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Waldorf School of Princeton to Install a Green Roof

On Sunday, September 26, the Waldorf School of Princeton, a private school in Princeton, will install an extensive green (also known as a living) roof over a recent addition to their Golden House building at 1062 Cherry Hill Road. Kevin and Eileen Kelly, of Kelly Mac Interiorscapes of Pittstown, New Jersey, will lead the installation.

The school chose a type of green roof that is covered in a light layer of vegetation. Earlier this year, the Waldorf School of Princeton contracted with Creek Hill Nursery in Pennsylvania to start plants in the Nursery's greenhouse. On Sunday, September 26 these plants will be transferred to the Waldorf School of Princeton's Golden House roof.

Peter Wasem, a local Mercer County architect and parent at the Waldorf School shared his vision for the roof. "In addition to its natural beauty, a green roof saves energy and protects the actual roof. Just as important, we hope that this roof will inspire the students to become Johnny Appleseeds and to take this idea with them and share it with others," said Mr. Wasem.

Installing the green roof is part of the Waldorf School of Princeton's overall and longstanding commitment to living sustainably and to respecting the earth. Visitors interested in viewing the roof are welcome to contact the school to arrange for a visit. For more information, go to the school's website at www.princetonwaldorf.org.

About Waldorf School of Princeton and Waldorf education: Founded in Germany in 1919 by Dr. Rudolf Steiner, Waldorf Education now includes schools on every continent. Waldorf School of Princeton is an accredited full member of the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America ([AWSNA](http://www.awsna.org)), an association that strengthens and supports Waldorf schools and informs the public of the benefits of Waldorf education. Waldorf School of Princeton is also an accredited member of the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools ([NJ AIS](http://www.njaais.org)), a voluntary association of more than 70 independent schools in the state of New Jersey.

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The Waldorf School of Princeton has been practicing sustainability and environmental awareness since it was founded 27 years ago. The following is information about some of the sustainable and energy-saving elements within the school's buildings:

- A storm water mitigation system that collects rainwater in underground seepage tanks, which can be used to water our organic, biodynamic gardens.
 - A copper roof with an expected life span of over 100 years.
- The non-combustible low maintenance fiber-cement siding is an economical green material with an expected life span of greater than 50 years.
- Non-toxic VOC free paints, low VOC paints, are used throughout the school.
- An acoustical ceiling manufactured using only renewable wood and other sustainable raw materials.
- An in-floor radiant heating system consumes less energy than most alternatives.
- A cork flooring material that is long-lasting, does not require stripping or waxing with chemicals and is made by harvesting the bark from oak trees which grow back in a few years time.
- The design of classrooms ensures plenty of daylight allowing the teachers to turn off lights on bright days.