

Calendar

Wed Feb 1 5th Grade Parent Evening – 6:00 p.m. – in the 5th grade classroom

Wed Feb 1 7th Grade Parent Evening – 5:45 p.m. – in the 7th grade classroom

Fri Feb 3 2nd Grade Parent Evening – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – in the 2nd 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 Kindergarten Morning – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Wed Feb 15 4th Grade Parent Meeting – 4:00 p.m.

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

What's Cooking!

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 6th.

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

Registration fee AFTER February 10th will be \$500.

Tuition Adjustment applications will be due **February 17th**.

- 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. Thank you!

- Sofya Hundt, Business Manager

Raffle Ticket Reminder

Raffle tickets are due in the office by March 10th.

- The Raffle Committee

Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Feb 3 —Even Grades – Community
Conversation

Feb 10 —Open Assembly

Feb 17 —No Assembly – Adult Art Class

EVENTS

Girls Volleyball – 6th-8th Grades – Continues

Volleyball for 6th - 8th 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

Program Changes and Adjustments

We will have an opportunity to discuss some of the changes for 2017-2018 which have already been announced: tuition rate, instructional supply fee, and the kindergarten food fee. We will have some time to reflect on the current program changes and additions: 5-day kindergarten, aftercare programming, and enrichment days. We will also look forward to the evolving plans for our garden program, summer camps, and other community activities.

Additionally, we will share an overview of the 2017-2019 Strategic Plan recently approved by the Board of Directors. It will now be taken up by committees and working groups in various ways within the school.

We wish to engage our community members in this work and embody the tagline

Our Students. Our School. Our Community.

- 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

Adult Education Opportunity

The next hands-on art opportunity for parents will be on **February 17th, from 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.** Join Maureen Karlstad for a morning of clay work. Class will be held in the PRWS Handwork room. Please RSVP to this by contacting Jordan at 637-7828 or enrollment@pleasantrydrewaldorf.org.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

Next PRWS Ski Day – February 23

PRWS will be having another Ski Day on February 23rd 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 17th**. 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.

- 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.

- 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 11th OR Saturday, May 6th
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 to register.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

ADMIN

2017 – 2019 Strategic Plan UPDATE

In December, the Board of Directors accepted the “plan on a page” Strategic Plan crafted by the Long-Range Planning Committee. The plan is a three-year strategic plan that will be reviewed and adjusted from year to year in an effort to reflect accomplishments and goals yet to be attained.

In previous reports on our process of long-range planning, we shared four key areas to work through and strengthen with specific goals and initiatives toward making changes. These four areas of Program, Governance, Resources, and Community have evolved into four Goals or “change we will focus on.” They are not ranked but rather are four intentions we will be holding and working with in the coming years.

- *Deepen and widen every child's experience*
- *The entire community is enthusiastic about PRWS*
- *Attract and retain the best faculty and staff*
- *Achieve organizational excellence*

We hope to present an initial broad view of this plan on **Friday, February 3rd**, as part of the Community Conversation. Additional conversations will be scheduled as we continue to engage you in this exciting work on behalf of our students and our school.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
Administrative Chair

PRWS 2017 Summer Camps

Our program for the summer is under construction!

We are inviting community members to submit either an idea for a summer camp they'd like to see offered for their child or for their self. If you are interested in offering a camp, please contact the office and set up a conversation - we'd love to offer a variety of activities and opportunities for all ages.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
Administrative Chair

Calling Volunteers for Reading and Math Support!

Due to the limited funds available to PRWS from the Viroqua Area School District Title I monies, we are hoping to find a few more volunteers with some time to work with our students in reading and math. Rosanne Morici's schedule has been reduced once again by the "Powers That Be," and in order to meet the needs of the children, we need your help. If you have the opportunity to offer 30 minutes two or three times a week to read with a student or go through some elementary math concept, please contact the office. You will then be contacted directly with next steps. Your support will be deeply appreciated!

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
Administrative Chair

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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 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 3rd 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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Youth Initiative High School invites you to the Cirque D' Amour – their **Annual Valentine's Dinner, Saturday, February 11th, 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.

David Engel, a local organic farming pioneer, was diagnosed with stage 4 glioblastomas brain tumors in November 2016. One of two tumors was

operable and the other was not. This is an incurable disease according to the doctors. David has rapidly declined and now is in Hospice care in Viroqua. The Engel family has a long and rich history with Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School. All of their four children are alumni, Dave Engel was a past board member, and they have contributed financially to the school in many ways throughout the years. If you feel moved to do so, please consider donating to **David's GoFundMe site below:**

<https://www.gofundme.com/dave-engels-hospice-fund>.

Thank you,
Hannah Hastings

Family Constellation Workshop with Peter Devries – Sunday, February 12

9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Viroqua
622 S. Washington St.

with Master Facilitator Peter Devries

EARLY REGISTRATION EXTENDED

Cost: \$147 before 2/5 After that \$195.

Registration and information:

Rebecca Wainscott

608-606-1552 or rebeccaw44@yahoo.com or

Contact Peter at constellationworks.com.

Lost: Korean books — Some time ago (a year or more?), I loaned out a couple of Korean books: a hardback beginner's conversation textbook and a songbook. Has anyone seen them? Are you the one I lent one to? Please call or email me, 637-7821 or lomahuh@gmail.com. Thanks! Loma Huh

The Viroqua Biodynamic Group sponsors a study group on Steiner's agriculture lectures. The study occurs each Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Landmark Center. Interested people should come when they can. Direct any questions to Brian Wickert, 606-1275.

The YOUTH INITIATIVE HIGH SCHOOL is now accepting applications for the 2017-18 school year.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 15th. Please remember that late applications will be subject to a fee. Class sizes are limited. Late applications accepted if space is available. If you have questions, please contact Susan at susan@yihs.net.

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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.