

## Calendar

**Fri Jan 27** No Classes – Faculty In-Service-  
Enrichment Day

**Fri Jan 27** Game Night – food and games – 5:00 p.m. –  
8:00 p.m.

**Wed Feb 1** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Evening – 6:00 p.m. – in  
the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom

**Fri Feb 3** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Evening – 7:00 p.m. –  
8:30 p.m. – in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade classroom

**Sat Feb 4** Moving into the Grades – 9:00 a.m. –  
10:30 a.m.

**Sat Feb 4** Puppet and Play Morning – 9:00 a.m. –  
10:30 a.m.

**Wed Feb 8** WOW! Day – 8:20 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. –  
meet in the school gym

**Sat Feb 11** All-School Work Day – **Note New Date!** –  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Wed Feb 15** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting – 4:00 p.m.

**Sat Feb 18** Kindergarten Morning – 9:00 a.m. –  
12:00 p.m.

**Mon Feb 20 – Fri Feb 24** Parent/Teacher conferences  
and winter break – No Classes

## Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Jan 27—Faculty In-Service – **No School**

Feb 3 —Even Grades – Community  
Conversation

Feb 10 —Open Assembly

Feb 17 —No Assembly – Adult Art Class

## What's Cooking!

### No School this Friday – In-Service

January 27<sup>th</sup> Faculty In-Service

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara, Administrative Chair

### PRWS Game Night

Join us on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, for some family fun!  
Dinner and board games – can you think of a better  
way to spend a winter evening? The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class  
will be selling soup and bread (desserts and drinks too)  
at the kitchen beginning at 5:00 p.m., with board  
games from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the library and  
adjoining classrooms. It should be a lot of fun – hope  
that you can join us!

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach  
Coordinator

### Raffle Ticket Reminder

There are still some raffle tickets in the office. Don't  
forget to pick them up! **Raffle tickets are due in the  
office by March 10<sup>th</sup>.**

- The Raffle Committee

### Re-Enrollment Week for School Year 2017-2018

**February 6 – 10, 2017**

Please look for program changes, additions, re-  
enrollment forms, tuition information and adjustment  
applications beginning  
February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Registration fee of \$165** per family is due with your re-  
enrollment form by **February 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Registration fee **AFTER** February 10<sup>th</sup> will  
be \$500.

Tuition Adjustment applications will be due **February  
17<sup>th</sup>.** A letter and timeline is being mailed out this week  
with further information.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,  
Administrative Chair

### Tuition Statement for Tax Purposes

If you'd like a statement of tuitions paid in the 2016  
calendar year, please email your request to  
[finance@pleasantridgewaldorf.org](mailto:finance@pleasantridgewaldorf.org). Thank you!

- Sofya Hundt, Business Manager

## EVENTS

### **Girls Volleyball – 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades – Continues**

Volleyball for 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade girls is still happening. Please join us Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the PRWS gym to learn and improve your volleyball skills. A group of YIHS volleyball team players will be there to lead warm-ups, drills, and games during this time. All girls are welcome, no matter their skill level. This is a great way to have fun, get active, and forget about the dreary, icy weather. Questions, call Paula at 606-3500.

- Kay Fandel, Coordinator

### **Community Conversation – February 3**

#### **Program Adjustments and Changes for 2017-2018**

In advance of our re-enrollment week beginning Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Community Conversation following the morning's even grades assembly. We will look at the changes that were put in place for this current year and gather some feedback on them, as well as look forward to the Spring, Summer, and coming school year. This will be a time to ask questions about the tuition and fee changes that were outlined in the letter sent before the holiday. We will touch on the developments in the gardening program, summer camps, aftercare program, and enrichment days. We will also discuss adult education opportunities and community building activities.

I hope to see many of you there for this conversation.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,  
Administrative Chair

### **CHANGE OF DATE - Save the Date for the February 11 All-School Workday**

Please plan to join us for some satisfying work, great food, and social time during our upcoming All-School Workday on Saturday, February 11. We have a few important tasks to tackle and are hoping for about 20 volunteers to get everything done. A couple of hours of your time within the **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** window would go a long way toward this goal. As usual, we will be providing homemade lunch and coordinating the effort.

