

# Introduction to Mixed-Age Kindergarten

**Wednesday, January 11th, 2017  
9:15 to 10:45 a.m.**

*9:15 - 9:45 am = Tour*

*9:45 - 10:45 am = Coffee and questions*

**A**s you anticipate your child's transition into the Mixed-Age Kindergarten, we invite you to come and find out what to expect for next year. Keelah Helwig will present an overview of the Kindergarten program and guide you through a visit of all three classes. You will learn how the nature of play changes as children turn 5 and 6, how circle times shift subtly to challenge the children's developing physical dexterity and mental agility, and how elements like foreign language, handwork are eurythmy are integrated.

Please RSVP on our website at  
[www.waldorfgarden.org](http://www.waldorfgarden.org) or contact Carol Proctor in Admissions  
at 516.742.3434 ext. 301.



Keelah Helwig '89 is an alumna of the Waldorf School of Garden City. She began working in the Waldorf Early Childhood Program as a Pre-School Assistant and went on to become a lead Kindergarten teacher in 2010. Keelah also serves as Chair of the College of Teachers and is a member of the Administrative Circle. Keelah received her Bachelor's degree from Spelman College where she concentrated in Drama and she continues to work in theater as the Artistic Director for 4US Productions, a Queens based theater company which mounts full length productions dedicated to empowering women. Keelah earned her Master's in Waldorf Early Childhood Education from Sunbridge College in Chestnut Ridge, New York in 2009 and she is a graduate of the Winkler Center Foundation Studies program.