

Calendar

Thu-Fri Apr 27-28 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 – **Adults Only, please!** - look to the right for details

Sat Apr 29 All-School Work Day – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – look to the right for details

Sat Apr 29 Play and Puppet Morning – 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. – see inside for details

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 – 1:30 p.m. (**Note new time!**)– school playground – see inside for details

Fri & Sat May 5&6 8th Grade Play – 6:00 p.m. – Landmark Center Auditorium

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

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

Thu May 11 – Pentathlon – 5th Grade families only

Tue-Thu 16-18 2nd Grade Play – 9:15 a.m. on Tue and Wed; 2:25 p.m. on Thursday – in the 2nd Grade classroom

Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

April 28 —Odd Grades Assembly –
CANCELED

May 5 —No Assembly

May 12—Open Assembly

What's Cooking!

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 . . .

Adults only, please!

Free-will donations accepted at the door.

- Monika Sutherland and Margret Lenarz,
Event Organizers

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 spruce up our playground 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:
 - A wheel barrow to move wood chips
 - Spade and scoop shovels
 - Spring rakes
 - 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

Mary Christenson's Transition News

Today I want to acknowledge that I've actually been in a process with the board and my faculty colleagues about how to turn over the reins of my work as Development Director for a number of years. We knew that conscientious succession planning for all of our long-time employees in administration would be beneficial for the health and well being of Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School. During the past five-seven years, we have said good-bye to many people who held the heart and history of our school.

Some of you know that my transition has been under discussion with our sights focused on this spring to begin the search for my replacement. Of course, this announcement may seem a little unnerving because Marianne is also looking to make a transition. However, we are confident that we have many processes and procedures in place, as well as very strong faculty, board, and committee leadership, to steer the course. We hope to find wonderful team members to join us.

Additionally, I am not moving away and have always said that I would like to help this transition, by providing whatever mentoring is needed. Cynthia will remain as the anchor for her tasks, which offers a lot of support to the new development colleague. There also are needs that I see in the realm of working with alumni, transitioning preparation of the Calyx, and fundraising for Growing For Good that I would like to be involved in, if I am wanted and it would be strengthening for the school. I have always loved my work because I appreciate working with dedicated parents, faculty, donors, friends, and colleagues who keep the social mission of our work and the children in our hearts. My work has been very enlivening, and I sincerely thank each and every one of you for the chance to have worked with you.

- Mary Christenson, Development Director

EVENTS

Play and Puppet Morning

Come and join Ms. Martha on April 29th from 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. for the next Play and Puppet Morning. You and your child (ages 1-5) 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

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. 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 1:30 p.m. (Note new time.)** There will be a processional and May Pole activities, including the crowing of the King and Queen, singing, and dancing. 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

7th Grade Plant Sale May 5th – 19th

The 7th grade class will be hosting the annual plant sale, including flowers, herbs, and vegetables, from May 5th through the 19th. The sale will take place in the PRWS playground. Thank you so much for supporting the 7th grade in raising money for their 8th grade class trip!

- Jenny Allan and Joshua Ecklund,
Sale Coordinators

8th Grade Play

The 8th Grade will be performing "Momo and the Grey Gentleman" on **Friday, May 5th, and Saturday, May 6th, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Landmark Center Auditorium, at 500 E. Jefferson. There will be additional information next week.

- Ronald Schirmer, 8th Grade Teacher

WOW! Day

Join us for the next WOW! Day on **Wednesday, May 10th, from 8:20 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.**, in the PRWS gym. This is an opportunity for parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors (adults only please) to get a glimpse into the classroom and experience the magic of Waldorf education. This month we will be visiting in the 2nd and 6th grades. Please contact Jordan at 637-7828 or enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org with any questions.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

OTHER ACTIVITIES

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 forms are available outside the office door. Information is also available on our website:

<https://pleasantridgewaldorf.org/programs/summer-camp/>. There is an early-bird discount of 5% off camps if registration is 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

Bloom and Grow Garden Center – Now Open!

The Bloom and Grow Garden Center (formerly The Flower Basket) is now open daily at 520 E. Terhune in Viroqua! Our hours are Mondays – Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., and Sundays 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

We can use your help, too, even if you have just an hour or two. One need at the moment is WEEDING the plants! Just stop by, and the person working there will show you where help is needed. We've posted a volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the school office, if you want to let us know the days and times you plan to help out, but just showing up there is just fine.

Later in the month and during May, we could also use some help with sales and tending the shop.

If you have questions, please call Mary at 37-8504 or Arwyn Wildingway at 632-7217.

- Mary Christenson,
Development Director

ADMIN

Re-Enrollment - Final Steps

Please note the following changes to the re-enrollment process this year. To complete your children's re-enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year, the following items are **due by June 30th, 2017:**

- Your payment plan in the form of either post-dated checks for the entire year or a completed ACH (Automated Clearing House) form. ACH forms are available in the office.
- Any open balances for 2016-2017 or any prior years, including all raffle and instrument rental balances are brought current.
- A \$150 supply fee for each grade student and a \$250 fee for each kindergarten student enrolled for 2017-2018.

