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**A new year has started** for many and will start soon for many more... Welcome back to a new school year and thank you for the efforts you make for the children given to our care now and for the future! These days are so fraught with many issues and distractions, and these times in which we live are very demanding. All the efforts we make, and the joy we bring to making those efforts, instruct our children. Enormous gratitude from us here at AWSNA goes out to you all for your golden schools – even those in the midst of seemingly insurmountable difficulties.



The **Service Weekend on the Pine Ridge Reservation** in South Dakota at the Lakota Waldorf School (LWS) and the Oglala Lakota College (OLC) is set for April 19-22, 2012. Save the dates and join us there! Our success in New Orleans serves as a light to lead us to the next place where our help can make a substantial difference. Watch the AWSNA “official site” on Facebook for more information or sign up to receive our monthly e-update

on [www.whywaldorfworks.com](http://www.whywaldorfworks.com). But start your plans now! The Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort is the place to stay, unless you are of remarkable stamina and want to stay in the tipis at the school’s Tipi Camp. Both are possibilities and the experience promises to be rich and effective in its help.

**AWSNA is the steward** of the names of “Waldorf” and “Steiner” Education. This responsibility is ably managed by Frances Kane and requires vigilance and a compassionate firmness in explaining to the world (and to many individuals) the importance of protecting the names and the meaning of the names, especially in cases in which individuals are earning income from the use of the name. These examples are abundant and range from the simple (one man was selling Papyrus-making kits on the internet and claiming that using these is “doing” Waldorf Education!) to the very complex. There are those who might claim that the term is already generic – even those who work to make it so – but this is not the case. Clarity and communication ensures that the integrity of these terms remains strong. You can help by reporting violations to AWSNA, attention Frances Kane, when you come upon them. AWSNA works closely with the Waldorf School Association of Ontario (WSAO) that holds the marks in Canada.

**AWSNA’s Annual Summer Conference**, graciously hosted by the Waldorf School of Garden City, was a great success, with a record attendance of 334 teachers, administrators, and board members from our schools – from Mexico to Canada! Dr. Peter Selg delivered seven (also a record) lectures on adolescence that started with “Unborn-ness.” Everything he said was thorough and engaging. Idealism, love, relationship, and service are a few thoughts about adolescence upon which Dr. Selg touched.

**As a Member School of AWSNA**, your school enjoys “Strength through Collaboration” with 166 Waldorf Schools and Institutes in North America and over 1,000 globally. Together we do what no single school can do alone: Publications; research; participation in national organizations like the Council for American Private Education (CAPE); service mark protection; international leadership representation; and the “voice” for Waldorf Education.

