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## Re-imagining Our Year and Community

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the recommendations from various agencies on how to open schools this fall, the AWS faculty have seized the opportunity to revisit our long-term vision for our school. Many families have reached out with questions about how we are approaching our decision-making. Since we are a private school, we do have some liberties in how we choose to move forward. However, we are also weighing our decisions against what is recommended for the safety of our faculty and students' health, how these decisions will affect the emotional well-being of our community, and if they align with Waldorf pedagogy.

We are so excited to say that we are planning to offer in-person classes, 5 days a week, all year long. We plan to achieve this by utilizing outdoor classroom spaces at various locations, including at Magnolia, and rotating subject classes. We have had a few families reach out with offers of land that we may utilize. If you, too, have a piece of land on which you would be willing to host a class, please let us know by emailing [info@ashevillewaldorf.org](mailto:info@ashevillewaldorf.org).

Our ability to achieve this vision of our school depends on our community coming together as one. We are a community of varying opinions, family cultures, and diverse means of income. However, one thing we all have in common is the love of our children. If we can promise to meet each other with



dignity and respect, no matter our perspectives on current events, we will be able to provide our students a year that is full of life and learning.

*... A time must come in earthly evolution when it will be impossible for one individual to enjoy things on the Earth at the expense of another. As in a plant the single leaf or petal feels itself a member of the whole and shares — pictorially speaking — in the weal and woe of the whole plant, so must a future come for the planet Earth when one human being will not want to enjoy happiness at the expense of the whole, but man will feel a member of mankind.*

*- Rudolf Steiner*