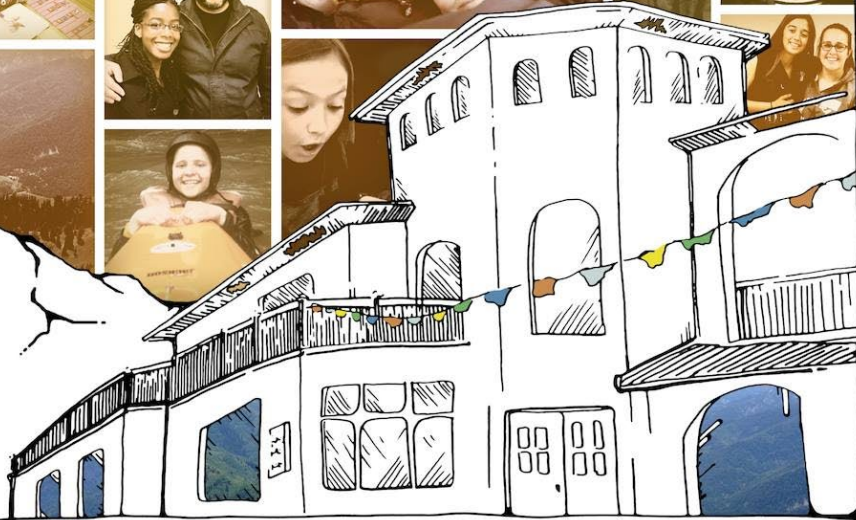


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Please watch this presentation to learn more about Walden's programs and your rights as a parent.





# WALDEN SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS



*Walden is a place where social, emotional, and academic growth are valued equally, a place where students see possibilities, make meaningful choices, take risks, and emerge with a stronger sense of identity, belonging and purpose. It is a place where critical thought, creativity and independence are nurtured; where empathy, cultural awareness and tolerance are valued. We champion student choice and autonomy, authentic research and project work. Our purpose is to develop competent, self-motivated learners dedicated to making positive contributions to society.*



## When the Pandemic Hit. . .



Our Walden community is steeped in a culture of caring for each other. When the pandemic hit, many of our systems of care were interrupted. Walden families and faculty quickly worked to find new ways to face the challenges of our current global health crisis while holding fast to the vision that has created our inimitable school. The year 2020 has been hard for everyone but, in many ways, it has helped us see how strong our community is!

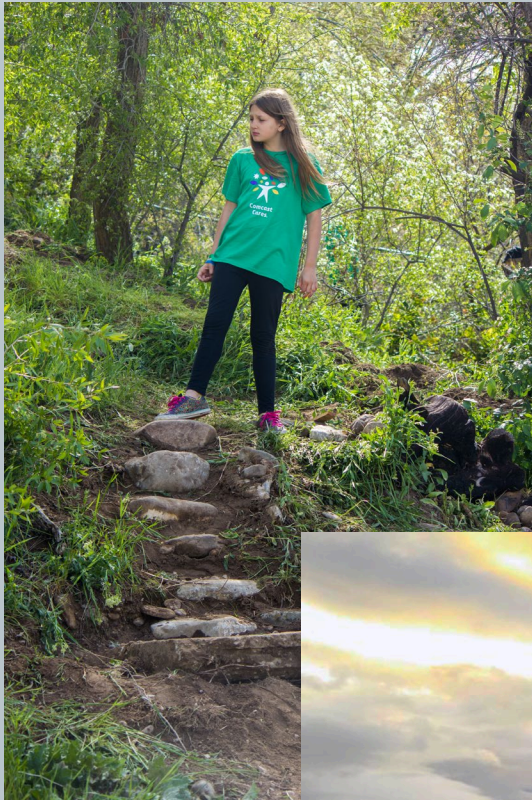


# The Walden Way Is . . .



- To be empowered to make a positive difference in the world
- To foster the development of your own unique identity and voice and walk your own individual path
- To find a personal and compelling purpose in your learning experience and make it your own
- To contribute the best you have to yourself and your learning community—knowing the reward that comes from effort. What you put into your education is what you get out of it.
- To be fully included in a community of learners of all ages

# Optimal Learning Experiences



I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.

