



## Calendar

**Mon Oct 9** Kickapoo Coffee Morning with the Parent Association – 8:30 a.m. – all are invited – meet in the lobby to walk to Kickapoo Coffee after drop-off or just meet there

**Mon-Wed Oct 9-11** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip

**Wed Oct 11** Monthly Open House – 8:20 a.m.

**Wed-Thu Oct 11-12** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip

**Fri Oct 13** Grandparents and Special Friends Day

**Mon Oct 16** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parent Meeting – 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom

**Tue Oct 17** School Photo Day

**Fri Oct 20** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Sat Oct 21** “What do Dads Say About PRWS?” Find out from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – see inside for details

**Sat Oct 21** Dad’s Day Out – Disc golfing – 10:30 a.m. – see inside for details

**Tue Oct 24** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting – 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – in the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade classroom

**Tue Oct 24** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting – 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade classroom

**Thu Oct 26** 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Parent Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

## What’s Cooking!

### Grandparents and Special Friends Day

**Friday, October 13, 2017**

The schedule for the event is below:

8:20 a.m.	Student assembly in gym
9:00 a.m.	Visit your grandchild’s grade classroom <b>OR</b> Program for all kindergarteners – <u>Cherry Blossom Kindergarten</u>
10:00 a.m.	Reception in the gym with an alumni speaker
11:00 a.m.	Visit subject classes <b>OR</b> tour Greenspace & school garden
Noon	Luncheon in the gym

We are looking for a few people to help out on Grandparents and Special Friends Day with the reception, set up for lunch, serving, and cleanup after lunch. Please contact Mary or Cynthia in the Development Office at 637-8504 if you are able to assist us.

Please help us get an accurate count by encouraging your parents to RSVP if they are coming, or you can let us know by email at [mary@pleasantridgewaldorf.org](mailto:mary@pleasantridgewaldorf.org) or [cynthia@pleasantridgewaldorf.org](mailto:cynthia@pleasantridgewaldorf.org) or phone message at 608-637-8504.

Parents, please note that the luncheon is only for our grandparent guests; the children will bring their lunches as usual on Friday and eat with their class in their classrooms.

If you want more details or have questions or concerns, please contact me. Thank you.

- Mary Christenson, Development Director

## Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Oct 6 —No Assembly (No Adult Art Event)

Oct 13 —Grandparents and Special  
Friends Day

Oct 20 —Even Assembly

## WHAT'S NEW

### Have You Heard?

#### ...Pumpkin is the New Bacon!

Seventh grade has organic pie pumpkins for sale to fulfill your pumpkin cooking and baking needs -- pumpkin brownies (yes, brownies), bread, muffins, cheesecake, cookies, blondies, scones, shakes, pancakes, soup, and, of course, pumpkin pie. With each sale we will include my husband Mike's famous pumpkin pie recipe!

You can find the pumpkins in the front hallway for a mere \$3 (small) - \$4 (large). This is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser for their culminating 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip.

### News from the Parent Association

The Parent Association is back this year, and we have some fun events planned! Here are some upcoming events in October that we hope you can join us for:

**Oct. 9 at 8:30 a.m.** – Kickapoo Coffee Morning with the Parent Association – meet in the lobby to walk over after drop-off if the weather is nice or just meet there

**Oct. 21 at 10:30 a.m.** – Dads' Day Out (Disc golfing at Vernon Hills, behind the VFW)

**Oct. 27 at 5:00 p.m.** – PRWS Game Night and Dinner (**NOTE NEW DATE**) – at the school

**Nov. 11 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** – Clothing Swap

We are always looking for new members to join the Parent Association. If you are interested in community building and planning fun events, please contact Jordan at [jordan@brudos.net](mailto:jordan@brudos.net). Our next meeting is scheduled for October 29 at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Jordan for directions if you are interested.

- PRWS Parent Association

### October Open House

Our next monthly Open House is scheduled for **October 11, from 8:20 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.** in the Parent-Child Room. This is your opportunity to experience our students and teachers working with the Waldorf curriculum, which is designed to meet the whole child at each developmental stage. After the tour, enjoy a time of conversation and refreshments. These open houses are for current PRWS families as well as potential families and friends. Please contact Jordan at [enrollment@pleasantrydrewaldorf.org](mailto:enrollment@pleasantrydrewaldorf.org) with any questions or for more information. **Don't forget to bring along a friend!!**

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

### School Photo Day is Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

School photo day is Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Extra registration forms will be passed out by the class teachers and also available in the office if you need them. The forms should be turned in to your child's teacher. Photo retakes will follow three to four weeks later (date TBD), and you should have your photos well in time for the holidays.

