

Calendar

Thu May 18 2nd Grade Play – 2:15 p.m. – in the 2nd Grade classroom

Thu-Fri May 18-19 6th Grade Play – 9:00 a.m. on Thursday; 6:00 p.m. on Friday – in the Landmark Center Auditorium – 500 E. Jefferson – see inside for details

Fri May 19 Medieval Feast – 5:00 p.m. – in the gym – see info to right for details

Mon-Tue May 22-23 6th Grade Field Trip

Mon-Wed May 22-24 7th Grade Field Trip

Wed May 24 4th Grade Field Trip

Fri May 26 – Last Day of School! – Noon dismissal

Fri May 26 All-School Picnic – after assembly – in the school playground – see inside for details

Fri May 26 Graduation – 6:30 p.m.

Friday Assembly

May 19 —**NEW ADDITION** – Special Assembly of Appreciation – **8:20 a.m.**

May 26 —Closing Assembly – **10:45 a.m.**

What's Cooking!

Excalibur: Arthur's Story

"The darkest night of the Dark Ages had descended upon Britain's war-scarred valleys and shires. And yet. This dark time had a light within it. A single candle of hope."

Come see the light shine in "Excalibur: Arthur's Story," presented by the 6th grade on **Thursday, May 18, at 9:00 a.m., and Friday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Landmark Center Auditorium, at 500 E. Jefferson St. Stay tuned for more details next week.

- Betty Link, 6th Grade Teacher.

Medieval Feast – Friday, May 19th

The 6th grade will be presenting a Medieval Feast on **Friday, May 19th, at 5:00 p.m.** in the PRWS gym.

It will include a variety of options, including quiche, venison, vegetable side, cheese, bread, and apple slice plates with a dessert option.

There are meat, veggie, and gluten free plates, each costing \$5. Desserts are \$2 ea.

This is a 6th grade class fundraiser, with proceeds going towards their 8th grade trip. The meal will conclude by 5:45 p.m. in time for all to proceed to the play at the Landmark Center Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.

- Beck Hawklove and Jillian Davis,
Feast Coordinators

7th Grade Plant Sale Ends this Friday

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

- Jenny Allan and Joshua Ecklund,
Sale Coordinators

EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

End-Of-The-Year Picnic on the PRWS Playground on Friday, May 26, After the Assembly

The last day of school is coming up quickly, and with that comes our annual, end-of-the-year picnic. Yay!

The picnic will be held on our school playground following the assembly, which ends at noon, so bring your picnic gear and your appetites.

Here's what to bring: plates, bowls, and utensils for each member of your family; drinks for your family; food to share with everyone with a serving utensil (please see food assignment list below); and a dessert to share as well. In addition to potluck gear, here are a few other things that you might want to bring: balls, Frisbees, other fun things to play with, and a blanket or chairs to sit on.

Food assigned by first letter of children's last name:

A-H: Salads, side dishes

I-L: Appetizers, savory snacks

M-Z: Main Dishes

Everyone should bring a small dessert.

People are always super-hungry at this picnic, so please make sure to bring a generous amount of healthy food to share!

It is always a good idea to pack a post-assembly, pre-picnic-starting snack for your kids to help them make it through the setup.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
Administrative Chair

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

**LAST WEEK to receive 5% discount off
summer camps**

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

ADMIN

Music Instrument Return and Summer Rental

Instruments rented from the school need to be returned before the end of the school year. If you will be returning the instrument, you may drop it off in the office or return it to Amber Knutson who will be available in the lobby to check in the instrument at drop-off and pick-up on Friday, May 26. She will also have forms to fill out to sign up for the summer rental program.

If you are currently renting an instrument from the school and would like to continue to rent it over the summer, you will need to fill out the rental paperwork before the last day of school. The cost for the summer is \$40 for stringed instruments and \$20 for recorders. Instruments must be returned either to Amber or dropped off in the office. They should not just be left in the hallway.

If your instrument is not returned before the end of school, you will be charged the summer rental fee.

- The Music Team

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@pleasantridgewaldorf.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

Summer Office Hours

We will have regular office hours through the end of May. Our summer office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon starting June 5th. The office will be closed in July and then open for the same summer hours in August. Have a great summer!

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

Parent Library Returns

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, please check through the books in your house to see if you might have a Parent Library book lurking in a pile somewhere. Please try to return them before the end of the school year so they can be inventoried over the summer.

- Sonja Finn, Coordinator

Personnel News

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. **See below for 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.**

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
Administrative Chair

GRATITUDE

Pentathlon Thanks

Our prayers were answered. Mother Nature and the Goddess and Gods blessed the 2017 Pentathlon with perfect weather!

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to everyone who helped to make this event what it was: the fifth grade parents for the set-up and take-down of the grounds and the coordinators, Peggy Blake, Alycann Taylor, and Kathy O'Rourke.