*~ Henry David Thoreau*

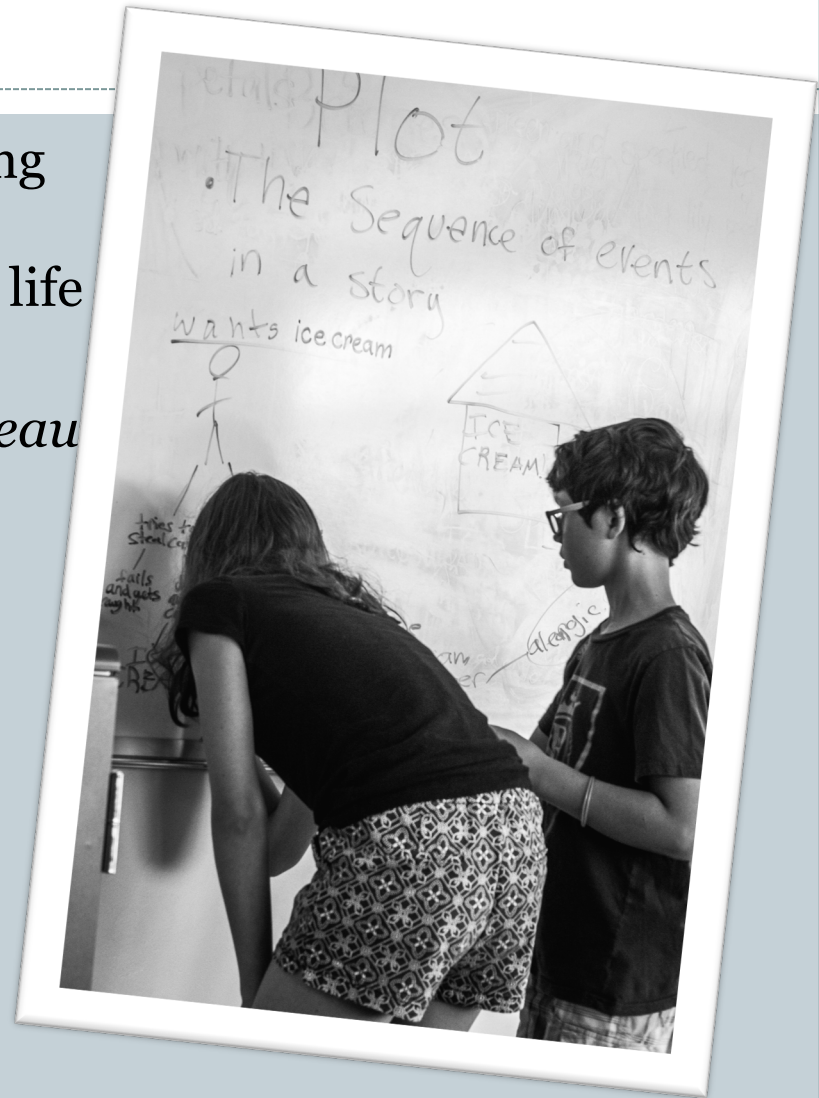


# We Work Hard



I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestioned ability of a man to elevate his life by conscious endeavor.

~ *Henry David Thoreau*





# We are Adventurous



# We Create



What lies behind us and  
what lies ahead of us  
are small matters  
compared to what lies  
within us.

~ Henry David Thoreau





# We Adapt to Challenges





# Montessori Curriculum



# Individualized Instruction





# Active Learning





# Multiage Groupings



# Small Class Sizes



The unknown energy that can help humanity is that which lies hidden in the child.

