

August 2019

Dear Eugene Waldorf School Families,

Welcome back to a new school year, with a special welcome to the new families we look forward to getting to know! May we all feel connected and engaged—head, heart, and hands—as we begin this journey together.

What is Parent Council? The Parent Council serves as a venue for parents to actively participate, serve and contribute to the functioning and organization of the school. The Parent Council seeks to strengthen social bonds and build community; support community education; inspire parents to volunteerism; serve as a forum for parents' ideas, inspirations, initiatives, and concerns; host discussions of current issues within the school community; and facilitate and encourage parents' active and positive communication with the rest of the school community, while promoting transparency in all aspects of the school. With a strong and cohesive parent body, we support the teacher/student relationship and the work of the school and its mission.

All parents of the school are members of Parent Council, and all parents are welcome to attend the monthly meetings (childcare is provided). In addition, each class needs two parents to serve as Parent Council Representatives to attend all monthly Parent Council meetings and serve as a communication conduit between each class and Parent Council.

We also have several active committees that are seeking additional volunteers:

- Social Engagement Committee
- Parent Education Committee
- Outreach Committee
- New Family Welcoming Committee
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (EDI)
- Green Team & Sustainability Committee

Email [parentcouncil@eugenewaldorf.org](mailto:parentcouncil@eugenewaldorf.org) to let us know you are interested in serving as a Parent Council representative and/or joining a committee. To find out more, see the "Parent Resources" tab on the EWS website. Also, you can join "EWS Parents" on Facebook to connect with Parent Council and other parents from the school ([www.facebook.com/groups/EWSParents](http://www.facebook.com/groups/EWSParents)).

Upcoming event sponsored by Parent Council:

- **End of Summer All-School-Picnic to Welcome New Families** : Thursday, August 22, 4:30 - 7:00 pm at Washington Park (20th and Washington Streets). **Please bring food and place settings for your family, as this will not be a potluck. Please email [parentcouncil@eugenewaldorf.org](mailto:parentcouncil@eugenewaldorf.org) with questions about the event or ways to get involved!**

We are looking forward to this year!

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