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SUMMER INSTITUTE

Calling all **Waldorf teachers**! Are you ready to embark on an inspirational week-long journey to enhance your teaching practice & heighten your understanding of Waldorf Education?

Look no further than the **OCS Summer Institute**.

The **OCS Summer Institute** is a dynamic week-long experience designed to inspire **Waldorf teachers** in all settings.

Prepare for the year ahead while delving deeper into the core principles of Waldorf Education.

Participants will enjoy:

- **Artistic exploration** through drawing, painting, music, & movement.
- Insights and resources for **Non-Eurocentric Main Lesson blocks**.
- Enlightening lectures covering the developmental arc of Waldorf Education, temperaments, Waldorf rigor, strategies for working with parents, and nurturing your inner growth as a Waldorf teacher.
- **Collaboration and connection** with fellow grade-level teachers.

Don't miss this opportunity to revitalize your Waldorf teaching practice and embark on a journey of professional growth and inspiration.

Session Dates:

Week 1: June 17-June 21 - TK/K, Grades 3, 5, 6

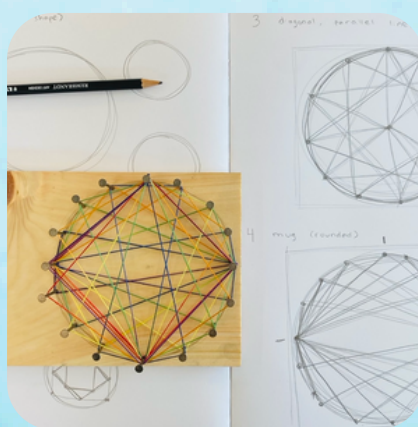
Week 2: June 24-June 28 - Grades 1, 2, 4, 7

8:00 am-3:00 pm

Cost includes coffee, tea & lunch.

Location: Ocean Charter School

12870 Panama St, Los Angeles, Ca. 90066



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TK/K LEAD: ANJUM MIR

For over 20 years, Anjum Mir has been supporting parents in establishing healthy home rhythms. Her teaching experience has taken her from public and private school to Waldorf Education, which she discovered while looking for an educational system that honored the development and spiritual well-being of her first child. Most recently, Anjum, a mother of four, facilitated parent-child classes and served in pedagogical administration at the Westside Waldorf school in Los Angeles. She continues in birth-three focused work, offering workshops, seminars, and consultations for parents of children through middle school. She is on the board of WECAN and a member of its IDEA Committee and works with several other education-focused organizations. She is also currently involved in teacher education and training.



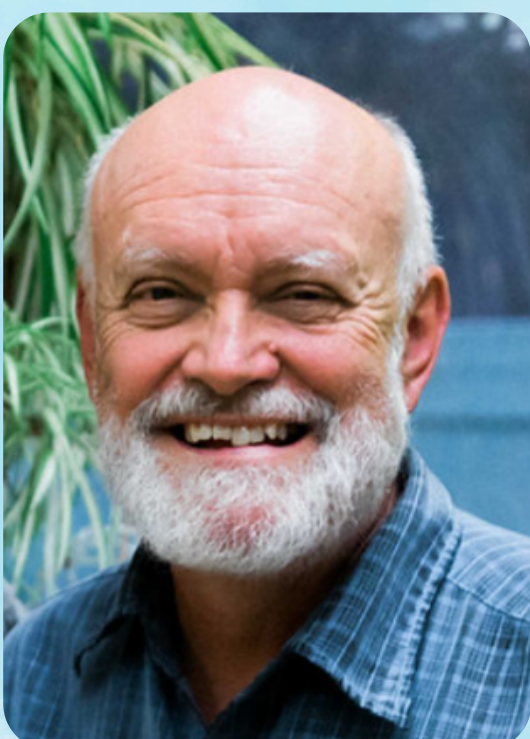
1ST - 3RD GRADES LEAD: BONNIE RIVER

Bonnie has been a Waldorf Educator for over 50 years and has worked and taught at all levels from early childhood, through the grades and into high school. She is a founder of Gradalis, a Waldorf Teacher Training Institute and has taught in many areas of the trainings. Her love is fostering a teacher's relationship to the children and mentoring active teachers along their way. She is a main contributor to the Gradalis Waldorf Curriculum Frameworks and enjoys guiding teachers in understanding how to embed standards within the Main Lesson and single subject lessons. Bonnie holds a California Teaching Credential, a masters in curriculum and instruction and masters in educational leadership.



