



Calendar

Sun Apr 23 PRWS Family Dance – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – in the Old Main Building at 321 E. Decker – see info to right for details

Mon-Tue Apr 24-25 5th Grade Play – 1:00 p.m. on Monday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday

Wed-Fri Apr 26-28 1st Grade Play – 9:00 a.m.

Fri Apr 28 The Beeswax Conspiracy – A one-person comedy show with Ronald Koetzsch – 7:30 p.m. – at The Ark – see inside for details

Sat Apr 29 All-School Work Day – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – see inside for details

Sat Apr 29 Play and Puppet Morning

Sat Apr 29 Clothing Swap – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – in the school gym – see inside for details

Fri May 5 May Day Festival – 12:45 p.m. – school playground – see inside for details

Fri & Sat May 5&6 8th Grade Play

Sat May 6 Kindergarten Morning – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Sat May 10 WOW! Day – 8:20 a.m. – in the gym

Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Apr 21 —No Assembly – Community Conversation

April 28 —Odd Grades Assembly –

CANCELED

May 5 —No Assembly

What's Cooking!

PRWS Family Dance

Join us on **April 23rd from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** in the Old Main Building at 321 E. Decker for a PRWS Family Dance. Come and learn Irish and Appalachian circle and line dancing. No experience necessary; lessons will be provided. This is a family event for all ages - please have children accompanied by an adult. Live music will be provided by local musicians. Free will donation (for musicians) at the door. Hope that you can join us!

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

SAVE THE DATE! Not to be missed!!!

Friday, April 28th, 7:30 p.m. at the ARK

The Beeswax Conspiracy

A Loving, Irreverent, and Hilarious Look at the Waldorf Subculture

A One-Person Comedy Show with Ronald Koetzsch

The show includes segments on:

- The Steiner Lifestyle Points Survey
 - How to Know Your Temperament and Change Your Spouse's
 - How to Survive the Class Teacher Home Visit
 - Retirement Strategies for Waldorf Teachers
 - The Waldorf-Speak Phrase Dictionary
 - And more . . .
- Monika Sutherland and Margret Lenarz,
Event Organizers

Celebration of the Arts Cards for Sale

Stop by the office to select from a variety of note cards printed with the chalkboard art of our talented teachers! Cards are only \$2 each. Pay at the front desk.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

Reminder for ACH Hot Lunch Families!

For those of you who have had your hot lunch payments withdrawn automatically, don't forget that **you now must fill out a May hot lunch form and turn it in with a check** before the beginning of the month. Credits will be posted across from the office. Please stop in and ask if you have any questions.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

Tuition Adjustment Information

Tuition adjustments will be in the mail this week!

ANNOUNCEMENT

Natural Transitions

I have been enjoying the visible transition all around us in the natural world. Green is spreading across the land; the sweet fresh flowering trees are sharing their colorful blossoms. The tulips are on the verge of explosion, and many daffodils are dancing in the breeze. This is a vibrant time for us all to witness. The children, too, are bursting forth with renewed energy, and it is stimulating. Another transition which is arriving on our doorstep is the one that has me joining my husband Joseph in Menomonie, WI, at some point after the school year ends. This transition came more quickly than anticipated, but here it is, and it, too, feels "natural." Many of you may recall our wedding in June of 2015. It was a wonderful community event in the Wooded Acre followed by a potluck at our home down the block. We were blessed that day, transitioning into a new relationship surrounded by so much love and support.

Many of you may not know that Joseph has been in a graduate program at UW-Stout since then and will be graduating in May with a degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. He has been offered a job at the organization with which he is interning. It is an excellent opportunity, and it is time for me to join him so we may continue building our life together. This transition is bittersweet in that I will miss so many special qualities to be found at Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School; the dedicated faculty and staff, the engaged and supportive families, and the beautiful children; yet, I will be with my husband and we will embark on a new life. I look forward to the opportunities to drop in from time to time for various festivals and events as they arise in order that some connections remain intact. There is so much to be grateful for and to love about this community as I begin transitioning into my new phase. Thank you.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
Administrative Chair

EVENTS

Spring Open House at Bloom and Grow Garden Center (formerly The Flower Basket)

April 28th – 30th

The newly rechristened Bloom and Grow Garden Center (formerly The Flower Basket), at 520 E. Terhune in Viroqua, opened April 17th. Hours will be Monday – Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Spring Open House will be April 28th, 29th, and 30th. There are hanging baskets, bedding plants, vegetables, and herbs. Check out www.bloomandgrowgardencenter.com for additional information.

