

## Calendar

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

**Fri Feb 17** Adult Education Event – Clay Work with Maureen Karlstad – 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. – in the Handwork classroom

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

**Mon Feb 27** 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Parent Meeting – 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – in the first grade classroom

**Fri Mar 3** Community Conversation – 8:20 a.m. – in the gym

**Sat Mar 4** Parent Engagement Meeting – 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Wed Mar 8** WOW! Day – 8:20 a.m. – in the gym

**Fri Mar 10** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Play

**Sat Mar 11** Moving into the Grades – 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Fri Mar 17** In-Service – No School

**Fri Mar 17** Kindergarten Morning – 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Fri Mar 17** Celebration of the Arts – 6:30 p.m. – in the Old Main Building – 321 E. Decker

## Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

*Feb 17 —No Assembly – Adult Art Class*

*Feb 24 —No School – No Assembly*

*Mar 3 —No Assembly – Community Conversation*

*Mar 10 —Odd Grades Assembly*

## What's Cooking!

### PRWS Ski Trip Canceled

The PRWS Ski Trip scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup> has been canceled due to the warm weather.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

### Tuition Adjustments Due Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

Tuition adjustment paperwork is due in the office this Friday. Please put them in Sofya Hundt's office mailbox.

- Sofya Hundt, Business Manager

### Taking a Look Ahead!

#### **School Calendar for 2017-2018**

As we work to finalize the full calendar for the coming school year, we can offer the following dates for school breaks and holidays to support your planning for next year.

September 6 - Opening day for grades students

September 7 - Opening day for kindergarten students

September 15 - In-service: FAIR DAY

October 27 - In-service

October 30-31 and November 1 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 22-24 - Thanksgiving Break

December 15 - Festival of Light and early dismissal

December 18 - January 1 - Winter Break

January 2 - School resumes

February 19-21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 22-23 Mid-Winter break

March 30 - April 6 - Spring Break

April 9 - School resumes

May 25 - Closing day and Graduation

A more complete schedule to include other events and festivals will be coming soon.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara, Administrative Chair

### Celebration of the Arts – SAVE THE DATE

**Friday, March 17, 6:30 p.m.**, in the Old Main Building at 321 E. Decker St.

Free-will donation.

Come enjoy some entertainment by the faculty, refreshments, and a silent auction that includes faculty artwork. Proceeds will support the Pleasant Ridge professional development fund. Adults only, please.

- Kate Bergan, Celebration of the Arts Committee

## EVENTS

### 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@pleasantridgewaldorf.org](mailto:enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org).

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

### Community Conversation

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8:10 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.**

Topic: *Compassionate Communication*  
Working together on our agreements regarding communication as a community building tool.

Are we speaking to be heard?

Are we listening with our hearts?

Are our questions a key to greater understanding?

Please join us in this interactive conversation.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,  
Administrative Chair

### 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

### Next Enrichment Days –

**February 20, 21, & 22**

Join us for a fun day of crafting, outside play, and games. Registrations forms are available outside the office door. 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. See Jordan in the office with any questions.

- 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!

**Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>\* OR Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

\*Additional day scheduled due to quantity of registrations

**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

## **Moving Into the Grades Event Rescheduled**

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 **March 11th 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

## **Please Welcome Simin to PRWS**

Please welcome Simin Besonen to PRWS! Simin, brother to Dagny (5th grade), has joined Ms. Derocher's 2nd grade class. His parents are Dana McGuire and David Besonen. Their contact information is below:

### **Dana McGuire**

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Viroqua, WI 54665  
608-632-6835  
[blissdragon@gmail.com](mailto:blissdragon@gmail.com)

### **David Besonen**

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Edina, MO 63537  
660-851-6999  
[dbes1.00217-1.grou.vrqrws1@digitalrelief.com](mailto:dbes1.00217-1.grou.vrqrws1@digitalrelief.com)  
We are so happy that you are here!

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

# ADMIN

## **Successful Re-Enrollment Week!**

Thank you for a successful Re-Enrollment Week! We are looking forward to robust enrollment in the fall. Some classes have room for new students, so please invite your friends with children to consider Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School for their children's education. Have them contact Jordan at [enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org](mailto:enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org).

