

Lunchbox Express

WALDORF SCHOOL

An education for heart, hands, and head

November 16, 2016

<u>Calendar</u>

Thu Nov 17 Fall Middle School Music Sharing – 6:30 p.m. – in the school gym

Fri Nov 18 Craft Night – 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – see inside for details

<u>Sat Nov 19</u> CANCELLED - Waldorf Education Series – The Developing Child and the Waldorf Curriculum – 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Sat Nov 19 Puppet and Play Morning – 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – FREE – see inside for details

Tue Nov 22 8th Grade Eurythmy Performance – 6:00 p.m. – in the school gym

Wed-Fri Nov 23-25 Thanksgiving Break – No School

Sat Nov 26 Craft Night – 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – see inside for details

Wed Nov 30 6th Grade Parent Meeting – 4:30 p.m. – in the 6th Grade classroom

Wed Nov 30 2nd Grade Parent Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – in the 2nd Grade classroom

December Aftercare Form is Attached – Please note that <u>there will be no aftercare</u> <u>on Friday, December 2nd or 16th</u> due to the noon dismissal those days.

Friday Assembly Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Nov 18 — No Assembly Nov 25 — Thanksgiving Break – No School Dec 2 — No Assembly – Noon Dismissal Dec 9 — Even Grades

What's Cooking!

Fall Middle School Music Sharing Thursday, November 17, 6:30 p.m.

This year, our Fall Middle School Music Sharing will feature our 6th through 8th grade students. The program will take place in the school gym starting at 6:30 p.m.

- Monika Sutherland, Music Teacher

Cancelled – Waldorf Education Event

The Developing Child and the Waldorf Curriculum discussion scheduled for November 19th has been cancelled. A make-up date is still TBD.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

Clothing Swap – This Saturday!!

Our annual Cool Weather Clothing Swap is this Saturday, November 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the school gym. You may bring items for the swap to the office Thursday and Friday or bring them Saturday morning to the gym. Clothing for both children and adults is welcome. In particular, we are looking for fall and winter gear, including rain gear, snow pants, winter jackets, and boots. All items are free! This year we will have a table for swapping gift items and toys as well.

If you have any questions, please contact Dodie Whitaker or stop by the office.

- Dodie Whitaker, Coordinator

The 8th Grade Class Presents The Donkey

Tuesday, November 22nd, at 6:00 p.m., *The Donkey*, a Brothers Grimm Fairy Tale, will be performed in eurythmy by Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School's 8th grade class. This performance will be the culmination of their eurythmy curriculum at Pleasant Ridge Waldorf. This program is free and open to all families and the general public and will be held in the school gym.

- Ronald Schirmer, 8th Grade Teacher

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.



WHAT'S NEW!

Martinmas Celebration

In heaven the stars are shining. On earth are shining we.

My light shines bright Through darkest night.....

The spiral of light and song created in The Flower Basket meadow was lovely. Thank you to those parents in grade four who supported the creation of this beautiful festival. - Marianne Fieber-Dhara, Administrative Chair

Raffle Update – Great Prizes!

This year we have the best prize yet! Instead of our usual trip for 2, we are offering a trip for **five** to Belize. The tickets have been printed. For those of you who want to have your tickets available for Thanksgiving, we will have packets available by next week. If you want them before then, let one of us know and we can get them to you - Lars Bergan, Hallie Ashley, Shelly Brenneman, Erica Gerrity, Mary Christenson.

- The Raffle Committee

December Enrichment Days

It may seem early to plan for the December break; however, we are offering three Enrichment Days for children ages 5 and up – December 19, 20, and 21. You can sign your children up for a full day, morning only, or afternoon only. Cost is \$35 for a full day and \$20 for a half day. Registration forms are located outside the office.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

UPCOMING

Puppet and Play Morning

Parents and young children are invited to join Ms. Martha on **November 19th from 9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m.** for a play and a seasonal puppet story. These mornings are a great opportunity for families with young children to celebrate the changing of the seasons together and to experience the nurturing environment of our early childhood program. These mornings are **FREE**, and all are invited to join us, although space is limited – registration is encouraged. Mornings will be held in the PRWS Parent-Child room. Please RSVP to Jordan at 637-7828 or enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org.

> - Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

Twinklefest Parade

PRWS will be participating in the Twinklefest Parade again this year, and we are looking for families to join us. The parade is on **Friday**, **November 25th**, **at 7:00 p.m.** So if you are in town and would like to be involved, please contact Jordan at 637-7828 or

enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org.

Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

Advent Spiral – Monday and Tuesday, December 5 & 6

Advent Sunday is the first of the four Sundays preceding Christmas (and if Christmas falls on a Sunday, that would be the fifth Sunday, not the fourth). Advent, then, is a period of time, not a single day or moment. It is a time of quiet preparation, of readying oneself to go without fear into the darkest time of year. Here, at Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School, each class will take turns walking through a spiral, lighting a candle, and placing the candle somewhere on the spiral.

Parents are invited to attend their child's walk. They should arrive and be seated quietly before the walk begins. Times for each class will be posted in the office before the event





and should be sent out by the teachers in advance as well.

Advent Spiral Committee

What is the Tradition of the Advent Spiral About?

The days are growing shorter, the mornings are darker when we get up, and in the absence of the sun, it is time to turn inward and create a little light of our own. Pleasant Ridge holds an Advent Garden spiral walk for all the students and for the community at large. We have a wonderfully diverse school community, so our celebration of the Advent Season means different things to different folks. The intention for this event is to invite a reverent experience in a world where reverence can be difficult to find. The Advent Garden is a world-wide Waldorf school tradition, but for anyone who has ever participated in or completed a meditative labyrinth walk, it can be a similar experience. It sets the mood for a holiday season filled with more stillness, reverence, contemplation and beauty amidst the prevailing hustle and bustle of shopping, parties, and general business that surround us in November and December.

Here is a little bit of history regarding the origins of the Advent Garden. It came about in 1926, when Dr. Karl Schubert, a remedial teacher from the Stuggart Waldorf School, became familiar with the spiral movement as a curative form for the rhythmic and sensory system. Later, he was inspired by a Bavarian custom of creating a moss garden with fir twigs that was then lit up by candles mounted in apples. Dr. Schubert created a big spiral out of moss and fir branches onto which each person walked to light their own apple candle from the center and then placed it along the path, until the whole spiral garden was illuminated. The movement included going into and going out of the spiral. As each person walks in darkness into the center of the spiral, they find the eternal light that is always present to enlighten every human being.

HOLIDAY FAIRE

Spread the Word About the Faire!

The Holiday Faire is less than 3 weeks away. We're excited! Let's make this the best Faire ever. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and anyone else that might be interested. Let's celebrate our school! Are you on Facebook? If so, go to the Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School page and like and share the event. Send people to our school's website for all the details. Thank you for spreading the word!

After-School Crafting for Upper-Grade Kids

The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited to come to the handwork room after school on **Thursday, November 17th (tomorrow)** to help craft items for the Pocket Person and the Children's Castle. Snacks provided for the worker elves! We will meet until around 4:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., with plenty of time to get home and changed before the concert.

The Crafting Continues

Join us on the following dates, as we craft homemade items for the Children's Castle:

- November 18th (Friday) from 7:00 p. m. 10:00 p.m. at Nan Marshall's home – E7904 Maple Dale Rd. in Viroqua
- November 21th (Monday) from 5:00 7:00 p.m. at Ewetopia
- November 26th (Saturday) from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at Margret Lenarz's home – 510 S. Rusk in Viroqua
- November 28th (Monday) from 5:00
 p.m. 7:00 p.m. at Ewetopia

- Jordan Brudos, Children's Castle Coordinator

Advent Spiral Committee



Sign-Up Sheets are Appearing!

Please look for the sign-up sheets outside the school office (or at the Landmark Center for the kindergartens) for your class' assignment to help with the Holiday Faire. They should be posted by the end of this week. Let's fill those slots up! See the table below if you need to review your class' assignment.

| Task | Parent Volun- teers | | Coordina- tor | HF Cap- tain | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| Children's Crafts | Kinder- gartens | 7 | Marianne Miro | ML | |
| Crystal | Kinder- | | Robin | ML | |
| Boat | gartens | | Kottke & Shelly Brenne- man | | |
| Children's Castle | 8 | 8 | Jordan Brudos & Kathryn Ashley- Wright | ML | |
| Bake Sale (set up, staffing) | 1and 2 | | Julia Ugo | ML | |
| Lunch Clean-up | 6 | 6 | Pita Daniels | AL | |
| Faire Clean-up | 4 | | Marc LeMaire | AL | |
| Lunch Serving | 6 | 6 | Angie Bernstein | AL | |
| School Store Staffing | 5 | | Cathy Brummer | ML | |
| Decora- ting School/ Set-Up | 7 | 7, 8 | Corina Bergan & Joe Lenarz | ML | |
| Coffee Cafe | 1 and 2 | | Angela Rennilson | AL | |
| Friday Night Food | 3 | | Justina Man- speaker & Julie Turino | ML | |
| Ice Skating | | 6 grade arena | | JZ | |

