

Calendar

Tue-Thu Oct 18-20 4th Grade Field Trip

Thu Oct 20 7th Grade Field Trip

Fri Oct 21 Craft Night – 7:00 p.m. – 10 p.m. – see inside for details

Sat Oct 22 Waldorf Education Event – The Social Mission of Waldorf Schools

Tue Oct 25 4th Grade Parent Meeting – 4:00 p.m. – in the 4th Grade classroom

Wed Oct 26 5th Grade Field Trip

Thu & Fri 27 & 28 Parent/Teacher Conferences – No School

Mon Oct 31 Faculty In-Service – No School

Tue Nov 1 Faculty In-Service – No School

The new Novmeber Aftercare Registration Form is attached to the back of this Lunchbox Express and is also available in the office.

Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Oct 21 – No Assembly – Adult Painting Class with Maureen Karlstad

Oct 28 – Parent/Teacher Conferences – No School

Nov 4—Odd Grades/Community Singing

What's Cooking!

Social Mission of Waldorf Education

Saturday, October 22

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Place:

Join us for an interactive exploration of the power of the founding impulses of Waldorf education and the possibility of social renewal Rudolf Steiner felt would be its gift for the future. This event is open to parents, friends, and community members interested in the cultural impact of Waldorf education. Please RSVP to Jordan at 637-7828 or enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org. Childcare provided.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment & Outreach Coordinator

Introducing Courtney Maatouk, Aftercare Director

I am pleased to introduce Courtney Maatouk as the new Aftercare Director. Courtney began in this position at the beginning of October and had the opportunity to shadow and train with Kristen Wickert before Kristen headed out west to her new position in Oregon.

Courtney received a BS in Early Childhood Education from UW-La Crosse and has worked as a co-lead and substitute teacher at Gentle Lambs Childcare Center in Onalaska. In addition to loving children, she enjoys developing age-appropriate experiences and lessons for children. She and her partner welcomed their baby boy Lucas in August and moved to Viroqua in September. We are very pleased to welcome her and encourage you to introduce yourself to her and, when needed, register your children in the aftercare program.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara, Administrative Chair

Mum Sale Continues!

Mums are HALF PRICE! Only \$5 for large ones and \$4 for small ones. Stop by the office to pay.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

SCHOOL EVENTS

Adult Painting Opportunity

On **Friday, October 21st, at 8:20 a.m.**, Maureen Karlstad will lead interested parents and friends in a watercolor painting experience. Please call the front office by Thursday afternoon to confirm your participation.

We will begin in the Handwork Room.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
Administrative Chair

Enchanted Forest

This year's Enchanted Forest, hosted by the 8th Grade class as a fundraiser for their 8th Grade trip, will be **Monday, October 31st, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

The Enchanted Forest will take place at Hubbard Hills. There will be parking at the end of W. Maple St. in the pasture area, this year. Concessions will again be sold by 8th grade parents. Fees are \$2 per person or \$7 per family. There are no bathroom facilities at the site, so please come prepared!

- Paula Grenier,
Enchanted Forest Coordinator

ADMIN NEWS

Parent/Teacher Conferences

This year's Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **October 27 and 28**. The signup sheets are on the bulletin board across from the office. This is also the time of year that we seek feedback about our faculty. Faculty and subject teacher feedback forms are available in the office and from your teachers. **Please return forms to the box in the office by November 18th.**

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
Administrative Chair

Subject Teacher/Parent Conferences

At parent/teacher conference time, subject teachers will offer drop-in conversation opportunities on **Thursday, October 27, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** See locations below.

- Lerie Alstad Van Ells – Movement & Games, grades 1-8, *Lobby*
- Kate Bergan – Spanish, grades 1-8, *Faculty Lounge*
- Joshua Ecklund – Eurythmy, grades 2, 4, 6, & 8, *Gym*
- Davina Hemmer – Eurythmy, grades 1, 3, 5, 7 & 8, *Gym*
- Geri Shonka – Handwork, grades 1-8, *Handwork Room*
- Monika Sutherland – Music & Chorus, grades 1-8, *Music Room*
 - Geri Shonka, Subject Teachers

Substitute Teacher Orientation

Friday, October 28th

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

If you are interested in stepping into the classroom as a substitute, please come to this orientation. This is one of the steps to being put on the roster of available subs.