Please note that your re-enrollment is not finished until these steps are completed. Contracts finalized after June 30, 2017, will be assessed a \$250 late fee.

You are welcome to drop in between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays through the end of May to check on your account balance and finalize your contract or email finance@plesantridgewaldorf.org to make an appointment. I will be happy to assist you in any way possible. For questions, email or call (608) 637-7828.

Thank you for supporting our operations as we bring the program to your children.

- Sofya Hundt, Business Manager

Looking for A House Sitter – July 17-21?

The Midwest Waldorf Education Collaborative will be hosted by Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School with teachers and Waldorf staff coming to Viroqua to take part in the event. If you are looking to be gone and have a house that would be lonely while you're away, please let us know and perhaps we can find someone to take care of plants and such. Please contact Marianne Fieber-Dhara at 637-7828.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
Administrative Chair

Personnel News

Davina Hemmer has accepted the position of Class Teacher for the rising first grade beginning in the new school year. We are delighted Davina will continue as a valued colleague and faculty member with Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School. She has grown up with Waldorf education and is a graceful and strong advocate for the holistic development of human beings. Her own words in the following quote demonstrate the depth she will bring to bear on the students, adults and entire school community:

"How does one digest what one has learned and from that create an environment for one's students in which they can meet life and in that process meet themselves and grow? What sorts of educational systems can one find in

the world? What is essential in Waldorf pedagogy? "

Welcome, again, Davina!

Open Positions

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

Administrative Chair

The Administrative Chair is central to the operations of the school, liaising between the Board of Directors and the Faculty. This position oversees the administrative staff and support personnel, works closely with the Business Manager on human resource matters, and leads or participates on a number of committees. An understanding and commitment to Waldorf education along with an interest in collaboration with colleagues and parents are required qualities in candidates wishing to be considered for this position. For specific details regarding this position, please refer to the Administrative Chair job description found on our website. Application Deadline for this position is: **until the position is filled.**

Development Director

The Development Director - Annual Giving and Alumni Relations develops and maintains the annual giving, alumni relations programs, and community relations at Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School and oversees the on-going fundraising projects of the school. The Development Director must be compatible with the collegial style of the school community and work to build a team in the development office. An understanding of Waldorf education and Anthroposophy is required to help carry the vision of Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School. For specific details regarding this position, please refer to the Development Director job description found on our website. Application Deadline for this position is: **until the position is filled.**

Eurythmy Accompanist

Beginning in September 2017

Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School is looking for a piano accompanist to support our Eurythmy program beginning in September. Sheet music provided for the different class levels will be at an intermediate skill level. This position is shared with another accompanist beginning in November through April at which time there will be a reduction in class hours. Employment application and information may be found on our website. **Position will be open until filled.**

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

OTHER

Lawn-Mowing Sign-Up

The spring has sprung, and the lawn-mowing season is here! 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

Book Sale Continues!

Due to the large quantity of books remaining, we have decided to continue the book sale. Come and browse! Put what you feel your finds are worth into the crock at the end of the table. Happy hunting!

- Chris Leinberger, Volunteer Library Coordinator

Time to Return Your School Library Books

All Pleasant Ridge library books are due back by Friday, May 13th. Please take a look through your home and round up all our books! Thank you.

- Chris Leinberger, Volunteer Library Coordinator

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

2017 Bigley Pool Schedules

The 2017 Bigley pool schedules have arrived. Dates for lesson registration are included. 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

COMMUNITY NEWS

The YIHS Music Department presents ***The Sound of Music Spring Sing-Along! Sunday, April 30, at 6:00 p.m. at the Landmark Center Auditorium.*** Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Admission is free, and refreshments will be provided. Community members welcome. Please call Dodie Whitaker at 632-0150 for more information.

Pick-up Tennis for students starts THIS Sunday. Inviting 4th through 7th graders interested in tennis to come learn and play at the VHS courts starting this Sunday at 3:30 p.m. for an hour or more. I have extra racquets and balls and will provide some instruction for kids that want it. Other adults interested in getting kids playing tennis should join us. It will be every Sunday except Mother's Day, weather permitting. Jon Dehlin

The Viroqua affiliate of the Christian Community is hosting the Confirmation for the Chicago congregation. All ages are welcome to attend the Confirmation. For children younger than the Confirmands, childcare will be provided during the communion service (which follows the Confirmation). Please let Jenny, jennyspann@frontiernet.net, know by Saturday, if you need childcare. Services will be at the Old Main Building at 321 E. Decker.

Saturday, May 6th, 9:00 p.m. - Close of Day
Sunday, May 7th, 10:00 a.m. - Confirmation, followed by a potluck meal and celebration in the Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School gym.

Soul Soothing Wisdom Circle with Bill Humphrey – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., May 7, LaFarge, WI. Reconnect with the natural rhythms of nature, breath, and sacred drum. Clear your mind to connect with heart and spirit.
New to sacred circle? This retreat is perfect for you. Are you an experienced practitioner longing for ceremony? You belong here. Cost: \$70. 50% deposit requested. Contact Bill to reserve your spot. (608) 606-9004 or bill@essentialskills.org www.shamansbreath.com.

"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.

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