Kudos to Dani Lind for catering such delicious meals. Thanks also to John Porter, Lars Bergan, and the 6th grade parents and students for preparing and serving the delicious Greek Feast, and to Kickapoo Coffee for the good coffee.

Thanks to all the Youth Initiative High School and Laurel High School students for dedicating their time, energy, and love as judges and workers every year. Thanks to Zeus and Athena for blessing the event with their beautiful beings.

Thank you to Matt Shortridge for the lovely sound while blowing the conch shell, Andy Manspeaker for assisting with first aid, and to Jordan Brudos for covering loose ends. Thank you to Sugar Creek Bible Camp for such a beautiful, accommodating environment and to Nelson's Agricenter for the lovely tents. And, in particular, thank you to all the pentathletes from the fifth grade who lived into the truth, beauty, and goodness to do their personal best at each of the five events. Bless all your hearts.

- Lerie Alstad van Ells,
Movement Teacher

Thank You!

Dear Friends at Pleasant Ridge,
Thank you for your generous donation to my
Emergency Health Relief Fund. The money you
gave paid for the substitute teachers working
in my absence, and I was able to pay down
some of my medical expenses.
Your thoughtfulness was a gesture of love and
touches my heart daily.
In gratitude,

- Shannon Landis,
Violet Kindergarten Teacher

Muchas Gracias, Vielen Dank, Merci Beaucoup, Takk, Grazie

Our Library Committee deserves a huge round of applause!

Chris Leinberger has done an incredible job
throughout this year recruiting a stellar group of
volunteer library staff to support our students
and teachers throughout the course of the
year. Kathleen Kroska has kept our books in
good repair and processed new ones. There
were readers to students, catalog support,
research support, and other special projects.
We are so very grateful that this team has
been consistent and professional year round. If
you haven't had a chance to express your
gratitude...please do so. The Library Team is:

- Chris Leinberger
- Carol Nordgren
- Carole Moon
- Kathleen Kroska
- Nancy Kosiak
- Cate Gitter
- Ken Tucker
- Ed Holahan
- Mary Benson
- Diane Banner
- Jillian Davis

- Chris Leinberger, Library Volunteer
Coordinator

IN OTHER NEWS

Alumnus Award

Laurel School freshman **Emma Zimmermann**
**was awarded a Hawkie Award for Outstanding
Artist of the Year** last week. Her artwork was
selected by the High School teachers from
amongst the work of all the Viroqua Public and
Laurel School high school students for the
award. Congratulations Emma!

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
Administrative Chair

Congratulations!

Alumnus Zoe Coleman, Cele Wolf's daughter,
had a baby daughter yesterday, May 16, at
2:30 p.m. Her name is Everly Cecilia, and she
was 6 lbs. Congratulations!

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
Administrative Chair

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

Lawn-Mowing Sign-Up

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Midwest Waldorf Collaborative - July 17 - 21, 2017

An intensive for practicing and trained Waldorf teachers and Development Professionals. This week is brought to you by a collaboration between Da Vinci Waldorf and Pleasant Ridge Waldorf Schools and will take place in Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School facilities and locations. Keynote lectures and presentation on *Anchoring the Ego* by Joan Treadaway. For more information on the courses, schedule and fees please go to <http://davinciwaldorfschool.org/2017/04/30/mwc2017/>.

Interested in Learning More about Waldorf? Your children are attending a Waldorf school. But what about you? Wouldn't you like to get an experiential understanding of what it's all about?

If so, you may like to take one or more of the introductory courses or mini-workshops Great Lakes Waldorf Institute is offering July 10-28 in the Milwaukee, WI, area. To learn more about engaging in some Waldorf enrichment for yourself, email or call Lori Barian: lori.barian@greatlakeswaldorf.org; 414-616-1832. You can also check out the events on the GLWI website at www.greatlakeswaldorf.org.

Art lovers, take notice! The Winding Roads Art Tour is happening on May 20 & 21, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is a free, self-guided tour of art studios in Viroqua and surrounding area. Local artists will open their studio spaces to the public and have artwork available for purchase. This is a great opportunity to see artists at work and talk to them about their creative process.

Kirtan with Lauren Hunt

Friday, May 19, 7:00 p.m.

Yoga for Life Studio, room 105 Landmark Center
\$10 suggested donation.

Come chant and laugh with me one last time before we move! I'll miss you all so much!

Organic grass-fed goat milk available. If interested, call Megan Felt at 608-495-4194.

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 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.

BOARD ELECTIONS

It is time again for the Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School Board of Director elections!

This year there are two terms coming to an end. Both David Levin and Stephanie Brown have served the school community in cooperation and collaboration as Board and Committee members. Their dedicated work on behalf of PRWS students, parents, teachers, and the Viroqua community is deeply appreciated. David and Stephanie have expressed their willingness to continue on as Board members.

