

Lunchbox Express

An education for heart, hands, and head

September 21, 2016

Calendar

Wed Sept 21 Ist Grade Parent Meeting – 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – in the Ist Grade classroom

Wed Sept 21 - Fri Sept 23 6th Grade Field Trip - CANCELED

Thu Sept 22 7th Grade Field Trip

Thu Sept 22 – Fri Sept 23 8th Grade Field Trip - CANCELED

Sun Sept 25 New Family Brunch – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Tue Sept 27 All-School Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Gym

Fri Sept 30 Michaelmas Festival – 8:20 a.m. – in the Gym – all classes presenting

Fri Sept 30 Craft Night – 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – see inside for details

Thu Oct 6 School Picture Day

Wed Oct 12 WOW!: Waldorf Open Wednesday – 8:10 a.m.

Fri Oct 13 Grandparents and Special Friends Day – begins at 8:20 a.m.

Friday Assembly Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Sept 23—Odd Grades Assembly and
Festival Life Community
Conversation
Sept 30—Michaelmas Festival Pageant
Oct 7—Even Grades

What's Cooking!

New 2016-17 PRWS Directories are Here!

You should have received your new 2016-2017 Directory and Handbook in your parent or faculty/staff mailbox. Please let us know if there are any errors or updates to the information by telling Nan in the office or emailing Cynthia (cynthia@pleasantridgewaldorf.org). It takes about 3.5 months to complete this project, including revising the handbook; collecting all of the family, class, and faculty/staff information; and securing all of the yellow pages ads that support our school (we raise about \$7,400 in income from ad sales). I'd like to thank everyone on the team, including Gabrielle Daniels, Marianne Fieber-Dhara, Nan Marshall, and Jordan Brudos.

- Cynthia Olmstead, Development Coordinator

<u>September 23 – Community Conversation</u> Festival Life at Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School

Festivals help us breathe the rhythm of the year as it circles 'round the seasons. In this conversation, we will look at the festival traditions at Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School which support the entire community. Please join us in the Gym this **Friday morning after the assembly.**

Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
 Administrative Chair

October Aftercare Registration

The new October Aftercare Registration form is attached at the back of this Lunchbox Express. Copies are also available in the office. Stop by if you have questions. Please turn the completed forms in to Nan. Thank you!

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

Pre-Ordered Mum Pickup

Pre-ordered mums will be available for pickup Friday morning at school. Please stop in the office before picking them up.

Nan Marshall, Office Manager



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SCHOOL EVENTS

<u>All School Meeting – Cultivating a</u> <u>Healthy Social Life</u>

Tuesday, September 27

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Gym

Last year our focus was on enrollment. Full enrollment is one of the keys to a healthy, vibrant school. This year we continue to focus on realizing robust enrollment through the cultivation of a healthy school community. What does this mean? What form does it take? How are we doing?

We want to hear from as many community members as possible; therefore, we will dive into conversations around this theme after a few reports and opening statements. Please join us!

Childcare will be available on-site – please call Jordan Brudos at 638-7828 to register your child/ren.

Light refreshments will be served.

Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
 Administrative Chair

Grandparents & Special Friends Day

In just a month we will host a very special event for the elders in our children's lives. Each autumn, this Friday morning event for the grandparents or special elder friends draws about 80 people, and we are beginning our planning and preparations. This week the Development Office will be mailing invitations to those addresses we've received from you. If you haven't provided the names and addresses for your relations, please do so this week. Please email us or put your completed Development Form in our mailbox in the office. (Those who attended in previous years are already on the list). More details of the morning will be published in the coming weeks. We do ask for R.S.V.P.'s so that we are well prepared for lunch, chairs in the classrooms, and nametags. We are also looking for people to help set up, serve, clean up, and/or provide a refreshment for the reception. Please contact Mary Christenson at

mary@pleasantridgewaldorf.org if you want to help out in any way. Thank you!

- Mary Christenson, Development Director

ADMIN NEWS

Personnel Announcements

Sofya Hundt has taken up the position of Business Manager and has begun an immersion plunge into the world of our business operations. She is determinedly tackling many tasks: contracts, payment plans, ACH, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and much more. Please stop in to see her if you haven't already – she is in the small office through the faculty lounge.

Erika Broser has served Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School for over a decade on the Finance Committee, Board of Directors, Budget Committee, and, most recently, as the Business Manager since 2014. She has worked creatively to streamline many of our operational systems and has been an excellent collaborator as new programs were developing. Erika has taken a new position at E3 Coalition as of September 1st, and we are grateful she will continue supporting our school through her excellent work on the Finance Committee and as a dedicated and committed parent volunteer.

Kristen Wickert, our Aftercare Program Director, will be heading out to Oregon to take a position as a first grade teacher. She and her family will be moving out of Viroqua, and we wish them luck in their future. The aftercare program and enrichment days held by Kristen will continue as we are opening our search for her replacement.

Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
 Administrative Chair



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Open Positions

Aftercare Director – (see job description online or ask in the front office)

Monday – Friday (school days)

2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Beginning: October 3

First Grade Story and Nap Support – (see position details online or ask in the front office) Monday – Friday (school days) 1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Beginning: October 3

Enrichment Day Director

Providing programs for children on days when school is not in session.
For details on the program, see the website: www.pleasantridgewaldorf.org.

