Mountain Phoenix
community school

Where education and childhood are viewed as a journey, not a race.

A Jeffco Charter School guided by the Core Principles of Public Waldorf Education

PRE-K THRU GRADE 8



ABOUT MPCS

Serving over 500 students from preschool through Grade 8, Mountain Phoenix faculty and staff are dedicated to preparing children for life-long learning through the **PUBLIC WALDORF EDUCATION** curriculum model. Academics are framed within an artistic, integrative context that engages the **WHOLE CHILD,** yet aligned with **COMMON CORE STANDARDS**, all whilst promoting creativity and higher-level thinking.

EARLY CHILDHOOD. With over 140 years of combined experience, our teachers masterfully hold the classroom space with the warmth and security of home. In Pre-K and Kindergarten, our classrooms are not filled with desks, but with the familiarities of home such as a family eating table, cozy living space and opportunities for practical work. Each classroom is designed to inspire imagination through indoor and outdoor creative play, story-telling, puppetry, song and movement.

LOWER SCHOOL. Each year in Grades 1-5, children experience the expansive, imaginative joys of childhood, while inspiring them to become creative thinkers who can solve tomorrow's problems. Our curriculum is designed to meet the children at the appropriate developmental stage with a whole child approach to academic success. Each year brings a new story motif, with human development providing the map for the instruction in each grade.

UPPER SCHOOL. Grades 6-8 offers a purposeful and dynamic curriculum integrating the arts, social/emotional learning, movement, and modern day thinking which sets the stage for academic readiness and excellence. Every exercise is balanced with thinking, feeling, and willing activities so every student can be actively engaged. Our vision is to prepare students to lead in the world as resourceful, courageous, and compassionate global citizens.

INTEGRATIVE ARTS

Arts are Woven into Every Day. Starting in early childhood, students are immersed in visual and performing arts in their classroom through finger knitting, watercolor, wet felting, beeswax & puppet story telling. Moving through the grades, they will be introduced to language arts, instruments, class plays and more intricate handwork and art mediums.







"The basis of artistic creation is not what is, but what might be; not the real, but the possible."

- Rudolf Steiner

Public Waldorf Teachers hold the noble ideals of Waldorf Pedagogy and accept the challenge to continue their inner work that ignites the students' imagination so they can be present and meet them where they are.

Our Waldorf Curriculum, an Arts Based Education

Our arts-infused program is inspired by Public Waldorf education while integrating Common Core standards. We believe students benefit from the depth of experience we offer in music, performance and visual arts. Our pedagogy embodies a balance of thinking, feeling and doing tasks to prepare students for higher level academics in a supportive environment.

ADVENTURES

Nature Walks & Field Trips fit into our curriculum in a way that weaves stewardship, grounding activities and boundary challenging adventures through each class experience. From creek walks and working on the farm to professional performances and overnight trips.







COMMUNITY LIFE

Volunteerism, Festivals & Events. The natural consequence of engaged parents and caregivers is more invested, connected children. When we gather to volunteer, celebrate festivals, and care for our school, we pave a path of belonging. When they participate firsthand, children discover that their hands, hearts, and hard work make a meaningful difference, thus creating a beautiful cycle of giving and receiving.







Volunteerism Builds Strength in Community

As a charter school, MPCS thrives due to the efforts & commitment of our parents and caregivers. Each family has an expected 40 hour volunteer goal to reach each year. There are endless ways to achieve this while building meaningful connections and enriching our school culture. It takes a village!

"A healthy social life is found only, when, in the mirror of each soul, the whole community finds its reflection, and when in the whole community the virtue of each one is living."

- Rudolf Steiner

Community Events held at Mountain Phoenix offer a time for families to unite at the school such as Harvest Festival, Winter Market and Community Potlucks.

FESTIVALS

Festival Life is Michaelmas, Pentathlon, Lantern Walk, Spiral of Light, and May Faire. Through the rhythm of the year, our Waldorf-inspired festivals bring our curriculum to life through shared songs, stories, and traditions. while weaving a sense of belonging across all grades.









WE LOVE MPCS

"As an educator, there are few things more rewarding than being part of a community that truly values the growth and development of each child. Mountain Phoenix Community School has been a place where creativity thrives, and I've been given the freedom to teach to my students' needs in a way that respects their individuality. Here, I have the opportunity to use my imagination and bring lessons to life in ways that engage and inspire my students." *- an MPCS Class Teacher*

"The relationships that we have built with the staff and fellow caregivers over the years at the school has been incredible. It's not just a school for our children, it is truly a community in which you are involved, engaged, and all looking to reach the same goal - to help guide our children to be amazing, empowered, individuals that care the environment and community around them." *- an MPCS Parent/Caregiver*

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WHY WALDORF @ MOUNTAIN PHOENIX?

Whole Child. High Imagination. Culture Rich.
Nature Infused. No Media. Low Technology.

Core Principles of Public Waldorf Education

Mountain Phoenix Community School is committed to the Core Principles of Public Waldorf Education adopted by The Alliance for Public Waldorf Education:

1. Image of the Human Being: Public Waldorf education is founded on a coherent image of the developing human being.

2. Child Development: An understanding of child development guides all aspects of the educational program, to the greatest extent possible within established legal mandates.

3. Social Change Through Education: Public Waldorf education exists to serve both the individual and society.

4. Human Relationships: Public Waldorf Schools foster a culture of healthy relationships.

5. Access and Diversity: Public Waldorf Schools work to increase diversity and access to all sectors of society.

6. Collaborative Leadership: School leadership is conducted through shared responsibilities within established legal structures.

7. Schools as Learning Communities: Public Waldorf schools cultivate a love of lifelong learning and self-knowledge.

Commitment to Equity, Accessibility, Inclusivity and Diversity

Our school is a place of belonging. We embrace diversity in all its forms, offering an equitable and accessible education for every child. By bringing the world into our curriculum, we cultivate a respectful community where distinct viewpoints are peacefully shared and every individual is valued.

Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum & Learning Environment

We honor the natural stages of childhood, fostering academic growth in a supportive environment that values each child's unique learning style. MPCS is dedicated to nurturing the whole child, supporting the beautiful unfolding of their social and emotional intelligence.

AT MPCS, WE ARE:

Kind, Respectful, Safe & Responsible.

Learn more!