Other steps include the following:

- Completion of an application and background check
- Conversation with members of the Personnel Committee
- Attendance at a WOW! Day
- Classroom visits

Substitutes are loved and greatly valued at Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School!

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
Administrative Chair

Open Position

Afternoon Kindergarten Assistant

Applications are being accepted immediately for the afternoon mixed-aged kindergarten assistant for the remainder of the school year - beginning as soon as possible. The afternoon assistant will support the work of the

kindergarten morning assistant and lead teacher. Qualities we are seeking include an ability to work artistically and creatively, ongoing self-development, and good working relations. Individuals who cultivate flexibility and open-mindedness and are self-motivated and ethical will be strongly considered. This is a part-time position to include 4 hours per day, 5 days per week (11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.). For specific details regarding this position and duties, please refer to the Early Childhood Afternoon Assistant Job Description found on our website.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
Administrative Chair

ENROLLMENT

Enrichment Days for Children While School is Out

No school? No problem – have your children join Susana Ruder for some creative fun!

October 27: CASTLES AND KNIGHTS – Enjoy a day at the Flower Basket and Wooded Acre and learn about castles and knights. Swords and a castle will be constructed from recycled materials.

October 28: HARVEST FUN - Come carve pumpkins and make wool ghosts and pine cone spiders. There will also be a bonfire and roasted apples.

October 31: HAPPY HALLOWEEN – Come and enjoy some Halloween fun by dressing up in costumes and face-painting. Later, all will take a walk around town to explore the Halloween decorations.

November 1: CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS – Themes for the day will include cultural celebrations for this "Day of the Dead" by making "guaguas de pan," traditional Ecuadorian bread dolls. The remainder of the day will be spent playing outdoors exploring the woods.

Registration forms are available in the office. Prices are **\$35 for a whole day** (8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m.) or **\$20 for a half day** (either 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. OR 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.). Multiple-child discounts are available. Please contact Jordan at 637-7828 or enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org with questions or to register.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment &
Outreach Coordinator

Welcome to a Returning Family!

Welcome back to the Max-Funovits family! Augie (Violet K), Colette (1st), and Bella (3rd) have rejoined their classes this week. The family's new address is:
Franz Funovits & Cree Max
103 Coon Prairie Ave.
Westby, WI 54667
Cree's email: creemax@gmail.com
Franz's email: fjfworkshop@hotmail.com
Cree's cell: 224-406-4306

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment &
Outreach Coordinator

Holiday Faire and School Store Crafting

This **Friday night, from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**, we will be making handmade items for our School Store and the Children's Castle. You don't need to be "crafty" to join us – we will have something for all skill levels. Snacks, drinks, and good conversation will be provided. This month we will be meeting at Margret Lenarz's home at 510 S. Rusk St. in Viroqua. Hope you can join us!!

- Jordan Brudos, Children's
Castle Coordinator

WHAT'S NEW

Welcome to the Newest Member of Our Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School Family!

Carrie Treviranus and Aaron Schmidt welcomed a new baby boy into their family. He was born on April 18th at 12:50 p.m. He was 7 lb. 6 oz. and 19" long. Everyone is healthy and happy!



DEVELOPMENT

Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School Coffee Fundraiser

We are partnering with Kickapoo Coffee on an ongoing fundraiser! All proceeds from your purchase of Kickapoo Coffee's seasonal Harvest Blend will directly benefit the school. Beginning this week we will have 12 oz. bags of coffee for sale in the office for \$12. We are planning to stock about 10 bags at a time, so if you want to ensure your needs are met, there is an order form (attached to this LBE or available in the office) that you can drop off in the office, and we can have your order filled in a few days. Orders will be placed on Mondays and Wednesdays before noon.

