

School Calendar

May 26

6:30 8th grade projects and thank you

May 27

7pm Board Meeting

May 28

11:00 Closing Assembly, noon dismissal

12-4 All School Picnic

6:30 Graduation

8th Grade Project Presentations

and Thank You Tea **TONIGHT** Wednesday, May 26
6:30 PM, in the gym.

Closing Assembly - Friday, May 28, 11:00 AM

Please join us for our closing assembly and farewell to the eighth grade. All grades are performing. At the end of the assembly students will return to their classrooms to be dismissed by their teachers.

The End of Year All-School Picnic hosted by the Parent Council will be on Friday, May 28 at Sidie Hollow Park after the closing ceremony and noon dismissal. Plan on joining in a very fun gathering that will begin with a short blessing and continue into the mid-afternoon. Please bring sun hats, blankets, dishes, utensils and drinks for your family, and a generous dish to share so there will be lots of food for very hungry children (and their parents). There are never enough desserts at this event, so if you feel inspired, you can also bring a dessert in addition to a main dish or salad if your last name falls between D and Z. If it is raining hard, the picnic will be cancelled. Let's hope for Sun! Call Kathy O'Rourke with questions: 637-6950.

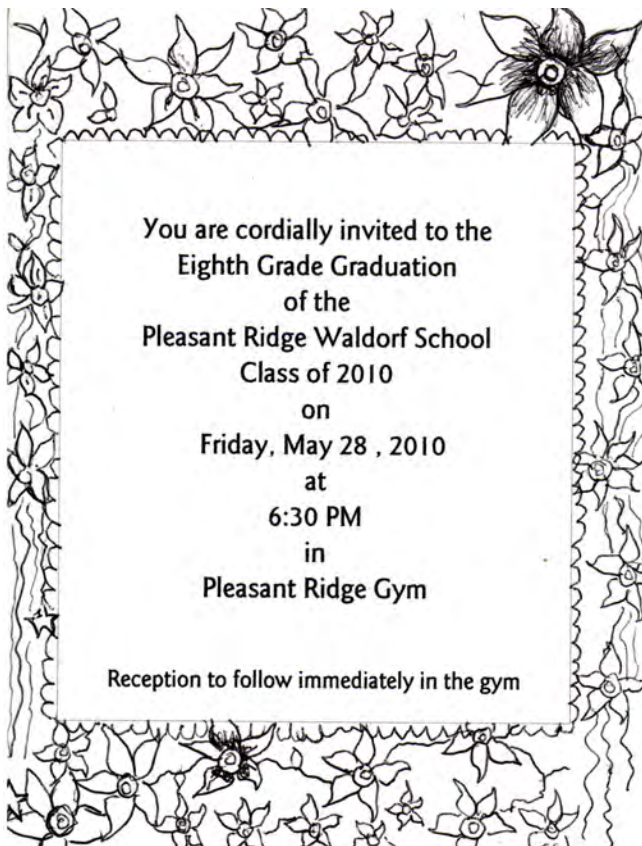
Please bring a dish according to your last name:

A-C Desserts, D -H Salad/Side Dish, I -Z Main Dish

Memorial Day Singing - Grades 5-8

On Monday, May 31st, Memorial Day, students from PRWS have been invited to sing at the ceremony, which is held after the parade, at the gazebo near the cemetery (Hickory and S. East Ave.) The grade 5-8 students who wish to participate should be at the gazebo by 10:15. Singing will begin at 10:20. Spring Concert attire. -Monika Sutherland

We Need More Mowers It is plain and simple. We have four families signed up. We need to double that amount. Fines from the city for unmowed grass are over \$100 per occurrence. Hiring someone to mow would cost just as much. If we get eight families signed up then each family should only need to mow two times. Otherwise you are asking these four families to mow four times each. That's too much. Sign up or call me or email me right away. Please and thank you. Jon Dehlin for Facilities



Scrip for the summer A big thanks goes out to all in this wonderful school community who made a commitment and followed through in spending with Scrip. We're having a very good year. Now, with the school year coming to a close, it's just as important to remember to keep Scrip in your wallet and keep remembering to use it when making purchases with the 30+ local businesses that accept Scrip and help to support PRWS. Summer travel? Picnic plans? Needing a good book to read? Filling out that garden? All of these can utilize Scrip for purchases as you keep your shopping local and keep those nickels coming toward Pleasant Ridge. Over the summer, Scrip will continue to be available for sale in the school office, from Steve Walker, and at Bramble Books. Please note: Bramble Books has a new Main Street storefront location, at 213 S. Main. Come check it out, and stock up on scrip currency and gas cards as you do. We'll all be glad you did.