- Bloom and Grow Garden Center Committee

All-School Work Day

Please join us on **Saturday, April 29th**, anytime **between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** for a bit of social time and light yard work as we get our playground all spruced up for the season. We will be raking leaves, spreading wood chips, and tackling an assortment of other outdoor tasks. This is a great opportunity to donate your time in a simple yet tangible way while catching up with other parents. Don't forget to bring your kids - they will love this opportunity to help and play alongside their families and friends! As usual, the Facilities Committee will provide coordination and a fabulous homemade lunch (served at 11:30 a.m.).

- If you are able, please bring with you the following **LABELED** tools:
 - o A wheel barrow for moving the wood chips
 - o Spade and scoop shovels
 - o Spring rakes
 - o Garden clippers

In the event of rain, we will hold the workday on Saturday, May 6th instead.

Hoping to see you there!

- Sofya Hundt, Facilities Committee



**Swap ~ Don't Shop! PRWS Clothing Swap
Saturday, April 29, 2017 – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Hooray for Spring! Time to clean out closets and drawers, just in time for the annual PRWS Spring Clothing Swap!
How it works: Donate clothing and outerwear your family no longer needs. Score some new-to-you items that you need. It's that simple!
Drop off: Please bring items to the Pleasant Ridge School office beforehand. Doing so before the swap is strongly encouraged, though if you need more time you may bring items to the swap on Saturday morning. This event coincides with the spring All-School Work Day and Lunch, always a great opportunity to connect with other families and help care for our school. Won't you join us? Questions? Call Robin Kottke at 608-638-2609 or email ringleka@hotmail.com.
- Robin Kottke, Swap Coordinator

**Join Us for Our May Day Celebration on
Friday, May 5th**

Come and join us for a festive celebration of the return of light and warmth at our May Day celebration on Friday, May 5th. Family and friends are to meet on the playground **at 12:45 p.m.** There will be a processional and May Pole activities, including the crowing of the King and Queen, singing, and dancing. There will also be Children's Activities. The PRWS community and neighbors are welcome to participate in these events. Stay tuned for more information.
If the weather is threatening, all events will be in the gym.
- May Day Celebration Committee

PRWS 2017 Summer Camp Program

The PRWS Summer Camp Program is back again this summer – with even more camps from which to choose. Camp brochures and registration are available outside the office door. Information is also available on our website:
<https://pleasantrydewaldorf.org/programs/summer-camp/>. There is an early-bird discount of 5% off camps if registration received by May 19th, 2017.

2017 PRWS Summer Camp Schedule

CAMP	DATES	TIMES	AGES	INSTRUCTORS
Moving Together	June 5-9	9:00 – 9:30 am	1-3 w/adult	Mandy Herrick
Creative Movement	June 5-9	10:00 - 10:45 am	3-6	Mandy Herrick
From Garden to Forest	June 5-9	8:00 am - 12:00 pm (M-Th) & 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (F)	10 (entering 5th) and up	Joshua Ecklund & Beck Hawklove
Summer Parent-Child	June 6, 13, 20, 27	9:30 am - 11:30 am	1-4 w/adult	Martha Buche
"Artdoor" Education	June 12-16	8:30 am - 11:30 am	5-8	Brandi Myhre
"Artdoor" Education	June 12-16	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm	9 and up	Brandi Myhre
Garden Mornings I	June 13, 14, 15	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	9 (entering 4th) and up	Joshua Ecklund & Beck Hawklove
Drawing From Life	June 19-23	12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	9 and up	Vicki Ramsay
Garden Mornings II	June 27, 28, 29	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	9 (entering 4th) and up	Joshua Ecklund & Beck Hawklove
Make a Birthday Box	July 10, 12, 14	9:15 am - 11:15 am	18 and up	Martha Buche
Little Sprouts Nature Camp	July 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21	9:00 am - 11:30 am	3-5	Shannon McHone & Janelle Peterson
Garden Explorers	July 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21	9:00 - 11:30 am	6-8	Christine Zinky
Circus Arts	July 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21	9:00 - 11:30 am	9 and up	Shawn LaVoie & AnnaJo Doerr
Puppetry	July 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm	9 and up	Vicki Ramsay
Theatre Among the Trees	August 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	9 and up	Marianne Fieber-Dhara

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

OTHER

8th Grade Bowling to Support Mentoring

The 8th graders are participating in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region's **Bowling for Kids' Sake fundraiser on Saturday, April 22nd, in Westby.** The 8th graders had a wonderful experience with their 8th grade project mentors, and they want to help more kids in our region have the opportunity to experience the benefits of mentoring.