Friday Night at the Faire

Something Magical happens, and, under the guidance of Ryan Evans, our school is transformed into an **Enchanted Place** with the alimmer of beeswax candles, the scent of pine, and the warmth of live music This year, we highlight the Tree Lighting **Ceremony** with spoken word by Julee Agar, music featuring our faculty musicians and simple, beautiful songs of the season, sung with all of our voices and led by Monika Sutherland and Dodie Whitaker. It is a chance for us to welcome the season together in Peace and Harmony. The halls will be filled with Music Created by Parents and Friends. We will miss the rich sounds of the Ridgetones this year, but be sure to see them, December 10th, a week later at the Temple Theatre for their Holiday Show.

Come hungry! There will be a variety of Nourishing Soups, Stews, Breads, and Desserts to enjoy for dinner. And, as always, many of our Favorite Area Artists will be vending, and we will have an extensive collection of items to peruse with the return of our traditional

Silent Auction

The night progresses to the **Driftless Dance** Party with the Noble Surfers over at Driftless Books and Music. Let YIHS kids do the Babysitting, and go celebrate with a WiscoPop Cocktail, Wine, or Beer and put on your dancing shoes!

Books for the Pocket Person Please!

Looking for a variety of children's books for the Pocket Person to give out as prizes for the Faire. Please donate gently used books that are in great shape. There will be a box in the school office for them. Baby board books, graphic novels, early readers, young adult fiction....all is appreciated.

Silent Auction Holiday Faire 2016

The time is now to donate items and help create a spectacular Silent Auction at the Holiday Faire! Creative offerings such as consumables (think a basket of homearown pantry items or bulk storage veggies!) and experiences (think lessons in



crafts or music or a weekend in your family's up-north cabin) are great! Fine art, jewelry, and gift certificates for local businesses are wonderful too. Items must be valued at \$25 or more.

Please contact Jess at 608.632.0162 or <u>PRWSholidayfaire@gmail.com</u> Thank you!

It's Butter Season!

Our Bake Sale needs your delicious contributions for the Holiday Faire! Please stop by the sign-up sheet across from the office and put your name down for an item or two (or three!). There are a variety of categories to choose from - from candies to cookies to elaborate show-stoppers. Gluten-heavy and gluten-free items are welcome. As you are baking for Thanksgiving, consider making a double batch of something that freezes well. Looking for ideas or wondering what are the highest profit items for the school? Contact Julia Ugo: 606-9125 or juliahundt@gmail.com

The Jump Ropes Are Back!

The 6th grade will be delighting Faire goers with handmade jump ropes again this year. We need your yarn! Go ahead and put those half used skeins that you've got lying around to good use. Drop them off at the school office. We're happy to take anything you've got. The acrylic fibers are said to make the best ropes.

Holiday Faire Friday Night Babysitting

Youth Initiative High School is hosting its annual childcare event for the Holiday Faire! We will have crafts, games, and engaging babysitters for your child's entertainment. Children of all ages are welcome on December 2nd at any time between 6:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. We will be holding this event in the top floor of the Landmark Center. We are asking \$5 an hour per child and \$15 for 5 children and up. We will offer snacks throughout the night, but not a full meal, so please have your child fed before your arrival. If you have any further questions, contact Sarah at sarahcorbin2@gmail.com. RSVPs are encouraged but not necessary. This is a wonderful fundraiser for the students of YIHS, and we're all looking forward to seeing you there!

Holiday Faire Ice Skating

As in the past, the Viroqua Community Arena has been reserved and is open for Pleasant Ridge children on Friday, December 2nd, during the Holiday Faire setup. If your child wishes to skate, please make sure he/she brings a sack lunch to eat at school before walking or being driven to the arena. The cost for this activity is \$5. **Please pay in the office by end if day on Tuesday, November 29th**. Skates are available for rent at the arena at the cost of \$2 per child. Pay for skate rental at the rink. All children must have a signed permission form to participate in skating. A form is attached to the back of this Lunchbox Express. They are also available in the office.

