

REALMS Campus FAQ's

When will REALMS move in?

The Waldorf School will move out officially by July 15th so that is our official move in date. We will begin packing up our current classrooms at the end of this year and will prepare to move on a date TBA.

How Can You Help?

❖ Move Out/In Day:

In LATE JULY we plan to set up a couple of moving days where we will ask families to help that includes loading boxes/furniture, truck & trailer, unloading boxes and furniture, setting up classrooms.

❖ Beautification Projects:

We hope to set up a few campus project days where we can recruit families to help us with projects including clean up of the grounds, some planting, painting, deck staining, sign creation and much more!

Will there be a school lunch program?

Yes. Our goal is to create a school lunch program at REALMS that mirrors our commitment to living lightly on the planet. We would like to offer healthy meals to our kids that are junk food free, low on processed food, and where possible made from fresh local and/or organic ingredients. This process will require a lot of work and the ultimate vision will take some time to achieve, but it is clear that the educational benefit and wellness benefit for our kids to eating well is hard to underestimate.

In year 1 we hope to bring in healthy food from an offsite location and then heat and serve REALMS kitchen. More details about the lunch program will come out over the summer as we develop this program.

Can my son/daughter still play sports?

Yes. According to state law and school district policy REALMS students can join the sports teams at their neighborhood school. It will require that students leave our campus and travel to their neighborhood school after school to participate in practices and games/meets.

There is even some chance that REALMS will have enough interested students to field some teams of our own! Cross country, for example, would be an easy sport for REALMS to compete in.

Will there be any bussing?

At the moment, families will be responsible for arranging transportation to and from school. We are planning to help families set up carpools with other families in your neighborhood. This will ease the transportation burden AND reduce the number of single car trips our school generates. At the same time we are researching an affordable way to provide some form of bus support for our families that need it most. The Bend LaPine School District is not required to provide transportation to charter school students however we are exploring options with them. We will share more information as it becomes available.

We are hosting a “Transportation Solutions” meeting on Monday June 21st at 5:00pm at REALMS. Any parents interested in working with other parents to set up car pools and brainstorm other solutions are invited to attend!

Will this be the school's long term home?

We have every indication that this will be the school's long term home! We are finalizing a five year lease with an option to renew for another five years after that, or negotiate towards purchase of the property.

What is the short and long term plan for the classroom space?

Currently there is close to 8000 sq ft of classroom and office space on the property. There is a 4000 sq ft main building and two “house” buildings that are 1600sq ft and 1'300 sq ft respectively.

Our short term plan involves doing some small renovation projects over the summer to ensure that we have 5 usable classrooms and a full computer lab. It also involves creating a temporary “finishing kitchen” where we will heat and serve lunches for students throughout 2010-11.

Our long term plan is to expand the main building over the summer of 2011 to include an additional 3500 sq ft of classroom space and also build a more permanent kitchen from which to launch a groundbreaking school lunch program centered around healthy foods that are, where possible, local and organic.