This local delicacy is a wonderful house gift for the holidays. We thank our Kickapoo Coffee parents for this opportunity: Denise & TJ Semanchin and Emma & Caleb Nicholes. Questions? Ask mary@pleasantridgewaldorf.org.

- Mary Christenson, Development Director

Another Successful Grandparents Day

Last Friday we had about 80 guests this year who attended the wonderful assembly, the classes and the reception to hear Corina Bergan, a PRWS alumnus, share her story of how meaningful PRWS has been in her life. Her son, Elliot, is going to graduate this year and is our first second-generation student to do so! Very soon we will upload photos to the Parent Portal as well as a video of Corina to our website. About 70 guests stayed for lunch. As you can see, it takes the efforts of many to have this half day turn out so well. We appreciate all the teachers who prepared the assembly presentations, the teachers who welcomed guests throughout the morning, the Kindergarten teachers who prepared a special program, and all the administrative staff who played their roles.

We hope that your relatives and special friends enjoyed themselves. We provide this event so they can get a better understanding of what Waldorf education is like here at Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School. If there is any feedback for us please email

mary@pleasantridgewaldorf.org or call 637-8504.

- Mary Christenson, Development Director

Grandparents and Special Friends Day Appreciations

Corina Bergan
Mark and Jordan Brudos
Diane Splinter
Lauren Hunt
Mark Herndon
Marc LeMaire
Kerry Grant
Julee Caspers Agar
Mandy and Mike Palen

Jennifer Wade
Alison Sandbeck
Julie Turino
Cynthia Olmstead
Dodie Whitaker
Bob Allan
Marianne Fieber-Dhara
Cathy Brummer and 6th graders
Robin Kottke
Organic Valley
Kickapoo Coffee
Brew Dog
- Mary Christenson, Development Director

IN OTHER NEWS

Holiday Faire Looking for Vendors

October is in full swing, and it is time to reserve your spot to vend your handcrafted works at the 2016 Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School Holiday Faire happening on **December 2nd and 3rd**. We are well known for providing an exquisite shopping experience for the holidays, and that is thanks to wonderful vendors, like you, who join us at the Faire.

The sign-up process is quite easy as we have, once again, put it all online. Go to the Holiday Faire page on the pleasantrydgewaldorf.org website for all the details.

If you have any questions you can reach Angie or Ed Lemar at holidayfairevending@gmail.com or by phone at 608-606-6341. Please feel free to pass this on to anyone you think would be a good vendor at the Faire.

- PRWS 2016 Holiday Faire
Celebrate.Shop.Eat.Enjoy

Boys Basketball Team

For Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School boys interested in learning about basketball, there will be an eighth grade team this winter. Sixth and 7th grade boys are also welcome to practice with the team. Practice will start in early November. Contact Lars Bergan at 638-4644 for more info.

Girls Volleyball Team

For 6th - 8th grade girls interested in learning about volleyball, there will be volleyball after school on Thursdays led by Paula Grenier and Corina Bergan. November 10 will likely be the first day. For more info, contact Paula at 606-3500.

Garlic for Sale!

Beautiful, organic garlic, grown by Pleasant Ridge Waldorf students, is for sale in the school office. Nice, large cloves are perfect for planting or eating. It is \$12/1 lb. bag. Please write a check or bring exact change. All proceeds benefit the Garden Education program at the school.

- Erica Pfeiffer, Garden Program

COMMUNITY NEWS

Viroqua Comic Con is back this year on Saturday, October 22, at the McIntosh Memorial Library from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. with a new name:

VGC:Viroqua Geek Con. The new name celebrates the breadth of this event. This year we have games; Magic the Gathering and Pokemon tournaments; a fantasy author, Anthony Wedgeworth, talking about character development and the publishing industry; a Walking Dead forum; a geek trivia contest; pizza; lots of prizes; and a whole lot more. We also have an Art Show and a Cosplay (costume contest).

Registration forms are available in the PRWS office and at the library circulation desk.

