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Park Play Dates

We will be having on-going playdates for those interested in our school and becoming a part of the ROCS community. These playdates will be informal and anyone can come! Someone from ROCS will be in attendance to answer any questions you may have about our progress.. Follow our Facebook page for dates and location. See you there!

Fundraising

Fundraising will be an ongoing effort in the months to come. We will continue our online fundraiser www.raleighoakcharter.org. Our goal for the start-up year is \$300,000. This includes but is not limited to funds to secure a building, travel for our lead admin and ed director to tour existing Public Waldorf schools, furniture and up fit for the school, administrative salaries in the months prior to opening, teacher salaries in the month prior to opening and teacher training and operating expenses for the first 3 months.



CSAB Approval

Greetings! We are THRILLED to announce that Raleigh Oak Charter School was unanimously approved by the Charter School Advisory Board and the NC State Board of Education to open in the Fall of 2018. The board is beyond excited that our diligent work has paid off and we will bring the first Public Waldorf education to North Carolina. We are grateful for all the support we have received from the community to achieve this goal! We now begin the process of raising funds, securing a location and hiring administration. We are in need of donations, volunteers, investors and any general support our community has to offer. If you would like to offer your support, please contact us!





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Private Preschool

Are you or someone you know interested in a Waldorf inspired preschool in Raleigh? ROCS is considering creating a private preschool to share programming with our Charter School. We are in the beginning planning stages.

We are searching for folks who may be interested in taking a leadership role for this project. This would include planning, budgeting, hiring and running the school. This can and should be a shared venture. The current board is busy with Charter planning, however, we will provide guidance to those who step up.

The private preschool will also need a location if we are to open in the fall of 2017. We are searching for affordable rental space that has lots of green space and meets the criteria according to the NC Laws.

If you are interested in taking on a leadership role in the preschool please contact us a <u>raleighoakcharter@gmail.com</u>.

Location, Location, Location

The current hot topic: where exactly will our school be located? The answer to that question is, *it's complicated*. We are compiling our list of "ideals" while knowing we will have to compromise on some. It is important to remember that no funds are released until our school opening. Additionally, we are not allotted a facility budget. This makes securing a location and building difficult work.

We are considering all of our location options including school locations that will be vacant prior to our opening, land to build with modular units initially, and existing structures that can be renovated. Ideally our school will have lots of green space, be in a location that is easily accessible with public transportation, and accessible to areas with a diverse population. If anyone has leads on location possibilities, is interested in investing in property for the school, has land to donate, rent or sell, please contact us. We are confident that we will find a suitable home for our school!