We will need parent drivers who are able to help transport children to the arena. Please see the signup sheet outside of the office. We would also appreciate assistance gathering children from each class from their rooms and moving them in an organized manner to the front of the school. If you can help with your child's class, find Jon Dehlin in the hall outside the office at 11:50 p.m.

Jon Dehlin, Skating Coordinator

Waldorf Resale Shoppe

We're excited to try something new at this year's Holiday Faire - expand the school store by adding a resale component for gently used wooden and natural toys. This is a great opportunity to help raise funds for PRWS by donating items your children no longer use and also shop for beautiful, quality toys for less than retail prices. Donations of wood and natural toys in good, resale condition may be dropped off at the school office through December 1st. Thanks so much for your help! Questions? Contact Robin Kottke at 608-638-2609 or <u>ringleka@hotmail.com</u>.

Robin Kottke, Coordinator



ADMIN NEWS

December Hot Lunch Form Due ASAP

The new December Hot Lunch Menu is attached to the back of this Lunchbox Express. **Please fill it out and return it as soon as possible.** Because of the Thanksgiving break, there will be little time to process all the forms before the start of a new month. Thank you!

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

Afterschool Pick-Up Times and the Aftercare Program

On page 17 of our current Parent Handbook, it is stated that the "school day ends at 2:45 p.m. for all children." We ask that children be picked-up right after school. We have offered an allowance of 15 minutes with the expectation that children will be picked up no later than 3:00 p.m. This is happening fairly well, and we appreciate the effort that is being made to ensure children are accounted for by 3:00 p.m.

Now and then, it happens that a parent is running late. Sometimes this is communicated through the office, and sometimes it is not. We appreciate those parents who have called in with an update on their status for pickup and recognize some delays are unavoidable. Beginning this school year, we have an aftercare program which we plan to make use of in the following way: children aged 11 and under who are not picked up by 3:00 p.m. will be considered "drop-ins" for aftercare. Courtney Maatouk, Aftercare Director, will then supervise the drop-in students beginning at 3:00 p.m. There will be a \$5 per 15-minute late charge assessed after 3:00 p.m.

This change will go into effect starting after the Thanksgiving Break.

- 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 kinderaarten 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 stronaly 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

Opportunities – Reading and Math Support

Rosanne Morici, our dedicated and beloved Title I Reading and Math support colleague, is completing her assessments on our students' reading and math needs. Her time has been limited by the Viroqua school system, and she will be unable to meet all the students' needs. We are therefore looking to identify a few individuals who will assist Rosanne's work in supporting the children. If you have an hour or two and would be willing to meet with a single or small group to work on reading and math, Rosanne is willing to direct your efforts. Please call Marianne at 608-637-7828 if you are interested in hearing more about this opportunity to support our students.

Marianne Fieber-Dhara, Administrative Chair

Hosting Opportunity – January 2017

In January 2017, Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School will be hosting six students from South Korea. A couple of them are return visitors from last year, and several are new. Once again,



we are turning to our generous and hospitable community to find hosts to welcome them during their stay. There is information on the flier at the back of this Lunchbox Express as well as posted information on the bulletin board across from the office. The students we are expecting are: Ji-won – Grade 8 (girl) Eo-jin – Grade 7 (girl) Kyeong-un – Grade 7 (boy) Ji-Hun – Grade 5 (boy) Seo-Ye Jun – Grade 4 (boy) Seo Ye Won – Grade 5 (girl) Anne Park – Grade 2 (girl) Yeonu Park – Grade 5 (boy) Please call Jordan at 608-797-2432 if you are interested in hearing more about how to become a host.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara, Administrative Chair

Teacher Feedback - Reminder

Many parents may have received a feedback form for class teachers and subject teachers during conferences last week.

Comments and suggestions from parents are part of our annual evaluation processes for faculty as well as staff. **We would like to have these forms before the Thanksgiving break**.

Please turn in completed forms to Marianne Fieber-Dhara's office mailbox.

