

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**WCC NEWS**

Winterberry Charter Council Public Meetings are held at Winterberry on the third Thursday of most months. The WCC next meeting is April 19th @ 6pm

**What is Winterberry Charter Council (WCC)?**

Circus continued...

Angle, and Titanic poses. But they didn't stop there—8<sup>th</sup> graders went onto mastering the 4-Stack, the 5-Stack and the Class Wall where they learned that trust and responsibility to the whole group is paramount! Students interested in other various circus skills such as the unicycle and stilt walking took up great feats of balance while students who took up the diabolo wowed us all. Students interested in clown acting learned how to express human emotion in an exaggerated way. All these circus skills were attempted, practiced, and finessed to forward roll and showcase our Annual Winterberry Circus—all the while speaking in Shakespearian tongue!

Congratulations 8<sup>th</sup> Grade on a spectacular circus performance!

Thank you dear Lynne Jablonski &

Jennifer Porter for writing the Shakespearian play for the circus and for all your help producing!

Cheers, Ms. Alicia Besh Barber,  
Pedagogical Mentor

**Grade 7, Ms. Bennet**

We are currently finishing up our Renaissance and Reformation block. Inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's curiosity and enthusiasm, students are learning about, or how to do, something new. After stories of the great contributors to the Scientific Revolution, students drew charcoal portraits of the scientists. Michelangelo was brought to life as we lay on the floor reaching up to paint Adam's hand (fortunately this did not take us four years!). By the end of this week, we'll have created our own colossal Mona Lisa. History is full of intrigue, struggles and great triumphs.

Recently, the class spent a night out at the Eagle River Nature Center. The kids were spread out amongst the three yurts and one cabin. They skied out carrying their own gear, pulling wood, water and food, survived the night at -10, enjoyed s'mores, played in the snow and had the best time together. After all of that, several students raced in the cross-country ski meet the same day!

## MARCH VIRTUE: UNDERSTANDING

Dearest Winterberries!

Understanding is using your mind to think clearly, paying careful attention to see the meaning of things.

### Grade 4, Ms. Seiff

Alaska History and Geography Block in Grade Four: In February, Grade Four had a wonderful time meeting with the other Waldorf Schools for a Potlatch The Native Youth Olympic games were fun and the food was fantastic. Grade Four has been learning about the Regions of Alaska. Each region had an Anthropologist, Zoologist, Botanist, Geologist, and a Meteorologist. Each scientist researched, wrote, and presented information on his or her region. We learned how to draw maps to scale and how to create a timeline for the history of Alaska. A visit to the Anchorage Museum and having Mrs. Pepe visit our classroom rounded out the great experiences for our Alaska Block.

### Grade 2, Mr. Crawford

Second grade has been enjoying the epic folk tale, The King of Ireland's Son, as the story to accompany our math block. We are all enjoying this wonderfully engaging story of adventure, love, and layer upon layer of tales. We are also absolutely loving cross country skiing, and as each recess comes, more and more skis appear on the play-yard. It is grand fun, and very contagious! And then there is the auction project. We are knitting a thick, warm blanket, and every child is well on his or her way to completing their square for this offering to the Winterberry Head, Heart, and Hands auction.

### Highlights From Hybrid, Ms. Julie



corresponding grade, ask your student about: Grade 1: singing Alaska's Flag, Grade 3: Bad Bag (Hot Cross Buns in 4 ways) on recorder, Grade 4: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star on recorder, Grade 5: Midnight Snack on Orff instrument(s), Grade 6: Is Anybody Out There on Orff instrument(s), Grade 7: The Gift to be Simple on recorder, Grade 8: successful performance in December of The Gift to be Simple and J'ai Du Bon Tabac on recorder, audience being the 1st grade students.

The accomplishments are also accompanied by challenges; Mr. Lind's current focus is classroom demographics---since he travels from room-to-room, the furniture setup can negatively impact music lesson performance. Mr. Lind is ever-seeking respectful, responsible, and safe ways to adjust each room's environment and lesson plan(s) during music sessions.

Although this is only Mr. Lind's 2nd year at Winterberry, he has obtained a clear picture of what Winterberry students are capable of from both music classes and Winterberry community events; he feels fortunate to work with such gifted young musicians.

**Handwork Teacher, Ms.**

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The Winterberry Community came out to celebrate the Knitting and Crochet Challenge the first week in February. At least 80 beautiful handmade items were made to be given to Catholic Social Services. I am very appreciate of those