Supporting mentoring is a way to honor the many hours that the 8th grade project mentors in our community share with PRWS 8th graders every year.

Please consider making a donation to the PRWS Bowling for Kids' Sake team. Their goal is to raise \$500. Nan has an envelope in the office to collect donations. If you have any questions, please call Shelly at 606-2568 or learn more at <http://7riversbbbs.org/bowl-for-kids-sake-2017/>. Thank you!

- Shelly Brenneman, 8th Grade Parent

Spring Concert – Thank you!!

I am so very grateful to the many parents who helped with behind-the-scene details of the Spring Concert. Thank you especially to Geri Shonka and Margret Lenarz who masterfully managed the stage logistics as well as coordinated all the volunteers: Lerie Alstad van Ells, Edred Benton, Cathy Brummer, Michael Crotser, Dehlin family, Joshua Ecklund, Jennifer Eissfeldt, Jerrod Getz, Lisa Intriligator, Davina Hemmer, Cyndy Hubbard, Joy Hubbard, Dan Hunt, Lauren Hunt, Dan Krings, Emma Krings, Alicia Leinberger, Jess Leinberger, Marc LeMaire, Joe Lenarz, David Levin, Manspeaker family, Olson family, Diane Splinter, and Alycann Taylor.

Thank you also to musicians Kate Bergan, Kristina Gullion, Davina Hemmer, Abbigale Helke, Dylan Katieb, Tangwyn Kuhn, Stephanie Pedretti, Ronald Schirmer, Wyatt Sutherland, and Mary Weiland.

- Monika Sutherland, Music Teacher

Lawn-Mowing Sign-Up

The spring has (almost) sprung, and the lawn-mowing season is just around the corner! As in the past, we are looking for volunteers to take on a SINGLE round of mowing around the PRWS campus and the Old Main Building during the week of their choice this summer. Please find the sign-up sheet hanging across from the Main Office and sign up for a week that suits you. The Facilities Committee will supply all necessary tools, gasoline, and reminders. Thank you for helping keep our school looking good and on this side of city regulations!

- Sofya Hundt, Facilities Committee

Opening for the 2017-2018 School Year

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

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

2017 Viroqua Area Schools Summer School Program has Arrived!

The Viroqua Area Schools 2017 Summer School Program has arrived. They are available on the Parent Library shelf across from the 3rd Grade classroom, or pick one up in the office.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

Sweater Found

A beautiful Aran Isles sweater was left behind at the church after the Spring Concert with a pair of gloves. Stop by the office if this sounds familiar to you.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

COMMUNITY NEWS

Missing: A wooden/plastic lunchbox. It has a wooden lid with a magnetic closing and a gray plastic bottom. It's brand name is "Prepd Pack," and it has "Kickstarter Edition" printed on the bottom. Please call 415-426-9269 if you should find it. Thank you!

Country Property For Sale: 3 Bed 2 Bath, 100-yr-old farmhouse on 17 acres. Open floor plan, stained wood trim, and hardwood floors. Cedar siding, with newer roof and windows. Property has mature woods and a tillable field, a small creek, and a large spring. Sugar maple grove. Garage/barn with hayloft. Very close to the West Fork of the Kickapoo for fishing and swimming. Beautiful area near Avalanche. Call Emily 634-4387.

"Driftless Country Life," an exhibit of original paintings and editorial cartoons by Richland County artist Ken Stark, will take place Saturday, April 29, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 30, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., at Encore in downtown Viroqua. Some of Stark's 5 children's books are available in the PRWS library! Ken's wife and business manager, Chris, is a former PRWS Kindergarten and 1st grade assistant. Stark will give a brief talk at 2:00 p.m. both days. Encore is located adjacent to the historic Temple Theatre, 116 S. Main St. For Stark's bio, please see www.penguinrandomhouse.com.

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@pleasantrydwaldorf.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.

COMEDY FOR WALDORF LOVERS!

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at ***The Ark***







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-  *Retirement Strategies for Waldorf Teachers*
-  *The Waldorf-Speak Phrase Dictionary*
-  *So much more*

"Ronald gets to the heart of the matter and makes us laugh" - Arline Monks, Rudolf Steiner College

"I have never laughed so hard in my life" - Monika Sutherland, PRWS

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www.pleasantridgewaldorf.org



BLOOM AND GROW

Garden Center

formerly The Flower Basket

Opening April 17

Monday - Saturday 9 - 6 Sunday 10 - 4

520 E. Terhune in Viroqua

(608) 837-8200

Spring Open House April 28, 29, and 30

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