Our faculty evaluation process includes the completion of a self-evaluation, classroom observation by another faculty member and colleague and parent feedback shared through a face-to-face conversation. This full evaluation process is completed every other year. During the alternate year, the evaluation consists of colleague and parent feedback delivered through a face-to-face conversation with a member of the Personnel Committee.

We value parent participation in this process. Attached at the end of this Lunchbox Express, please find copies of the parent feedback forms. They are also available in the office. Thank you.

Marianne Fieber-Dhara, Administrative Chair

Winter is Coming!

Hi! My name is Winter. Remember me? I am coming to visit Wisconsin again soon. I know I often overstay my welcome, but I just love it here so much it is hard to leave. Anyway, I need to ask you a favor. I need for you to help get the snow off the sidewalks at your child's school so everyone can travel safely out in my glorious winter chill. Your Facilities team is gearing up and will be calling upon you to do your part. You will be shoveling by assigned class weeks again this season, starting with: Grade 8 - November 6-13 (Sunday Morning overlap). Grade 7 will follow November 13-20. Remember, we are all in this together. I will bring the snow and cold and winter fun and you get out there and show those soft people in warmer climes how resilient you are. Warm regards,

Winter

P.S. - Do a really good job and I may reward you by not sticking around through March and into April.

Full Schedule

Grade 8: November 6-13 Grade 7: November 13-20 Grade 6: November 20-27 Grade 5: November 27-December 4 Grade 4: December 4-11 Grade 3: December 11-18 FACILITIES: December 18-January 1 Grade 2: January 1-8 Grade 1: January 8-15 Kindergartens: January 15-22 Grade 8: January 22-29 Grade 7: January 29-February 5 Grade 6: February 5-12 Grade 5: February 12-19 Grade 4: February 19-26 Grade 3: February 26-March 5 Grade 2: March 5-12 Grade 1: March 12-19 Kindergartens: March 19-26 Jon Dehlin, Facilities Committee



Thank-You from Facilities

Many thanks to all who were able to join us this past Saturday for another successful work day. The weather was beautiful, allowing us to tackle many important tasks before the onset of winter and to share a meal outdoors. For those who didn't get the chance to participate, there will be another opportunity on Saturday, February 6, 2017 - mark your calendars!

Facilities Committee

Don't Forget the Coffee

Don't forget to pick up a fresh bag of Kickapoo Coffee in the office and support PRWS! We have 12oz. whole beans of the Harvest Blend available for \$12. This would also make a great gift for the holidays!

Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and **Outreach Coordinator**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mike Moon and Eva Schulte, PRWS parents, are looking

for a house sitter. The house is available the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights of Thanksgiving week. Comes with a friendly (and large) dog to feed and let in and out. The house is located on Rusk Street near the hospital. Please call 608-772-4386 or 608-446-1596 if you are interested.

Steiner parent and Early Childhood teacher collaborate

on children's picture books in rhyme. Matt McFlack and His Flyaway Kite is a children's story written in rhyme about a young boy who buys a kite, loses it, and then spends the entire day trying to retrieve it. Dance of the Seasons is a lyrical romp in rhyme through the seasons of the year. The books are ideal holiday gifts for new readers. Available from amazon.com or at kyrarobinov.com or try http://www.kyrarobinov.com/children-s-books.

Advent Calendar and Holiday Cards!

Christopherus Homeschool Resources has a new retail space in downtown Viroqua and we're expanding our line to include seasonal products and gifts. We currently have a lovely selection of traditional German Advent calendars from Wynstones Press, as well as boxed sets of holiday cards, seasonal cards sets for nature tables, and striking art prints from David Newbatt.

Many new items will be added in weeks to come!

Come visit us at our new space at 207 S Main Street. We're open Monday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. with hours extended until 7 pm on Thursday evenings. 608-606-0855. Kelly and Leigh

Dear Colleagues, Dear True Botanica Customers, and Dear Friends,

The FTC, the Federal Trade Commission, has released today an enforcement policy that hits hard at homeopathic remedies.

Essentially it emphasizes that potentized remedies are based on no better than the science from the 1700's and must in the future be labeled as such in order to not be misleading to the consumer?!!

With this attitude it is imperative to support work like the research done at the Kolisko Institute. Our work for the last seven years shows that the effect of potencies on biological systems can be physically demonstrated and statistically validated. Remedies based on those results may therefore in the near future be based on 21st century analyses rather the "the 1700's."