#### **KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES – Please note:**

In order to minimize the disturbance to the daily rhythm that the kindergarten children are just getting used to, we are asking that you bring your children to the school library before the start of the kindergarten morning on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Shonka, will be available to take **kindergarten children photos** from **7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.** that morning. If you have any questions, please call the office.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

### What do Dads Say About Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School?

On **October 21, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**, join PRWS Dads for a Q&A panel discussion on PRWS and Waldorf education. Come hear their stories of how they came to PRWS and what they have learned along the way. This event is open to everyone, not just the Dads! Following the event there will be a "Dads Morning Out" where they will be hitting the

disc golf course at Vernon Hills – so don't forget your discs (there will be plenty to borrow too). Please reserve a spot by emailing Jordan at [enrollment@pleasantrydrewaldorf.org](mailto:enrollment@pleasantrydrewaldorf.org).

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

## **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

This year's Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **October 30, 31, and November 1<sup>st</sup>**. To make an appointment with your child's classroom teacher, please look for the signup forms that will soon be hanging on the bulletin board across from the office. Subject teachers welcome parents to call them directly to set up times to discuss your child's class experiences in Music, Spanish, Eurythmy, Handwork, or Movement. This is also the time of year that we seek feedback about our Class and Subject teachers. Feedback forms are included in this edition of the Lunchbox Express. Please print these at home and take a few moments to provide your reflective feedback to our teachers, then, drop them off in the office. Copies of these forms will also be available for parents in the office.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

## **Upcoming Enrichment Days**

### **October 27, 30, 31, and November 1**

Are you looking for someplace for your child(ren) to be during the upcoming in-service and Parent/Teacher conference days? Join Ms. Sequoyah for fun crafting and outside play and games. Registrations forms are available across from the office. Rates 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. Stop by the office with any questions.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **The Holiday Faire is December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**

We are seeking vendors of artisan, handmade items for our Holiday Faire! Vendor applications for the Faire are now available online at:

<https://pleasantrydrewaldorf.org/our-school/holiday-faire/> . Please see the webpage for contact and application information or contact Angie Lemar at [holidayfairevending@gmail.com](mailto:holidayfairevending@gmail.com).

- Holiday Faire Committee

## **IN OTHER NEWS**

### **Seeking Substitute Teachers and Office Volunteers**

We are looking to add to our list of substitute teachers for the upcoming year. If you are interested, please give Nan a call in the office. We'd love to help you get started. We are also looking for additional volunteers for helping out in the office. This would be on an occasional, as-needed basis. Some training would be involved. Please call Nan in the office if you are interested.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

### **We've Got Coffee!**

Don't forget to pick up a fresh bag of Kickapoo Coffee in the office and support PRWS! We have 12 oz. bags of whole beans of the Harvest Blend available in the office for \$12. This will be an on-going fundraiser for PRWS this year!

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

### **One-Page Phone List is Available**

If you'd like a 1-page phone list of PRWS families, please stop by the office to pick one up.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

## **Directory Updates**

The 2017-2018 directories were distributed last week. Despite our best efforts, there are always a few errors. Please check your information in the directory and let us know if something needs to be changed. Below are a few initial updates you should make to your directory.

### **Kiehnau-Stumpf**

Ashley and Simon's son in the Violet Kindergarten is known as Omosh.

## **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

**The fall prep day of the Viroqua Biodynamic Group will be held on Saturday, October 7th.** We plan numerous different projects and encourage anyone interested to come. We invite families with children. This event will be held at Chrysalis Farm beginning at 9:00 a.m. A potluck meal will be ensue sometime near noon. For more information call 608-637-2079 or e-mail [cocoon@mwt.net](mailto:cocoon@mwt.net).

**SAVE THE DATE:** This year's Viroqua Harvest Parade will take place on October 14 at 2:00 p.m.  
More info:  
<https://www.facebook.com/viroquaharvest/>

**High Mowing School Open House, Saturday,** October 14, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Waldorf preschool through grade 12. Boarding and day school. Connect with us! Register at [highmowing.org/openhouse](http://highmowing.org/openhouse) or (603) 654-9406 x103. 222 Isaac Frye Hwy, Wilton, NH 03086 or [highmowing.org](http://highmowing.org).

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

The feedback you give here is part of the annual evaluation process for teachers. The completed form will go to a Personnel Committee member for collating. All information is confidential, and the themes will be presented to the teacher during his/her evaluation conversation. Teacher evaluations include a classroom observation visit, review of students' work, a self-evaluation, feedback from parents and feedback from colleagues.

*Thank you for your participation.*

1. Do you think your child is having a positive experience at school? Please elaborate if you wish.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Good communication is one aspect of a healthy relationship between parent(s) and teacher. Do you have a good relationship with your child's teacher? Please elaborate if you wish.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What strengths have you observed and what do you appreciate about your child's teacher?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Do you have any ideas and suggestions for this teacher?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Do you have any ideas or suggestions for class parent evenings?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Any other questions, concerns, comments?