—*Maria Montessori*





# Hands On Learning

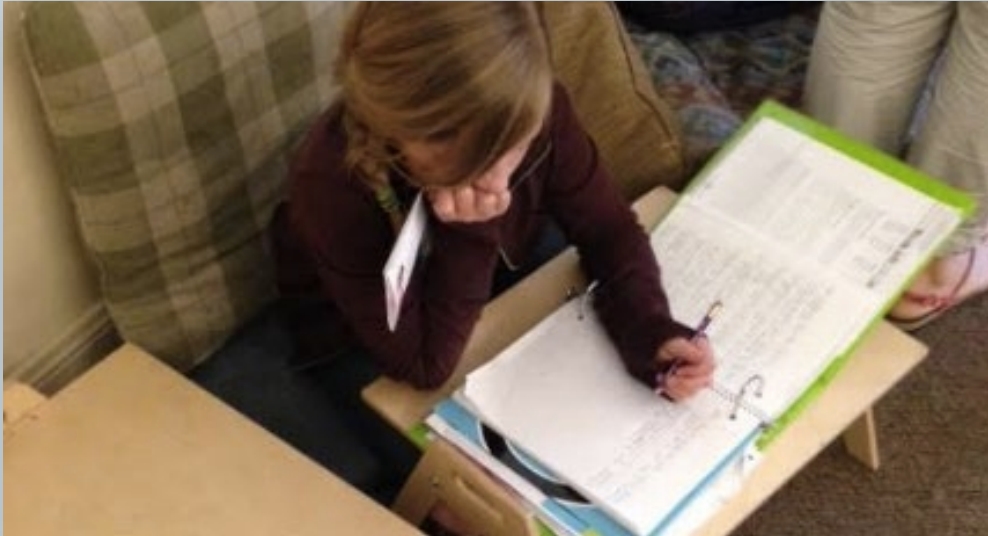


*“He does it with his hands, by experience, first in play and then through work. The hands are the instruments of man’s intelligence.” ~Montessori*





# Personal Paths



“If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.”

*~Thoreau*



# Strong Parent Community





# Walden School of Liberal Arts Strengths and Challenges





# Strength 1: Students

Our focus is on our students. . .



# Strength 2: Small Classes

Every student is known and mentored by multiple adults.





# Strength 3: Amazing Faculty

Dedicated teachers and support staff work together to create amazing learning opportunities for all students.



# Strength 4: Grand adventures





# Strength 5: Afterschool Programs

- C.A.S.A.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant
- Community Partnerships
- Mommy and Me
- Extended Day Kindergarten
- Homework Help and Tablet Time
- Enrichment Programs
- Breakfast Club
- More



# Strength 6: Parent Participation



- Classroom Volunteers
- Fundraising Support
- Safety Committee
- Mommy and Me Class
- Field Trips Chaperones
- A Diverse Community
- More





# School Improvement Goal 1: **Improve school wide mathematics proficiency**

*Raise mathematics proficiency scores by 3% per year in third, sixth, and ninth grades.*



# School Improvement Goal 2: Support for At-risk Students

*Increase efficiency  
and financial  
efficacy of support  
programs.*





# School Improvement Goal 3: **COVID-19 Response**

During the time that our community is impacted by the global pandemic, we will work to implement a safe, successful and responsive learning approach for Walden students and families.



