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Position: Kindergarten Classroom Assistant

Circle of Seasons Charter School, a Public Waldorf Methods School, seeks a loving, enthusiastic **Kindergarten Classroom Assistant**. The Kindergarten Classroom Assistant assists the lead teacher in the classroom with various activities of the day which include: preparing snack, cleaning, and washing, as well as working one-on-one with children.

Come join us at the only Public Waldorf Charter Schools in the northeast!

Circle of Seasons is a public Waldorf K-8 school located on a 35-acre wooded campus, overlooking the beautiful Lehigh Valley. In close proximity to both outdoor recreation opportunities (less than 15 miles from the Appalachian Trail and 12 miles from local skiing), the Lehigh Valley offers robust art, music, theater, restaurant, and social amenities. An asset to our community, Circle of Seasons offers Waldorf education in the public setting with excited and committed families from all over the Lehigh Valley and beyond.

At Circle of Seasons we recognize the value, importance, and challenges that come with attracting and meeting the needs of diverse populations. Candidates for consideration should be enthusiastic, joyful, warm and motivated. We value candidates that possess a deep understanding of child development and a caring disposition. We are eager to welcome to our team a colleague committed to building strong collegial and family relationships and one who is committed to self-development.

Our play-based Kindergarten program offers children a chance to cross the bridge from home to school, laying a strong foundation for the academic program that begins in first grade. This position requires an understanding of

- the importance of showing loving interest in and acceptance of each child,
- the value of self-initiated play as an essential learning activity,
- the awareness that young children learn through imitation, through experience of diverse sensory impressions, and through movement
- and the influence of focusing on real life (rather than virtual) experiences to support the child in forming a healthy relationship with the world



The Circle of Seasons Kindergarten program includes artistic activities such as storytelling, music, drawing and painting, rhythmic games, and modeling that foster the healthy development of imagination and creativity. Meaningful practical kindergarten work such as cooking, baking, gardening, handwork and domestic activity provide opportunities to develop unfolding human capacities. In Kindergarten the emphasis is on building social-emotional skills and developing the processes of living and learning in community.

Qualifications:

- Waldorf training and experience (preferred)
- Interest in Public Waldorf Education
- 1-3 years of experience working with children (preferred)
- Bachelor's degree (preferred)
- Dedication to creating a positive, safe, joyful, nurturing learning environment as a supporting member of the kindergarten team
- Confident presence; strong social and communication skills
- Interest in supporting healthy child development
- Ability to work cooperatively with colleagues to support kindergarten community
- Participate in ongoing professional development

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The salary for this position is \$34,500 and includes participation in the 403b retirement plan and COS healthcare benefits. Salary may be adjusted for Waldorf experience and schooling beyond Bachelor's level study. Background clearances, physical examination and TB test will be required.

**Resumes and letters of interest should be sent to
Kim McFarland at kmcfarland@circleofseasons.org**

Equal Opportunity Policy:

Circle of Seasons Charter School is a public school under the Supervision of the Commonwealth and equal opportunity employer. Circle of Seasons Charter School fully supports a policy of equal employment opportunity in all job classifications and this encompasses recruitment, selection, assignment, promotion, transfer, dismissal, compensation, and training of all personnel