

Dear Tamarack Waldorf School Community,

Over the past two months, most of us have had to stay home, leaving our regular routine behind. We have worked from home, taught our children, been deemed essential by the state. And while this transition has not been easy, the essence of Tamarack Waldorf School remains unchanged.

Many of you may know that in the past, Tamarack's name was "Tamarack Community School". The <u>community is still here, it hasn't gone anywhere</u>. Although we are not in the same physical building, nor can we gather for a festival - our community lives within our hearts.

Our community is still strong, and the current crisis cannot change the fact that our teachers and children are still connected. They are connected through the loving letters our Early Childhood teachers mailed to our youngest children. They are connected through the hours our teachers have spent, tirelessly putting together a Waldorf curriculum so your children can learn at home. Most importantly, they are connected through love.

The Board of Trustees at Tamarack Waldorf school would like to say "Thank You" to the community. Thank you for waking up early to get your child's lesson ready for the day. Thank you for supporting our teachers and having patience while they figure out how to bring a Waldorf curriculum electronically. Thank you for trusting that your child is capable of strength during this unforeseen challenge.

We would also like you to know that as we navigate the weeks ahead, we are committed to keeping you updated on any circumstances that may change the way the 2020-2021 school year may look like based on standards from the state, the Department of Public Instruction and the Center for Disease Control. Please know that we are committed to the safety of everyone at Tamarack Waldorf School and will adhere to these regulations in order to begin planning for school in the fall. We are committed to bringing you the best possible Waldorf education in the city of Milwaukee. We are committed to our community.

We ask that you continue supporting your child's education even though it is difficult. Please keep yourself updated on any information sent out by Administration through Parent Square and continue to keep the lines of communication open with your child's class teacher.

There are many unknowns, now more than ever. But, if we can look at our children and know that they are being held by the community of parents and teachers at Tamarack Waldorf School, there is a light in the darkness. A light that shines long after a child has left the walls of our building. A light that outshines any difficult situation.

Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees at Tamarack Waldorf School