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## **THIS MEANS THAT:**

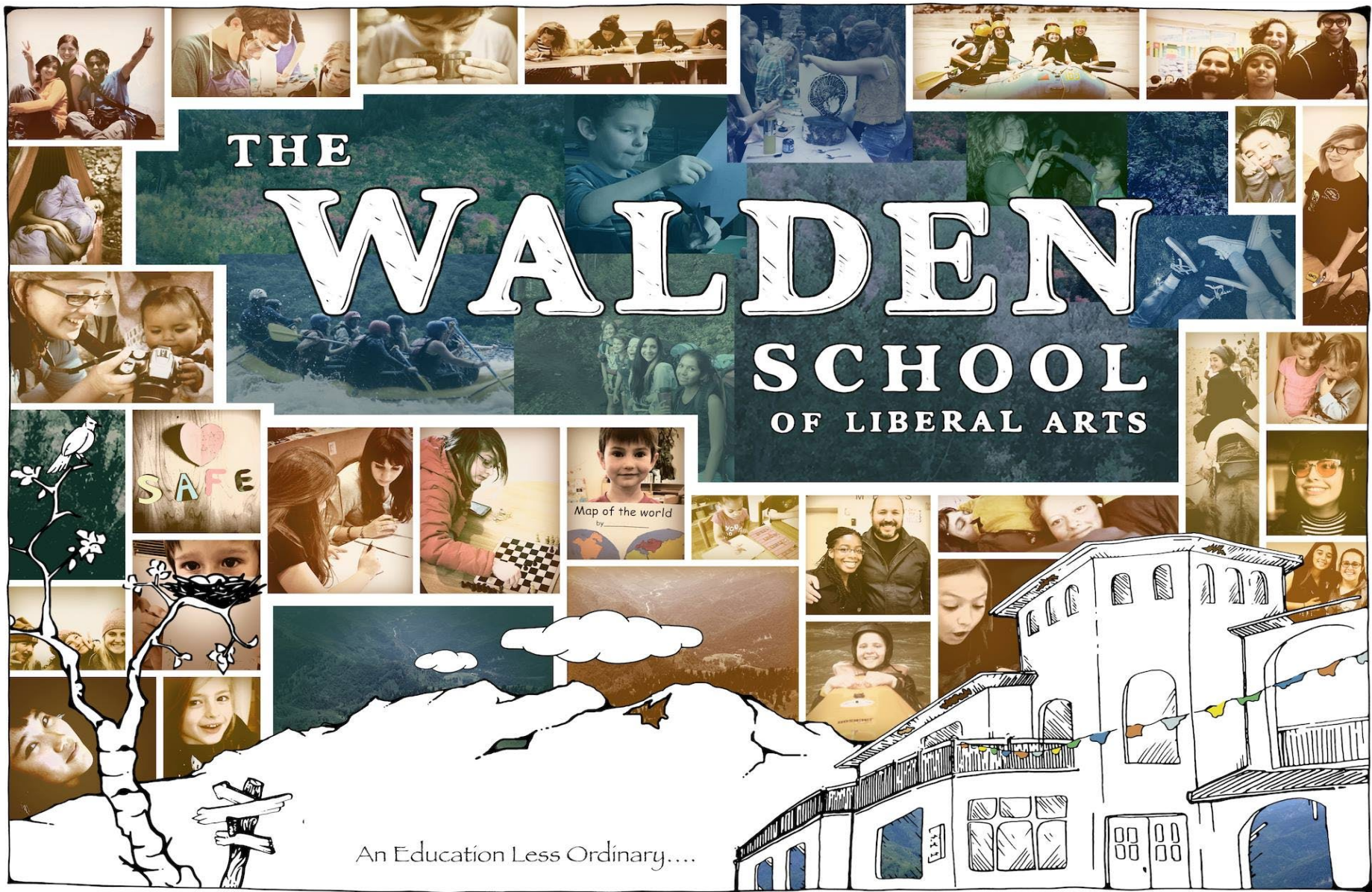
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- ❖ **THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GIVES US FUNDING TO USE SCHOOLWIDE TO IMPROVE LEARNING OUTCOMES.**
- ❖ **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE INVOLVED!**



# How Can You be Involved?



- 1. VOLUNTEER — IN COVID-SAFE WAYS**
- 2. ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW OUR ASSESSMENT PROCESSES ARE ADAPTING**
- 3. REVIEW THESE HANDOUTS:**
  - [1. Parental Involvement Policy](#)
  - [2. School-Parent-Student Compact](#)
  - [3. School Report Card](#)
- 4. ATTEND/REQUEST REGULAR STUDENT PROGRESS MEETINGS**
- 5. SHARE YOUR IDEAS ON HOW WE CAN BEST SERVE WALDEN STUDENTS**



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