- PRWS Facilities Committee

### **Next PRWS Ski Day – February 23**

PRWS will be having another Ski Day on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., so mark your calendars. Paperwork is available in the office.

Lift Only: \$13 (No paperwork needed)

Lift & Ski Rental: \$18

Lift & Snowboard Rental: \$28

A beginner lesson (for ages 10+) is included **FREE** of charge. Beginner lessons for younger children are:

6-9 years = \$10 and 5 and under = \$18. If you or your child will be getting a lesson, please fill out the ski school form too. Forms and payment (checks written to PRWS) are **due by February 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please see Jordan or Nan in the office if you have any questions.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and  
Outreach Coordinator

### **PRWS Book Sale Coming!**

We are now collecting books for the book sale, which we plan to have in March. If you have books to donate, they can be placed under the table in the front hallway or in the library. Thanks to all who donated and supported the sale in the past. Please continue to support this great cause.

- Chris Leinberger, Library  
Volunteer Coordinator

## ENROLLMENT

### Moving Into the Grades Event

Do you have a child beginning first grade next year? Or are you curious about the Waldorf curriculum and want to learn more? Join Carrie Treviranus and Aaron Schmidt on **February 4th from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** as they discuss the Waldorf curriculum and present sample lessons from a lower and an upper grades class. Please RSVP to this event by contacting Jordan at 637-7828 or [enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org](mailto:enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org).

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

### Play and Puppet Morning

Come and join Ms. Martha on **February 4th from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** for the next Play & Puppet Morning. You and your child (ages 2-6) can enjoy a morning of play with friends and a seasonal puppet story. This is a **FREE** event, but registration is encouraged. Please RSVP to Jordan at 637-7828 or [enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org](mailto:enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org).

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

### Kindergarten Morning

Thinking about having your child begin kindergarten next year?  
If so, then join us for a Kindergarten Morning!

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> OR Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Visit the Kindergarten  
(Parents and children together)

**11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Parents meet with the kindergarten teachers  
(Outdoor childcare provided)

All parents who are interested in finding out more about our kindergarten program are encouraged to attend one of these mornings

with their child. Registration is required. Contact Jordan at 637-7828 or email [enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org](mailto:enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org) to register.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

## ADMIN

### Floods, Snow, ICE, and More!?

This year, the weather has presented us with some really interesting challenges and we are still in the midst of winter. It was brought to my attention last week after our last series of weather days and delayed morning that perhaps we need to look at the calendar and make sure the children are receiving their education.

After some research into this situation and conversation in Faculty Council on Monday (1/23) we are pleased to report that we are still within the hours required for the year. Let me walk through the details. The school calendar is developed in compliance with Wisconsin's regulations for private schools. According to the statute, a Wisconsin private school must provide at least **875 hours of instruction** each school year.

Our school day from 8:10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. is counted as 6.5 hours of instruction. **Thus, our 2016-2017 school calendar has a total of 1,007.5 instructional hours scheduled.** The Department of Public Instruction states higher numbers of instructional hours for their purposes; however, the Independent School Association of the Central States (ISACS) states as best practice **"The school day and year shall be sufficient for the total school program to achieve its goals."** This gives private schools greater freedom to determine their annual calendar. Even though we are not accredited with ISACS, we can begin with this general intention of ensuring that the program goals set by the faculty are achieved, as well as complying with the state's regulation for private schools.

The difference between the number of hours PRWS has scheduled into its year (1,007.5) and the number of hours expected (875) leaves 132.5 hours with which to flex. That comes to about 20 extra days built into our calendar. This year we have had 6 fully cancelled days and 2 delayed starts totaling 43 instructional hours. There remain 89.5 instructional hours or just over 13.75 days in our "bank." In the event of a late start, the day begins with main lesson to ensure the students receive this cornerstone of the curriculum.

