



CEDAR BRIDGE SCHOOL
KINDERHOUSE

ELEMENTARY HOMESCHOOL GROUP

PROGRAM INFORMATION 2010/2011

Our Waldorf Inspired Elementary Homeschool Program is for Grades One , Two and Four. We are two parents who have committed to homeschooling our children and we invite other families to join our intimate learning group.

The program runs Monday through Thursday mornings, 8:00am to 1:00pm, from September to June, in the Cedar Bridge School building. We offer a comprehensive academic, artistic, and physical education program that is presented in a supportive, structured and non-competitive environment. We follow the curriculum as indicated by Rudolph Steiner and the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America.

Rudolph Steiner was a pioneer in the field of developmentally based, age-appropriate learning. He sought to develop a balanced education for the “whole child”, one which would engage the child’s thinking, feeling and willing (doing): an education for the head, heart and hands. From early childhood through high school, Waldorf educators teach according to the changing inner development of the child

**“The true aim of education is
to awaken real powers of
perception and judgement in
relation to life and living. ”**

RUDOLPH STEINER

The uniqueness of the Waldorf curriculum lies primarily in how and when the children are taught. Perception, feeling, concept: these are the three steps in a learning process that prepares the intellect for the abstract and conceptual thinking which will become possible later, in adolescence.

The morning main lesson, a two-hour period, starts each school day. Each core subject (math, ancient cultures, geography...) is taught for a three to five week block of time. The lesson can delve into each subject in-depth and has the opportunity to enhance these topics with poetry, painting, modeling and drama. Intellectual learning is always combined with artistic, rhythmical and practical work. The uninterrupted, two-hour main lesson is the academic cornerstone upon which the day is built. It encourages the child to become absorbed in, even saturated with, his subject when presented in this type of block structure.

The extra lessons make up the rest of the morning. These include subjects requiring regular repetition in shorter lessons (foreign languages, for example) and activities that are more social in nature; games and sports, painting, handwork and gardening.

Lessons are taught directly by the tutor, rather than via textbooks or computers. The subject matter comes alive through the teachings of the tutor. The children make their own books for each subject, recording and illustrating the substance of their lessons. These books, often artistic and beautiful, are an important way by which art is integrated into every subject.

Included in our weekly rhythm are nature walks through the forest and grounds, and visits to the nearby farm. Festivals, as well as children's birthdays, are celebrated throughout the year, creating treasured memories.

Parents are invited to build their knowledge about Waldorf education and child development through joining the Study Group at Cedar Bridge School. Families are welcome to participate in all events at Cedar Bridge School such as festivals and gatherings as involvement in these activities is an integral part of our work.

PROGRAMS & FEES

Administration Fee

\$75.00

The administration fee is passed on to The Bridge Educational Society, allowing our program to operate within the Cedar Bridge School building. It is to be paid upon registration and is non-refundable.

Supply Fee

\$200.00

approximately

School supplies will be ordered through the Homeschool Group if registered before May 31st and the **supply fee must be paid by May 31st**. Any remaining funds will be refunded at the end of the year. Late registering families are responsible for acquiring their own supplies. A supply list will be provided along with sources to acquire the materials.

Some extra supply costs may arise for additional projects upon negotiation.

Grade 1

\$350.00

monthly

Grade 2

\$350.00

monthly

Grade 4

\$350.00

monthly

We request an annual contractual commitment and an initial meeting of the tutor with the parent(s) and child is part of the registration process.

Tuition may be paid annually or monthly over a period of 10 months, cash being the preferred method of payment. Post-dated cheques will be requested after three months of late payments. Monthly payments are due on the first day of each month. An interest charge of 2% per month may be applied to outstanding amounts after 30 days. Payment may be made by cheque or cash. It is expected that accounts will be paid on time. Overdue accounts put undue stress on the operation and finances of the program. In order to plan and maintain services over the entire 10-month period it is essential that the revenue from fees be assured. For this reason, students are enrolled for the entire program time or such portion as may remain after the date of entrance. The fact that the fee is paid in instalments does not constitute a fractional contract.

WITHDRAWAL

The financial contract commences on September 1. After the commencement of classes we request notice of intent to withdraw. This is to give the class and the tutor a chance to say goodbye. There are no refunds available for mid-month withdrawals. This applies whether the student is withdrawn by parents or dismissed by the school. In the event of a withdrawal, the student may take any personalized school supplies with them. All other supplies shared by the class are to remain with the class and no refund is available for them.

THE TUTORS

Rubeena Sandhu has a Bachelor of Fine Arts and is currently enrolled in her third year of the Waldorf Elementary Teacher Training with the West Coast Institute for Anthroposophy. Rubeena will be leading the children in Class Four and Extra Lessons for Class Two. To speak with her directly regarding program specifics please call 250-260-6098.

Emily Hladych has a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and is also currently enrolled in her third year with the Waldorf Elementary Teacher Training with the West Coast Institute for Anthroposophy. Emily will be leading the children in Class One and Main Lesson of Class Two. To speak with her directly regarding program specifics please call 250-547-9351.

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Families are welcome to join The Bridge Educational Society, the non-profit society that provides the opportunities for anthroposophical activities to occur in Cedar Bridge School Kinderhouse. The Bridge Educational Society and Cedar Bridge School is a New Initiative Member to the Waldorf Early Childhood Association of North America. Membership includes an annual subscription to the publication on Waldorf education "Renewal" and one vote at the AGM held in October. A second subsequent membership may be held by a family member at an additional minimal cost to allow two votes for the family.