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ENCHANTED DESERT SCHOOL CHANGES NAME TO TUCSON WALDORF SCHOOL

New Name Reflects AWSNA Stamp of Approval

Tucson, AZ — January 24 — The Enchanted Desert School & Playgarden announced today it has changed its name to Tucson Waldorf School, progressing as a developing member of the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA). Only those schools meeting the comprehensive guidelines established by AWSNA are authorized to call themselves Waldorf schools.

The Tucson Waldorf School is the first developing school in North America to be granted the Waldorf designation after completing a stringent self-study process newly required by AWSNA. The self-study process resulted in a comprehensive strategic plan for the complete school program, including curriculum and community development, faculty requirements and training, and, financial and administrative planning.

“The name change is a significant milestone in more than a decade building a robust educational community. Since the school was founded in 1993, we have been working steadily to meet AWSNA’s stringent criteria for excellence,” said Jane Quale, Vice President of the Board of the Tucson Waldorf Education Association. “The Tucson Waldorf School has now proven it is in an excellent position serve the growing needs of the Tucson community.”

Waldorf education has an 85-year track record of proven learning techniques supported by research in brain development, kinesthetic learning, sensory-motor integration, and emotional intelligence. Waldorf Education views each aspect of the child – academic, artistic and social or “head, heart and hands” – as important in itself and also crucial to the development of the child as a whole. The curriculum addresses each dimension of the child’s being and seeks to promote a balanced and healthy unfolding of all the child’s capacities.

AWSNA is an association of independent Waldorf schools and Waldorf teacher education institutes. For more information, visit www.awsna.org or call 612.870.8310.

The Tucson Waldorf School offers a vigorous curriculum, rich in arts and culture that prepares students to enter adulthood with self discipline, independence, mastery of analytical and critical faculties, and reverence for the world’s beauty and wonder. It is a non-profit, independent pre-K thru 8th grade school. For more information, please contact Cynthia Bistrain, Enrollment Coordinator at 520.325.5514 or visit www.TucsonWaldorf.org.

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