



ashwood waldorf school annual report 2014–2015



ASHWOOD
Waldorf School



Photo: Lisbeth Whitney

Community Service: Ashwood offers a magical All Hallows' Eve celebration each year for local families.

Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand.

— Albert Einstein (1879–1955)
Scientist

mission and vision

Ashwood Waldorf School is an early-childhood through eighth-grade learning community based on the insights of Rudolf Steiner and imbued with a deep reverence for the spiritual nature of the human being. We provide a balanced and rigorous education, integrating academics with the arts, nature, and social values. In an atmosphere that encourages respect for oneself, others, and the environment, we build a foundation for lifelong learning and adaptability, fostering inner strength and preparing children to thrive in a changing world.

We are a school that values responsible decision-making, diversity, meaningful relationships with our community, and stewardship of the environment. Our work is supported by a dedicated parent body. Surrounded by the natural beauty of midcoast Maine, Ashwood students learn and play, both inside the classroom and out of doors, growing each year in their appreciation for seasonal rhythms and the world around them.

Ashwood welcomes children of any race, religion, color, and national or ethnic origin, and does not discriminate in admissions, tuition assistance, or educational policies.

from the board of trustees

As Ashwood's fiscal year 2014-2015 came to a close, we had much to be grateful for. Stability was a hallmark of the year—stability in enrollment, teaching and administrative staff, board, and development efforts. Our challenge remains enrollment, where we continue to make small strides. We can confidently report that Ashwood, now in its 29th year, is a healthy, stable school surrounded by a healthy, stable community.

Our all-school meeting, the culmination of our 2014-2015 year, highlighted our adult alumni and their diverse accomplishments and careers. Their appreciation for their Waldorf education was gratifying. To hear these young people speak so fondly and eloquently of their time at Ashwood was a testament to the work we choose daily on behalf of children and childhood.

With pride we report that the teachers, who are the center of our good work, received raises for the first time in three years. The board intends to continue this trend. Moreover, we were thrilled to welcome Marianne Böckli back to the kindergarten after several years away mentoring in China. Donna Wenckus, beloved handwork teacher, took up the leadership of our first-grade class.

In 2013-2014 we piloted a weekly forest kindergarten, and found it so valuable that we incorporated more outdoor learning into our full EC program in 2014-15. To support this effort, Mr. Kaczor's class, with the help of parents, built a lean-to that houses a number of the children's outdoor activities.

The transition to multi-age classrooms is nearly complete, and our teachers have artfully organized programming and curriculum to facilitate the shift. However, we now have only five full-time grades teachers where at one time there were eight, which means the work of many must now be done by few. This will likely remain an issue that requires thoughtful attention.

What's more, we conducted an exhaustive director's search at the behest of Jody Spanglet, our esteemed director, only to have Jody find that there's no place like home, and for the board to find that there's no one more suited or qualified for her position—a satisfying discovery for us all.

Lastly, our development efforts continue to keep pace with our goals. For the third year in a row we met all of our development goals, thanks to our loyal and expanding donor base. The Annual Appeal, Sparkle Auction, and Children Are Our Future Fund all succeeded in both the fundraising and community-building realms. We also mark a historic moment: we are pleased to announce that the intention of a gift given long ago to create a board-designated endowment dedicated to tuition assistance has now been realized. This endowment, once fully funded, will be a tremendous asset to our families. With almost 50% of our families requesting aid and the need steadily exceeding 3 times what is available, such an endowment is an imperative step toward a sustainable future for our families.

The Ashwood community continues to celebrate robust and energetic engagement on all levels, furthering our ultimate goal—to teach, support, and shepherd academically whole, spiritually sound, and mentally supple children who will go out into the world with confidence and joy.

Thanks to each and every one of you who have made our collective stability possible.



Photo: Doug Mott



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Susan Junge: 1948-2015

Ashwood was blessed to have Susan as a forming arts teacher for the past ten- plus years. Her dedication to the children of Ashwood and Waldorf education was deep and abiding. Susan volunteered her time in our classrooms and we were privileged to have her as a member of our community, sharing her grace and love of beauty with children, faculty, and parents alike.

Susan was a knowledgeable and dedicated student of the work of Rudolf Steiner. Her devotion to the spiritual aspects of anthroposophy lead to life-transforming study and meditation. May her gentle light shine as brightly in the heavens as it did while she was with us on earth.



Chalkboard drawing by teacher Lesley Finlayson.



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 City Drawers
 Clean Bee



Creative people are curious, flexible, persistent, and independent with a tremendous spirit of adventure and a love of play.

—Henri Matisse
French painter
1869–1954

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In-Kind Donations (continued)

- John and Tania Chandler
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- Christopher Moore Cabinet Maker
- Maggie and Jack Churchill
- Circus Conservatory of America
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- Coastal Children's Museum
- Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens
- Coffee on the Porch
- Colonial Theatre
- Comida Latin Kitchen
- Common House of Pizza
- Coyote Moon
- Daily Soup
- Dancing Elephant
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Tuition Assistance

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To truly know the
 world, look deeply
 within your own
 being; to truly
 know yourself, take
 real interest in the
 world.

— Rudolf Steiner (1861–1925)
 Founder, Waldorf School

statement of financial position

ASSETS

current assets	FY 2014	FY 2015
cash and equivalents	249,393	213,785
accounts receivable	162	
insurance refund receivable	—	
pledges receivable	5,596	1,122
prepaid expenses	4,610	6,456
total current assets	259,761	221,363
non-current assets		
property and equipment		
land and improvement	222,449	222,449
buildings and improvements	1,202,176	1,202,176
furniture and fixtures	116,066	116,066
less accumulated depreciation	(389,883)	(426,392)
total property and equipment	1,150,808	1,114,299
other assets		
notes receivable	3,620	1,620
investments held for long-term use		51,988
total other assets	3,620	53,608
total non-current assets	1,154,428	1,167,907
total assets	1,414,189	1,389,270
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
current liabilities		
accounts payable	8,063	8,536
accrued payroll taxes	1,293	869
deferred revenue	185,091	164,300
current portion of long-term debt	14,447	15,111
total current liabilities	208,894	188,816
long-term liabilities		
mortgages payable	582,179	568,498
less current portion long-term debt	(14,447)	(15,111)
total long-term liabilities	567,732	553,387
total liabilities	776,626	742,203
net assets		
unrestricted undesignated	564,388	588,210
unrestricted designated	52,269	58,857
temporarily restricted	20,906	
total net assets	637,563	647,067
total liabilities and net assets	1,414,189	1,389,270



You can't use
up creativity.
The more you
use, the more
you have.

— Maya Angelou
American author



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Grade Two-Three

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