

## Calendar

**Fri Oct 20** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip

**Sat Oct 21** "What do Waldorf Dads Say?" Find out from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Sat Oct 21** Dad's Day Out – Disc golfing – 10:30 a.m.

**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

**Wed Oct 25** 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.

**Fri Oct 27** – Faculty In-Service – **No School – Enrichment Day Available** – see details inside

**Fri Oct 27** Game Night & Meal – 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – see inside for details

**Mon-Wed Oct 30 – Nov 1** Parent/Teacher Conferences – **No School – Enrichment Day Available** – see details inside

**Tue Oct 31** Enchanted Forest – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Hubbard Hills – see inside for details

**Mon Nov 6** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Evening – 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Tue Nov 7** Photo Retake Day – Kindergartners 7:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. – others in the morning

## Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Oct 20 —Even Assembly

Oct 27 —No School

Nov 3 —Community Conversation and Martinmas Song Singing

## What's Cooking!

### What do Waldorf Dads Say?

On **October 21, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**, join PRWS Dads for a Q&A panel discussion about 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@pleasantridgewaldorf.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 EVENTS

### 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

### PRWS Supper and Game Night

Come have supper and play some games together on **October 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** There will be board games for all ages. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade class will be selling food to raise money for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip, so no need to make supper before you come! We had so much fun last year at the Game Night we can't wait to do it again. See you there!

- PRWS Parent Association

### Enchanted Forest

This year's Enchanted Forest, hosted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class as a fundraiser for their 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip, will be **Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

### Adult Education Study Sessions

Mr. Joshua Ecklund has organized two weekly studies that are open for adults.

The first is a free **Friday morning (10:50 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)** study of Rudolf Steiner's 'Theosophy,' in which we shall read and discuss the topic.

The second is an exploration of the new sibling of the arts, Eurythmy, which shall take place **Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** (cost: \$5-\$10 per session).

Both take place at Ye Auld Maine Building; northwest corner of Washington St. and Decker St. (eurythmy room).

- Joshua Ecklund, Eurythmy Teacher

### Substitute Teacher Orientation

**Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

**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 monthly Open House
- Classroom visits

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

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

### Clothing Swap

The PRWS Clothing Swap will be coming up on **November 11<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.,** in the PRWS gym. Start gathering your clothes and outerwear that you are ready to pass on. Donations can start being dropped off in the office on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

- PRWS Parent Association



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**The Holiday Faire is December 1st and 2nd**

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

<https://pleasantridgewaldorf.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

- Amy Belling-Dunn
- Jasmine Hudnall
- Mark and Jordan Brudos
- Diane and Gregory Splinter
- Jennifer Wade
- Kate Holmes
- Dodie Whitaker
- Kristin Pomykala
- Danielle Partyka
- Amy and Jon Hazell
- Marc LeMaire
- Mike Palen
- Robin Kottke
- Jillian Davis
- Dawn Hundt
- Calvin Morris
- Don Hodges
- Organic Valley
- Kickapoo Coffee
- Mary Christenson, Development

**IN OTHER NEWS**

**Grandparents and Special Friends Day Appreciations**

Last Friday we had about 85 guests who attended the assembly, the classes, and the reception to hear Hanna Agar Karlstad share her story of how meaningful PRWS has been in her life. Very soon we will upload photos to the Parent Portal on our website. About 70 guests stayed for lunch. As you can see from the list of volunteers below, it takes the efforts of many to have this half day event turn out so well. We appreciate all the grades teachers for preparing the assembly presentations and for welcoming guests throughout the morning, the Kindergarten teachers for preparing a special program, and all the administrative staff who played their roles in giving tours and generally helping out where needed.

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 PRWS. If there is any feedback for us, please email [mary@pleasantridgewaldorf.org](mailto:mary@pleasantridgewaldorf.org) or call 637-8504.

**Thank you to all of you!**

- Hanna Agar Karlstad
- Julee Caspers Agar
- Cynthia Olmstead
- Maia Toledo

**DATE CHANGE for the Spring Concert!**

Please update your calendars. The Spring Concert will **NOT** be in March. **The new date is Friday, April 20th.** Please join us then.

- Monika Sutherland, Music Teacher

**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

**Dragon Wings - An Adventure Board Game Fundraiser**

PRWS alumni parent, David Breitbach, has designed a game with his daughter, Kessie, and is offering a fundraising opportunity for the school. **Each game that is sold through the school earns \$5 for the school.** At game night last spring we had a couple prototypes of the game to play. People enjoyed it because it was easy for both children and adults to engage in the fun.



All the sales of *Dragon Wings* are on [dragonwingsgame.com](http://dragonwingsgame.com) (please follow this link so that PRWS earns the \$5 when you buy.) Orders need to be placed in October, and the game will be delivered in early December. You will be one of the few to have one! The first game sold, just last week, is going to an anthroposophical kibbutz in Israel. Also, those who select "Local Pickup" get \$10 off the game price and don't have to pay for shipping.

This is how David describes it:  
The world is a bit crazy right now! People, families, nations...are relating at an all time low!  
**The Dragon Wings game is a powerful step to change all this!** It helps kids (and parents) learn to relate and bond. It raises their emotional IQ. With *Dragon Wings*, kids and adults seem to forget about their phones, iPads, and TV for a while. In fact, from those who have played it a lot, a big change starts happening around the house. So, let's get this into the hands of as many kids as we can.  
"If we are to reach real peace in this world..., we shall have to **begin with children.**"

*Mohandas Gandhi*  
"Teach a child to relate, and **they'll be loved for a lifetime.**" *David Breitbart*  
- *Mary Christenson, Development Director*

**Older mahogany desk for sale.** \$50 or best offer (solid wood). 49" wide x 29" tall x 20" deep. Call Bill Brooke at 606-5329 if interested. Photo on bulletin board across from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom at PRWS.

**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**

**TRUTH BE TOLD - Theme: Turning of the Tide**  
October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Landmark Center Auditorium, 500 E. Jefferson St., Viroqua, WI. An inspiring evening of storytelling and a much-anticipated Youth Initiative H.S. fundraiser. Usually sells out!  
Doors open @ 7:00 p.m.  
Storytelling @ 7:30 p.m.  
Pre-Sale: \$10 At the Door; \$12  
**For 13 and up. Tickets at the Viroqua Food Co-op and online at [yih.net](http://yih.net). Check Facebook for details and updates.**

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