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Signature

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Date

Use back side of this form if needed. Reminder: Unsigned forms may not be considered. Thank you for your cooperation. Please return forms to the box in the office by **November 17, 2017**.

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Subject \_\_\_\_\_

The feedback you give here is part of the evaluation process for teachers. The completed form will go to a Personnel Committee member for collating. These forms are to be signed. All information is confidential and the themes will be presented to the teacher at his/her evaluation conversation. Teacher evaluations include a classroom observation visit, review of students' work, a self-evaluation, feedback from parents and feedback from colleagues.

*Thank you for your participation.*

1. Do you think your child is having a positive experience in this class? Please elaborate if you wish.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Good communication is one aspect of a healthy relationship between parent(s) and teachers. Do you have a good relationship with this teacher? Please elaborate if you wish.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What do you appreciate about your child's experience in this specialty class?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What strengths have you observed in this teacher?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Do you have any ideas and suggestions for this teacher?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Any other questions, concerns, comments?

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Signature

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Date

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AWSNA COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2017

### DEAR WALDORF COMMUNITY,

Autumn is a busy time of year for AWSNA's advancement office. Recent activities focused on sharing the voice of Waldorf Education with the broader educational community. In September, Beverly represented AWSNA at NAIS's Commission on Accreditation, the Independent Schools Association Network, the Council of American Private Education, and at the Department of Education in Washington, DC with the US Secretary of Education.

At all meetings there was an emphasis on how to approach our differences, whether related to educational philosophy, public versus private schooling, and/or legislative and political agendas, with carefulness, civility, respect, and open hearts. National association leaders were also consulted regarding funding and support for schools affected by the recent hurricanes that devastated areas of Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico.

Warmly,

*Stephanie,  
Melanie,  
& Beverly*



## WALDORF ONE WORLD-DAY

For over 20 years, the “Waldorf One World-Day,” or “WOW-Day,” has been connecting people from all over the world. Students from 37 countries have given support to over 150 Waldorf and social initiatives.

On WOW-Day, various fundraising activities take place, establishing a connection among students of all continents. The proceeds of these activities are used to provide children with education, a protective community, or a warm meal. The time frame is from September 29 to November 29, 2017—each institute independently chooses the day that best fits its campaign.

There are countless possibilities for organizing your WOW-Day: Whether student, parent, or teacher: together you can devise ideas for your day of action. For example, you can prepare a circus show, work as a harvester on a farm, or push yourself to the limit at a sponsored run. Come up with big or small, loud or quiet actions.

Please go to <https://www.freunde-waldorf.de/en/wow-day/> for more information. You will find numerous ideas for your WOW-Day, information concerning the projects that are seeking your support, some legal information for your school, as well as standard employment contracts for your employer. We look forward to receiving photographs and field reports about your activities in order to attract further students to this project! Here's an example:

*Peru > Estrella del Sur – Everyone is welcome*

*In the northern jungle of Peru, the initiative Estrella del Sur offers extra-curricular social work for children with special needs.*



## ESSENTIALS IN EDUCATION BLOG

### The Importance of Learning a Second Language



Educators have long touted the benefits of second language learning for U.S. students, but its necessity is regularly challenged. Critics like to point out that language learning should be an elective, at best, due to expense and time constraints for becoming proficient. They also argue that English is likely to remain the international *lingua franca* of

business, implying that American students can rest on their English-speaking laurels. But there are many advantages to learning more than one language, and some are not just measured by business success. Read the whole article on [Waldorf Education](#).

And do visit AWSNA's education blog, called [Essentials in Education](#), in which we explore topics that matter to educators, researchers, policy experts, and thought leaders—from a Waldorf Education perspective.

We welcome comments and feedback, and we also welcome guest posts. Please contact Beverly Amico at [bamico@awsna.org](mailto:bamico@awsna.org) for details.

*Please join us on social media:*



## THE COMEBACK OF CURSIVE

A recent article in *The Economist* discusses the importance of cursive writing: "Neurophysiologists in Norway and France have found that different parts of the brain are stimulated when reading letters learned by writing them on paper, rather than by typing them on a keyboard. The movement and tactile response involved in handwriting leaves a memory trace in the sensorimotor part of the brain, which are retrieved when reading the letters involved. If handwriting reinforces reading, the implications for teaching are huge."

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## COMMUNITY WEB RESOURCES

[WALDORFEDUCATION.ORG](http://WALDORFEDUCATION.ORG)

### FORMS

Templates you can use to create your own forms can be found on the "Affiliated School Resources" page of our website.

### STAY CONNECTED

Sign up for our newsletter on our website and like and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Pinterest.

You can also support us on our website.  
Thank you for your commitment to Waldorf Education!

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