Come see PRWS graduates in the Youth Initiative High School Play May 27, 28, 29 at 8PM Come and see many PRWS graduates in the YIHS spring play "Alcestis" by Euripides, adapted by Ted Hughes. Many PRWS parents are working on the show. The performances take place in the Landmark Center auditorium, 500 E. Jefferson St., Viroqua. The show runs about 2 hours with one intermission and is suitable for most families. Come hungry--a sumptuous Greek concession stand will offer such delicacies as Greek Kabobs, hommos, tapenade, and pita, dolmas, grapes, desserts, and cold mint tea. Come one half hour early to eat and/or sample concessions during intermission. Tickets are available at the door. 608-637-6445.

School Rental Instruments

Please return your child's school rental instrument by Friday, the last day of school. Instruments can be rented over the summer for \$35. Please let Monika know if you would like to rent over the summer.

*The seasons come and go
And the years quickly pass –
It has now been 30 years of Holiday Faire
At Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School
Help us make this year's celebration the
best!*

Mark your calendars for **Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4** for the **30th Annual PRWS Holiday Faire.**

As you head out for summer fun, keep December in your mind. Here are some ways you can help prepare and make this year's Holiday Faire extra special:

- Keep an eye out for wonderful toys, dress-up clothes or special books that could be donated to this year's Children's Raffle.
- Purchase or make hand-crafted, unique, small items that can be sold at this year's Children's Castle.
- Collect trinkets or special finds – such as rocks, fairy dust, pinwheels etc. that could be given to this year's Pocket Person.
- Share pictures or memories of past year's Holiday Faire with this year's coordinators.
- Consider sharing your gifts by playing a more active role in this year's Holiday Faire – talk to Meg or Paula to find out how.

It takes a community to raise a child and it takes a community to have a successful school and Holiday Faire. Let's celebrate both to their fullest this year. Thank-you for your commitment and for your support of our children and school.

Have a blessed summer –
Paula Grenier, Meg Eiben Hoversten
2010 Holiday Faire Co-Chairs

Community News

Dr. Lisa Hawklove joins Dr. Paul Grenier at Quality of Life Chiropractic at 729 North

Main Street in Viroqua. Please join Dr. Hawklove for a New Patient Open House on Wednesday June 2 from 10-3pm. New patient exams normally ranging from \$45-\$150 will be performed for **free** on this day. Call to reserve your time in advance 608-383-3371. Dr. Hawklove has been in holistic practice for over 10 years and she brings her passion in corrective spinal care, has experience in treating sports injuries, and her training in nutrition and herbs to address chronic health problems.

Free Day Camp / VBS Opportunity – all community children are welcome to attend Good Shepherd's Day Camp program, July 26 – 29, 9:00 – 3:00. The program is free and run by staff from Sugar Creek Bible Camp and includes songs, Bible study, games and crafts. Call 637-3978 to register.

Rock Climbing Class

Monday, June 14 at Devil's Lake State Park. Intermediate-Advanced level for ages 13 and up. \$55. to hold your reservation. Call Bill Humphrey for details. 606-9004

May True Botanica Monthly Order

It is time to place your monthly order for your True Botanica products. With summer coming it is a good time to stock up on Real Arnica Cream and Relief 4X for those bumps and bruises. Arnica cream \$13.5 and Relief 4X is \$12.50. We have Boswellia in stock and it is one of the best anti-inflammatory products available today. Check out their website: www.truebotanica.com/ Send Orders to: wickerty1@gmail.com or 637-8890

For Sale: 197? Schwinn Breeze ladies blue three speed. All original so it needs a few things. With new tires, cables and brake pads it will serve you well. \$30 obo. Even has a bell. Jon 637-6777

Do you want your lawn mown affordably by people you can trust? If your answer is yes then we can help you! My brother and I offer state of the art lawn service. We have an electric lawn mower and edger. We are both 12 years old and want a job for the summer. Whether you are on vacation or just don't have time to do your lawn we are the people for you! We offer free estimates! Call us at 608-637-7012 or email us at maxb1090@gmail.com

Sing-Along Song Fest in Living Memory of Chuck Doerr June 4th 3:00 pm The Doerr kids invite you to a would-have-been-his-60th Song Fest at Grace Acres Farm E8219 Cty Rd Y. We'll rock the afternoon and evening away. 7pm potluck dinner. 9pm bonfire. Bring instruments, a song or two, lyrics to pass around. We'll have a tent and sound system. Celebrate and sing with us!

Driftless Jazz Festival 2010 - Learn about and listen to great jazz! Improvisation workshop: Friday, May 28th, 7:30pm. Jazz history made fun: Saturday, May 29th, 10am (both workshops are free, hosted at Parrish Music). Guitarist Bob Ockenden: Saturday, May 29th, 1pm (Viroqua Food Coop). Main concert featuring Tom Gullion, phenomenal trumpeter David Cooper: Sunday, May 30th, 7:30pm at Main Street Station. \$10. Questions? tom@tingjing.com or 608-315-2780.

Summer is here and it's time to play!! Come join us on Tuesdays all summer long for games night at the Grenier Recreational Farm. **GAMES BEGIN ON TUESDAY JUNE 1 AT 6:00PM** We play cooperative yard games for all ages from 6-7:30pm and then end the evening with adult volleyball and the children free play on the farm. E-mail: paulandpaula@mwt.net to be put on the list for weather/schedule changes etc. Call 675-3556 with any questions .