Aside from all the numbers, for our school isn't about THE NUMBERS but rather OUR STUDENTS, the faculty feels confident the overall program goals will be met through the various adjustments that may be made to accommodate the missed days.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,  
Administrative Chair

## **Substitute for Betty Link**

Betty Link, our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, will be taking a break from January 23 through February 17. Sandy Loucks, formerly a Prairie Hill Waldorf School Teacher, will be taking the class in the interim. Sandy was our first-grade substitute earlier this year.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,  
Administrative Chair

## **Not too Early to Think of Summer!**

We are already planning our summer camp programs for this year. If you have any ideas for a program you'd like to participate in or if you'd like to lead a program, please stop by the office or call to talk to Jordan Brudos or email her at [enrollment@pleasantrydgewaldorf.org](mailto:enrollment@pleasantrydgewaldorf.org).

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,  
Administrative Chair

## **February Aftercare**

The new February Aftercare form is attached. Please sign up as soon as possible for the new month.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,  
Administrative Chair

# OTHER

## **PRWS Coffee Fundraiser**

Don't forget to pick up a fresh bag of Kickapoo Coffee in the office and support PRWS! We have 12 oz. whole beans of the Winter Solstice available for \$12.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and  
Outreach Coordinator

## **Winter is Here!**

Your Facilities team is ready and will be calling upon you to do your part. You will be shoveling by assigned class weeks again this season.

## **Remaining Schedule**

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

## **Parent Library Volunteer Needed**

We are looking for someone to keep an eye on the Parent Library (in the hallway outside the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom. This doesn't take very much time. It involves putting cards in book donated to the library and entering new books into the inventory, as well as occasional follow up on missing books.

If you are interested, please talk to Nan in the office.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

## **Working at The Flower Basket**

Now that winter has really settled in, could we entice you to come over to help out in the Greenhouses – especially on Tuesdays? There are several projects that need attention this month:

- Finishing geranium cuttings
- Cleaning up colored geraniums

- Going through the succulent bench...  
sorting and repotting
- Going through the foliage bench...  
sorting and repotting and cleaning
- Fixing up hoses... shortening them closer  
to the right length
- Sorting pots
- Mixing soil

If you can't make Tuesdays, please call Arwyn at 608-632-7217 to see if another time can be arranged.

- Mary Christenson, Development

## 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](mailto: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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Youth Initiative High School OPEN HOUSE** - Student Art, Curriculum Showcase, Mini-classes, Performances - 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Thursday, January 26th, 2017. **FREE AND OPEN**~ Refreshments provided!

Youth Initiative High School invites you to the Cirque D' Amour – their **Annual Valentine's Dinner, Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m.** at the Rooted Spoon on Main Street in Viroqua. There will be cocktails, appetizers, a 4-course gourmet dinner, and a sumptuous dessert, as well as romantic entertainment and an elegant silent auction. Purchase tickets for this fundraiser at [www.yihs.net](http://www.yihs.net).

**Soul Soothing Wisdom Circle** - with Bill Humphrey - Saturday, February 4, 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m., LaFarge, WI

Reconnect with the natural rhythms of nature, breath and sacred drum. Clear your mind to connect with heart and spirit. New to sacred circle? This retreat is perfect for you. Are you an experienced practitioner longing for ceremony? You belong here.

Cost: \$70. Low on funds? Barter or discount available. 50% deposit requested. Contact Bill to reserve your spot at (608) 606-9004, [bill@essentialskills.org](mailto:bill@essentialskills.org), or [www.shamansbreath.com](http://www.shamansbreath.com).





**February**

Registrations Due:

23-Jan

**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 (\$86)  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2:45 - 5:00 (\$214) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2:45 - 4:00 (\$128) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2:45 - 5:30 (\$257) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2:45 - 4:30 (\$171) |  |

**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.

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  
 2:45 to 5:30 - \$18

**OPTION B**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Weekly Total





Month total