4TH GRADE LEAD: TOMASA MENDOZA

Tomasa Mendoza is a class teacher who has been working with children and their families in a public Waldorf setting at Ocean Charter School for over 15 years. She has a Waldorf Teaching Certificate from the Rudolf Steiner Teacher Training Program and has looped through four classes, teaching grades fourth through eighth. In addition to her class teacher role, Tomasa also works as a mentor teacher, guiding new teachers through their first years in public Waldorf education. In her free time, Tomasa enjoys being in the sunshine and spending time with her family.



5TH GRADE LEAD: DENNIS DEMANET

Dennis started his teaching career in England, and took his first class there, from 1976-1984. He completed his teacher training there also, from 1974-1976. Honolulu was his next stop, where he taught from 1984-1989. Then he moved to Pine Hill in NH, where he stayed for 8 years. He's been in Pasadena, California since 1997. Presently, he is retired from teaching, but still works mentoring teachers. Gardening takes up the rest of his time, enjoying the work but also the broccoli, lettuce, kale and so on!

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6TH - 7TH GRADES LEAD: BRENAN YACK

Brenan Yack has been a Waldorf teacher at OCS for 7 years, predominantly working in the upper grades. Brenan is a Waldorf "lifer"! She attended Highland Hall Waldorf School for 12 years. She went on to earn her BA from CSUN with a major in Liberal Studies, two minors in Theater and Religious Studies, and concurrently, she earned her Waldorf certification at WISC. Brenan earned her Master of Arts degree in Religious Studies with an emphasis on pedagogy. She also holds a CA teaching credential from CalStateTEACH. Brenan has greatly enjoyed contributing to PD sessions at OCS on Steiner's Six Basic Exercises and his work with the Temperaments, collaborating with colleagues to create a culturally relevant Anti-Bias/Anti-Racist curriculum for students and training for OCS faculty.



ARTS LEAD: ANIA KUBIK

Ania Kubik has been teaching in independent Waldorf schools in Southern CA for 20 years as a class teacher, handwork teacher and art specialist, and is currently mentoring teachers and teaching music and art at Waldorf-inspired Ocean Charter School in LA. She earned her Bachelor of Art degree in sculpture from Virginia Commonwealth University and her Waldorf certificate at WISC. She has been a faculty member at WISC, teaching art to teacher education students since 2011 and recorder since 2020. Her mission is to guide students in making discoveries and allowing themselves to be joyfully artistic through self acceptance, as well as gaining skill and developmental understanding through manual projects imbued with beauty, imagination and meaning. Ania grew up sailing and hiking in the Thousand Islands of the Saint Lawrence Seaway, continues to enjoy outdoor recreation with family and friends and is proud to be descended from parents who were refugees from Poland during World War II and later immigrated to the USA.



MUSIC LEAD: CAROL ANN DIVEN

Music has played a huge role in Carol's life. She cannot remember a time when she was not actively engaged in lessons, practicing, performing, and, in many other ways, enjoying the gift that music is to us. Growing up she was incredibly fortunate to have some amazing music teachers; people who taught her how much music can enliven and enrich the life of a child. Through them she learned how to appreciate the nuances and heights to which music can take us; the joy music can bring, and even the challenges, which, inevitably, made her a stronger and better person. When her daughter was in 2nd grade Carol discovered Waldorf Education and immediately realized that she could be a Waldorf teacher! She received her teaching diploma at RSC in Sacramento, CA., and for the past thirty seven years has taught in Waldorf schools in California and Pennsylvania, where she has also mentored other teachers and helped to develop and implement strong and vibrant music programs. As a music teacher it is her goal to bring to all her students the same love of and wonder at music that she experienced growing up. When Carol is not teaching she is blessed to spend time with her family, enjoy sailing with friends, and curling up with a good book.

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