All Soul's Gathering - Please join us as we hold a candlelit vigil in honor of our friends & family who have crossed the threshold. **Wednesday, November 2, 2015, 4:30 p.m., at the Old Main Building**, at 321 E. Decker St. Please bring a candle to light and be prompt so as not to break the mood. We should be finished about 5:30 p.m. Cele Wolf, for the Viroqua Friends of Anthroposophy

Gundersen Health system is please to present a screening, along with a Q&A session, of the **award-winning documentary film "Reject" on Thursday, November 3, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** There will be Q&A with Dr. Kip Williams, a professor of psychological sciences at Purdue University, afterward. This event will take place at the Weber Center for the Performing Arts, 428 Front St., S., La Crosse. This event is FREE and open to the public. "Reject" examines the impact of social isolation in children. Weaving together findings of experts the film sheds new light on the universal human experience of rejection. "Reject" reveals the link between social rejection and the neurological experience of physical pain. In doing so, it uncovers a path towards violence prevention and emotional recover. For more information, please contact Kris Edwards at (608) 775-3871.

There is still room for your 3-7 year old in **Creative Movement/Dance classes at the ARK.** Ages 3-5; Thursdays 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Ages 5-7: 4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Classes taught by Mandy Herrick foster natural movement and imagination of the body! Contact Mandy at herricam@gmail.com. For ballet classes on Fridays for 4-12 year olds, contact Sarah at grainger.sarah@gmail.com.

Indoor Moving (into town) sale at the Stephen & Annette Park family home at S7208 Yanske Rd. Take Hwy 27 S.E.: go 10 miles through Liberty Pole. After another 3 miles, turn right onto Nelson Rd. Take next right onto Yanske Rd. (marked Dead End). 1 mile to our house.

Friday, October 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A little of what's going: working window A.C.'s, \$35.00 each; old dressers with nice wood, \$25.00 each; \$1.00 clothes and C.D. tables; and lots, lots more! All priced TO GO. Cash and carry only.

Saturday, October 22nd, FREE or "Donate to local Charities" day from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Everything must go.

LUNCHBOX EXPRESS COMMUNITY NEWS POLICY

The Lunchbox Express Community News section is provided as a service to the school community. Printing of an ad does not imply endorsement by Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School.

How to Place an Ad:

1. Limit your ad to 70 words. We do not edit. We will not print ads over 70 words. If you must have a long ad, make a note & give it to the office staff to place on the bulletin board.
2. Ads will be printed only once.
3. Put your ad in the folder in the LBE's mailbox in the Office marked "Lunchbox Community News" OR e-mail ad to info@pleasantridgewaldorf.org with "Community News" in the subject line.
4. Deadline is Tuesdays at 8:30am. There may be occasions, due to unforeseen circumstances or space restrictions, that the Community section will not be printed. Thank you.



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Please submit this completed form along with your payment (cash or check made payable to PRWS).

First and last name: _____

Phone number: _____

12 oz. Harvest Blend

of 12 oz. bags: _____

x \$12.00 per bag: _____

Total payment: _____

The mission of Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School is to provide a full Waldorf education to children in early childhood through grade 8 and to be a vital and active part of the Driftless region through the spiritual and cultural opportunities we bring to the greater community.



November

Registrations Due:

24-Oct

Aftercare Registration

Monday - Friday 2:45-5:30 pm

Parent Name: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

Address: _____ Home phone: _____

Child Name: _____ Age: _____

OPTION A **Instructions:** Choose one of the following to register for every school day with a consistent pick up time.
Totals below reflect the 5% discount for regular monthly registrations.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2:45 - 3:30 (\$103) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2:45 - 5:00 (\$257) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2:45 - 4:00 (\$154) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2:45 - 5:30 (\$308) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2:45 - 4:30 (\$205) | |

A la Carte Price Code:

2:45 to 3:30 - \$6
2:45 to 4:00 - \$9
2:45 to 4:30 - \$12
2:45 to 5:00 - \$15

OR

Check the pick-up time for the dates you require aftercare.

Using the cost key, complete weekly and monthly totals below and submit payment.

OPTION B	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Weekly Total
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