Benefit Concert – this production was a collaboration between alumni parents and current parents – a first and it was a unique and enriching cultural experience in Viroqua. The artist collaboration included Bill Neil, Tom Gullion, Richie Galindo, Don Hodges, Drew Shonka and the guests, Duo Sureno. Beyond the artist presenters, there were several other people who helped to make it possible. These comments come from Bill:

“I want to thank Cynthia Olmstead for her thoughtful work with the promotion of this event and Mary Christenson for her relentless support and faith in the all the collaborators that contributed to the program. Special accolades go to Chris Cox who contributed his valuable time to illuminate the stage so professionally. I am also so thankful for Monte McPheron for talking on the challenge for working our video projections. Finally, I really appreciate the hard work that Lisa Fanning and Sidney Westerhoff contributed to the production as stage hands.”
Bill Neil

And PRWS especially thanks Don Hodges for his beautiful paintings – three of which are still available if you are interested. Also, Reese Westerhoff, Natalie and Jerry McIntire, Paula Grenier, Ann O’Connor, Kristina Gullion, Heidi Burke – helped in the front taking tickets and providing refreshments.

Mary Christenson

30 YEARS OF GOOD ENERGY!!

Next year is the 30th Anniversary of PRWS and the Good Energy Raffle is going to take those 30 years and run!

The Raffle Committee has already started working and planning towards next year’s raffle. We plan to have tickets available the first of school to help parents have plenty of time to sell their tickets and more. Because of some regulations, we can’t sell tickets before then, but there is no reason you can’t pre-sell some tickets over the summer!

So while you are visiting family and friends, plant the seed. 30 years of Good Energy, \$30 tickets, 30 amazing prizes.

What goals can we set together? If every parent sells 30 tickets, we could raise over \$100,000!

Remember, \$30 (or 2 for \$50). Tell your folks and friends you will send them a stub on September 15. And then thank them for supporting a school that brings you Spring Concerts, Pentathlons, Camping Trips, Class Plays, and joyful children.

Questions? Missy Hughes – 637-6757

End of Year Information

A few final thank-yous and reminders:

For summer the School office generally will be open 8 A.M. to Noon, Monday through Thursday, and Mary and Cynthia will be in the Development Office. The schedule might be affected by staff vacations and floor waxing, so feel free to call ahead if you are coming some distance. We will check phone messages regularly.

A HUGE thank you to all of you who all year have reliably made payments for tuition, community "match," and raffle. We have been able to meet every payroll on time in what promised to be a challenging year. The Finance Committee believes we can end the year with a balanced budget IF the final amounts still due are paid in June.

New families continue to visit and apply for next year--especially in this last month. It is too soon to be sure of next year's enrollment, but the board will keep you informed by mail as our budget picture becomes clearer. We are aware that many school families continue to face financial hardship, and we seek innovative ways to meet our school needs.

At the June in-service meetings, the faculty will look in detail at next year's class schedules, to plan a rich curriculum and healthy daily rhythms. Looking toward the autumn, both the board and the faculty will explore the themes of social inclusion and age-appropriate problem solving for children and adults in our school community. We will also find festive ways to celebrate our 30 years as a school.

Finally, in reflecting on the year, I am overwhelmed with gratitude to all of you whose gifts large and small, seen and unseen, sustain our school. The gratitude we all feel for what each of us brings, is the best possible base from which our school community can grow. Through a variety of challenges this year we have seen community members overcome negativity and strive in good will to find common ground and resolve differences. We are grateful for the spirit at work in our school to support the beautiful experience our children receive. I wish you all a refreshing, happy summer. - Diane Mamroe

From Ms. Tip

Take a look around your house for PRWS library books, please. There still are many that haven't been returned to the library. They are usually easy to spot if you open them and look for the library stamp. If you find a book during the summer, please return it to the office.

Appreciation for Teamwork... As you know, volunteers for the PRWS library are essential, and we do appreciate their loyalty, creativity, hard work, and support. Most of all we hope they will consider helping again next year! One gracious person, in particular, has already vowed to continue, and this has been her fourth year of service. Thank you, Susan Gesslein! Another gem of a volunteer this year has been Kathleen Hofmann, part-time assistant librarian at the Westby Library, supporting Ms. Tip with computer cataloging in her spare time. Others who have helped include Taryn, Carol H., Paula, Kathy O., and Daneile. Anne Tedeschi has contributed beautiful art work; Anne and Barbara Peterson still serve as consultants, and Naomi Sutherland assists in the summer. Thanks also to teachers who use and promote the library, and enthusiastic kudos go to the seventh grade who have made such a difference by way of helping us circulate books efficiently. They have been excellent shelveers and carders all year, and what an important job that is. Mr. Shonka has pledged next year's seventh graders to help, as well. Thanks to all!