Our research shows convincingly that just as Rudolf Steiner predicted the efficacy of potentized remedies can be lifted out of the realm of mysticism and be placed on solid science.

Sadly, precisely at the time when this research - and its connected social activities - are needed most we are dangerously low on finances.

Laboratory work is costly in manpower and materials. We as individual doctors and the True Botanica company, which is associated with the Institute, have given all we can but that is not enough. (Please note that the TB company is operating at barely breakevenanthroposophical remedies are not yet popular enough, etc.)

We ask you to support this work so that it can be ongoing.

This is a unique opportunity to demonstrate the contribution of anthroposophic medicine and anthroposophic thinking. Our web site is info@koliskoinstitute.org.

Contact Martha Buche marthabuche@ymail.com if you have any additional questions.

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.

January 2017 HOSTING OPPORTUNITY Would you like to host a student from South Korea?

Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School is looking for host families for our South Korean visitors in January 2017. There will be six students joining our school beginning **January 1st through January 23rd** 2017.

The students are coming with their teacher Sumi during their winter holiday. The intention is to create a cultural experience. These students come from a very large metropolitan area in South Korea and they will be keen to explore our slower and more rural way of living.

What do hosts need to provide?

Room and Board: A place to sleep needn't be a private room. Meals as you would your own child. Their hot lunches at school Monday – Thursday will be paid for and therefore will only need a packed lunch on Fridays.

Transportation: To and from school specifically as well as to other activities that may be planned. Drivers are required submit copies of a valid driver's license and proof of insurance.

Window to your world: The students will be well-served by participating in the life of your household; going to the grocery store, the bank or any other errands that may be necessary during their visit. They have little opportunity to be in nature, observe a star-filled sky or play in snow. Any activities that you can think of to give them a taste of life in Viroqua will be wonderful.

What else?

December 10th there will be an orientation for host families to review details in anticipation of our guests' arrival.

Arrival and pick-up: The group arrives at 7:00 pm on January 1st at the Amtrak station in LaCrosse. **Departure:** The group departs at 10:00 am on January 23rd (Monday) from the Amtrack station in LaCrosse.

First Friday Assembly: there will be an introductory assembly on <u>January 6th</u>. Host families are invited to attend and be announced and introduced to our community.

Students will have special English classes during the school day to help strengthen their language skills.

A **hosting fee** will be offered to families opening their homes to these students. Additionally, Sumi will be cooking a home cooked Korean meal for each family.

If you would like to welcome a visitor, please speak with your class teacher or Marianne Fieber-Dhara.

HOLIDAY FAIRE ICE SKATING

WHO: Pleasant Ridge students from grades 1 to 6.

WHAT: Ice Skating fun and child supervision for grades 1-6 at the Viroqua Community Arena while others set up for the Holiday Faire (children of adults setting up can skate for free)

WHY: School is released on Friday, December 2nd, at noon

WHEN: Friday, December 2th, 12:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

SCHEDULE: 1) Eat lunch at school at 11:30 a.m.

2) Caravan to arena at noon

3) Skate and have fun safely until 2:30 p.m.

3) Be ready for pick-up at 2:45.

There will be NO bus pickup at the school in the afternoon on December 2nd.

Parents, if you would like your child to spend the afternoon at the ice arena, please see below:

TO SKATE:

- Fill out the form below, one for EACH child
- Return the form and \$5.00 to the office or Jon Dehlin by the end of the school day on November 29th.
- Send your child to school on December 2th with lunch and either ice skates in hand or \$2 for skate rental, which is available at the arena
- Pick up your child at 2:45 p.m. at the arena

Further questions – please call Jon Dehlin at 632-6712

I give permission for my child, ______, grade ______, grade ______ to go skating at the Viroqua Community Arena. I understand this means that my child may ride in a car driven by an adult or may walk to the arena.

____ I will pick up my child at the arena no later than 2:45 p.m.

Parent or guardian's signature

date

Phone Number Where You Can be Reached if Needed: ______ I am part of the Holiday Faire setup crew: Y / N

| | EASAN L D O R F | S | | | December Registrations | 5 Due: | | | 8-Nov | Aftercare Registration Monday - Friday 2:45-5:30 pm |
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| | Parent Name: | arent Name: | | | | | Emergency Phone: | | | |
| | Address: | | | | | | Home phone: | | | |
| | Child Name: | | | | | _ | | Age: | | _ |
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