If you have questions regarding the work of the PRWS Board or the committees of the Board, please direct them to any of the current members. **Please complete the ballot(s) and bring to the Office by May 24.** Thank you for participating. Aaron Schmidt, Board Vice President

Stephanie Brown – Incumbent

Hi. I'm Stephanie Brown. My husband Dan and I have three children – our daughter Reid is 10 and in 4th grade, and we have two sons: Huxley is 7 and in 1st grade and Colton will be turning 3 in July. We moved to this beautiful little town in 2011 for 'the school' – but what we didn't know at that time was that this would mean so much more than an education for our children. In the last six years we have learned that it also means an abundance of beauty and love and community and friendship and support. Like anything good in life, this takes work. It takes care and thought and holding – by the parents, by the administration, and by the faculty. It takes giving of time, money, and energy. It takes all of us working together. I have seen and experienced all of this firsthand through serving on the board.

Prior to being on the board, I led the committee to review the school's Long-Range Plan for the AWSNA report. I then joined the board and continued to lead the Long-Range Plan committee but with a new focus of creating a strategic plan. In the midst of starting up the strategic plan, PRWS was presented with the opportunity to purchase the former Flower Basket property, so we switched gears and led the effort to evaluate and consider that purchase. I then headed up the steering committee to govern the purchase, run the business, and direct the future planning of the facility, the business and the garden program. It has been a whirlwind, but I have enjoyed it immensely and have learned (and continue to learn) so much. I am very excited about the future of that facility - now called Growing For Good - and the opportunities it presents for this school and the Viroqua community.

I will continue to lead the Growing For Good steering committee, and I feel it is important to also sit on the board as we move toward a more integrated approach with the school. I also very much enjoy the collaboration between the board, administration, and faculty and the work to continually support and improve our school. I find the work rewarding and would appreciate your support in continuing for another term.

David Levin – Incumbent

My name is David Levin. This is our seventh year in Viroqua (and at Pleasant Ridge), and we have two children in the school — Frances in 2nd grade and Peter in 6th grade. I've served on the board of directors for four of those years (I'm also on the Marketing and Communication Committee).

In my time on the board, the school has seen a lot of change — and there's more to come. To help us continue to grow and thrive through the coming transitions, I am asking to serve on the board for another term.

Vote for TWO candidates below and place your ballot in the box in the School Office by the end of the day on Wednesday, May 24, 2017.

In single parent households, parent votes here

Stephanie Brown _____

David Levin _____

Write-in candidate _____

In 2-parent households, second parent votes here

Stephanie Brown _____

David Levin _____

Write-in candidate _____



Growing food. Growing people. Growing community.

Mission: to nourish beauty, educate the community and cultivate a just and resilient local food system.

Vision: Growing for Good (GFG) is an educational center for people of all ages. From toddlers to adults we offer a space to experience a close relationship with the earth, and to learn how to grow vegetables, herbs, and perennial food crops. We teach how to care for houseplants, build soil, and create worm castings. We also serve our community by growing specialty crops and operating a garden center. Students learn to appreciate and learn about vocations around growing food through the jobs, internships, and educational programs offered in our business training center.

Elements: A PRWS school garden, a summer camp program, and the Bloom and Grow Garden Center, as well as the Good Market providing a viable economic outlet for small, local food producers and easy access to locally grown products including sprouts, wheat grass, winter greens, and herbs. More programs will grow out of these first projects.

Background: Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School purchased The Flower Basket in August 2015. We operated the business as did the former owners with a focus on cut flowers, bedding plants, and growing geraniums for the Viroqua cemetery. At the end of the first growing season we decided to refocus the business and to take steps to develop the vision we initially had around the importance of creating soil, growing food/flowers/herbs, and building community – to become a viable business that can cover the operating costs while hosting a number of educational experiences for people of all ages. We want to serve our local community and draw visitors to the exciting GFG center where they can learn new skills. Visit www.growingforgood.org for more information about the center.

Moving Forward: The PRWS Flower Basket Steering Committee welcomes participation in shared stewardship of the Growing for Good property from committed members of the local community. If interested, please contact a member of the Steering Committee: Stephanie Brown, Arwyn Wildingway, Joshua Ecklund, Davina Hemmer, Mary Christenson, or Jacob Hundt.

Thank you volunteers! YIHS Garden class and Agriculture class, Byron Shepard, Marc LeMaire, Dana Sheffen, Kate Plochek, Mike Bieser, Jerry Brenneman, Louise Luedtke, Mary Kehoe, Katie Holmes, Dan Krings, Johanna Solmes, Lynn Kronschnabel, Kathy Neidert, and Angie and Ed Lemar.

Thanks to you we have a vibrant Garden Center!