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara, Administrative Chair

## **New Faces Supporting our Work**

### **New Substitutes**

Taryn Greendeer: working in the upper grades and supporting the 7th grade play block

Forrest Humphrey: currently helping in early childhood and available for substituting in the grades

Christine Zinky: currently supporting first grade lunch relief and serving as 1<sup>st</sup> grade story and nap substitute, as well as leading the Enrichment Days

A big thank you to Sandy Loucks who has been expertly holding and teaching grade six for Mrs. Link, who will be back with her class next block and available for Parent/Teacher Conferences.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara, Administrative Chair

## **Update on Miss Shannon**

Miss Shannon, our Violet Kindergarten Lead Teacher, was taken ill last week. She ended up having to spend time in the hospital in La Crosse due to complications from the flu. We are happy to report that Miss Shannon will be returning home this Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. We are grateful Shannon is coming through this incident and will be ready to take up her duties in due time following a recovery period. Please keep your eyes open for ways this generous community might support our treasured colleague.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara, Administrative Chair

## **Job Openings for the 2017-18 School Year**

PRWS has the following openings now advertised on our Employment page (<https://pleasantridgewaldorf.org/our-school/employment/>) with application instructions and job descriptions.

### **Class 1 Teacher**

Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School is looking for our first grade class teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. An understanding of and commitment to Waldorf Education principles along with an interest in collaboration with

colleagues and parents are required qualities in candidates wishing to be considered for this position.

### **Kindergarten Lead Teacher - Temporary**

Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School is seeking a temporary Kindergarten Lead Teacher for 2017-2018, either a 3-month position (January-March, 2018) or an 11-month position for 2017-2018.

Please see our webpage above for complete information and instructions.

- 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

### **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 has limited time at PRWS, and in order to meet the needs of our 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

concepts, please contact the office. You will then be contacted directly with next steps. Your support will be deeply appreciated!

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,  
Administrative Chair

## OTHER

### **Uriel Pharmacy Order**

An order for Uriel Pharmacy will be placed at the end of next week to be delivered on Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of February. If you're not familiar with their products, check out their website [www.urielpharmacy.com](http://www.urielpharmacy.com) or grab a catalog from the school store cabinet. Some favorites are the Plantain Beeswax Cough Relief Ointment, the Aurum Lavender Rose Cream Oil, the Rose Copper Warming Support Ointment, and the Lavender Quartz Ear Oil. So many awesome products! Browse the website and give something a try! If you place your order through me, the shipping is free because a school parent collects the order from Uriel directly and hand-delivers it to Viroqua. Have your **orders to me by Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**. Payment due upon delivery. Contact Cathy Brummer at 262-510-9089 or [driftlessmom@live.com](mailto:driftlessmom@live.com).

- Cathy Brummer, Parent

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Project with the Vernon County Humane Society**

Hello! My name is Anna Dlugi, and I'm volunteering at the Vernon County Humane Society (VCHS) for my 8<sup>th</sup> Grade project. Are you thinking about getting an animal from the Humane Society? There are so many animals there that would absolutely love for you to take them home. The VCHS is a no-kill shelter, so many of the animals wait there to meet their new families for quite a while. I've learned that living in a cage can change an animal's behavior. That's why I'm working to raise awareness of the need to adopt animals from this shelter. Thank you.

- Anna Dlugi, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

## **Greenspace Trails Closed during the Thaw**

With the coming temperatures expected in the 50s and 60s over the next week, we will be closing the Greenspace Trails until we have a significant freeze again. Please avoid using the trails of the Greenspace during the thaw as it damages the trails and surrounding area. Thank you!

- Cynthia Olmstead, Development

## **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 Still Here – but Hopefully not for Long!**

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 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

# COMMUNITY NEWS

Come out and support **Mish Mosh Soup, Viroqua's newest improvisational theater group**, as we participate in the Coulee Region Improv and Sketch Festival in La Crosse! The festival runs from February 16 – February 18, and our group, which includes YIHS faculty Taryn Greendeer, Grant Hicks, Shawn Lavoie, and Dodie Whitaker, will perform on Thursday, February 16 at 7:40 p.m. at the Veteran's Studio Theater, Weber Center for the Performing Arts, 428 Front Street (the show starts at 7:00 p.m.). For more information, please contact Dodie at 608-632-0150 or log on to [www.lacrossecommunitytheatre.org](http://www.lacrossecommunitytheatre.org).

We are a young couple **looking to rent either garden space or a house with garden space**, preferably near Viroqua. We are also interested in planting multiple small back yard plots in exchange for vegetables. Very good references and steady income. Courtney at [608-616-2613](tel:608-616-2613).

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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.