

Preschool-Kindergarten Lead Assistant/Apprentice Position

The Denver Waldorf School (DWS) is looking for a Preschool-Kindergarten Lead Assistant, beginning August 2014. The ideal candidate for this position will have a strong love of working with young children, Waldorf Early Childhood training and/or experience in a Waldorf Early Childhood program, group leader or director qualifications, along with the ability to work well in a collegial setting. As our preschool-kindergarten program is often a parent's first introduction to Waldorf education, the ability to communicate clearly and regularly with parents is an essential skill for this position. Handwork skills are also necessary.

The Lead Assistant works closely with the Lead Teacher, meeting daily to check in and discuss any issues regarding the Kindergarten and the children. The Lead Assistant has the opportunity to step in and lead the class when the Lead Teacher is absent. In addition, this teacher assists with circle-time, story-time, directing play when necessary, snack preparation, the care of the environment/classroom, and seasonal crafts projects.

Responsibilities of the lead assistant also include interacting closely with the group of children, nurturing and tending the domestic and artistic life of the classroom, sharing in the care of the greater kindergarten environment, and supporting and providing an atmosphere of security, warmth and joy. Attendance at faculty meetings, parent evenings and Kindergarten special events are required. The week prior to the first day of school, along with the week following the end of each school year, are salaried work weeks. The Lead Assistant is also expected to work outside of classroom hours in the preparation of children's gifts and festivals.

Apprentice Position

If the candidate is being considered for our apprenticeship program, he or she would need to be enrolled in, or have completed, a WECAN- recognized Waldorf Early Childhood training. A syllabus outlining the apprenticeship program is available upon request.

If you are interested please send your resume with contact information for three personal references to the Personnel Committee, The Denver Waldorf School, 940 Fillmore Street, Denver, CO 80206 or e-mail to admin@denverwaldorf.org.