to school," she said.

Parents of Waldorf students notice that the children are more respectful, and teachers see the difference in the classroom, Grinnell said.

Forty percent of students at Waldorf receive scholarships to help pay for tuition at the school, which devotes 25 percent of its budget to financial aid.

Interested parents with children in grades one through three can attend an open house tonight from 7:30 to 9 at 1350 McLean Blvd. Parents can also attend classes Wednesday from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Another option is an all-school assembly Saturday, Jan. 31 at 11 a.m. in which parents can see a variety of student performances.

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