To apply: Send a letter of interest and employment application along with resume and references to:

Marianne Fieber-Dhara, Personnel Committee Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School 431 E. Court Street Viroqua, WI 54665

Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
 Administrative Chair

The Flower Basket Autumn Mum Fundraiser

Order your mums now for pickup Friday when the mums are in bloom. Pickup will be at Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School. Colors are peach fusion, white, yellow, and burgundy. Color selection occurs at pickup – first come, first served. Order forms are available in the office. Please turn them in to Nan. There will be a few extras mums available on Friday – just pay in the office.

Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
 Administrative Chair

1-Page Phone List

The 2016-2017 1-Page Phone List is available in the office. Please stop by to pick one up.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

Friday Office Reception Volunteer

Are you interested in getting to know parents and faculty better? Do you like talking on the phone? Are you willing to apply bandaids to young children? Then consider volunteering as the office receptionist on Fridays. Please talk to Nan in the office or Marianne Fieber-Dhara if you are interested.

We would like a couple more volunteers to create a team for sharing and/or rotating Fridays!

Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
 Administrative Chair

ENROLLMENT

Crafting Get-Togethers Are Back!

We are restarting the adult crafting gettogethers! This is a time to come together and make handmade items for our school store and the Children's Castle for the Holiday Faire. You don't need to be "crafty" to join us – we will have crafts for all skill levels. Snacks, drinks, and good conversation will be provided. Here are the next two scheduled evenings:

September 30th, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at Jordan Brudos' Home – 118 Wisconsin St. in Viroqua

October 21st, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at Margret Lenarz's Home – 510 S. Rusk St. in Viroqua Hope you can join us!

 Jordan Brudos, Children's Castle Coordinator

Fall Parent-Child Classes

Parent-Child classes have begun, and we still have room for a few families to join us on **Friday mornings from 8:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.**Please contact Jordan at 637-7828 or enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org for more information or to register.

 Jordan Brudos, Enrollment & Outreach Coordinator



Harvest Parade

We are looking for PRWS families to participate in this year's Harvest Parade on October 8th. If you and your family would be interested in helping out with organizing our group and making costumes please contact Jordan at 637-7828 or

enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org.

 Jordan Brudos, Enrollment & Outreach Coordinator

In Other News

<u>Leftovers</u>

We all enjoyed the Back-to-School Potluck, and some people enjoyed it so much they left their dishes and serving tools behind. They are on a table in the front hallway. Please take a look to see whether you are missing something or not. Thank you!

Nan Marshall, Office Manager

Many Thanks!

Thank you to Martha Karlstad and Eric Levermann for the wonderful gift of a refrigerator for the teachers and staff. It's located in the kitchen area.

- Julie Turino, Cook

Join the Festival Singers

The Festival Singers learn songs for the seasons. All are welcome to join the group. We meet Wednesdays from 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Check in at the front office on Wednesdays if you'd like to join the group.

- Catherine Young, Festival Singers

Large-Truck Assistance Needed!

The music room is in need of a larger rug. Monika Sutherland, the music teacher, has acquired one in Onalaska, but needs a large truck that can bring it back. The rug is 12 feet long and will be rolled up. If you are able to help, please contact Monika at monika@yellowcello.com. Thank you!

- Monika Sutherland, Music Teacher

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ancient Waters Canoe Trek

The Trek takes place October 19-23 on the Namekegon-St.Croix River in Bayfield County with local guides Nicholas WazeeGale and Bill Humphrey. Hone your paddling, source wild water, and practice making fire by friction. Learn guided daily meditations, mindful awareness practices, and nature connection in a pristine setting. Adults and young adults ages 16 and up are welcome. Moderate activity levels; some experience necessary. Food included. Learn more with Bill at 608.606.9004 or online at

http://www.shamansbreath.com/wilderness-trek/

Lice removal - I have recently had the good fortune to become familiar with a simple, precise, and potentially permanent method to get rid of lice correctly and effectively at home without the use of harmful chemicals. Next Wednesday, September 28, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the PRWS gym, I am offering a demonstration of how to remove lice using the completely natural "Shepherd Method" and answer any questions you might have about how to do this at home, including what is and is not necessary to disinfect the home, and natural preventive measures. You can also find out how to receive in-home services which include the necessary clearance to send your children back to school. If you are unable to attend, I will offer another session at a later date, or feel free to contact me at 632-0150. Thanks! Dodie Whitaker.

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.



October

Aftercare Registration

Registrations Due:

28-Sep

Monday - Friday 2:45-5:30 pm

	Parent Name:	Emergency Phone:	
	Address:	Home phone:	
	Child Name:	Age:	
⋖	Instructions:	Choose one of the following to register for every school day with a co	nsistent pick up time.
OPTION A	2:45 - 3	Totals below reflect the 5% discount for regular monthly registrations. 2:45 - 5:00 (\$257)	A la Carte Price Code:
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0	2:45 - 4	30 (\$205)	2:45 to 4:00 - \$9
		(1-3-2)	2:45 to 4:30 - \$12
OF	₹		2:45 to 5:00 - \$15
	Check the pick-	up time for the dates you require aftercare.	2:45 to 5:30 - \$18
	Using the cost k	key, complete weekly and monthly totals below and submit payment.	

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