

Calendar

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 May 16-18 2nd Grade Play – 9:15 a.m. on Tue and Wed; 2:15 p.m. (**corrected time**) on Thursday – 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 with snacks at intermission – in the Landmark Center Auditorium – 500 E. Jefferson – see inside for details

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

Fri May 26 Graduation

What's Cooking!

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.

Concessions, a 7th grade fundraiser, will be available during intermission and will include sweet and savory treats. Admission is \$3 per person up to a \$15 max. per family.

- Ronald Schirmer, 8th Grade Teacher

Friday Assembly

May 5 —No Assembly

May 12—Open Assembly – 8:20 a.m.

May 19 —No Assembly

May 26 —Closing Assembly at 10:45 a.m.

EVENTS

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

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.

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.

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@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

Personnel News

The Personnel Committee is delighted to announce that **Joshua Ecklund** will begin carrying the full eurythmy program with the start of the new school year and will continue his excellent work with our students. We look forward to the new year filled with more eurythmy coming from Mr. Ecklund! Welcome anew, Joshua.

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.**

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
Administrative Chair

IN OTHER NEWS

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

Ronald Koetzsch Comedy Event – Thank You

Thank you to all who attended this light-hearted and enjoyable event. A big thank you especially to **Margret Lenarz** who helped coordinate all the details.

- Monika Sutherland, Event Coordinator

Thanks for New Railing!

Many thanks to Chris Dunn for the new railing installed on our front steps. It will make them safer for everyone!

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
Administrative Chair

Congratulations Joseph Dhara!

On May 2nd PRWS parent Joseph was honored at a Celebration of Teaching and Learning by the College of Education, Hospitality, and Health and Human Sciences as one of his program's Outstanding Students of the Year! He is earning a Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from UW-Stout.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara

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

100 Years of Waldorf – Blog Post

Check out our new blog posts on our PRWS website. Scroll down on the main page for a variety of blogs. Our latest one talks about the 100 years of Waldorf:

<https://pleasantrydwaldorf.org/100-years-of-waldorf-education-learning-to-change-the-word>.

- Marianne Fieber-Dhara,
Administrative Chair

Last Week for Book Sale!

Thank you to all of you who have supported the book sale, both through donations and purchases. **Friday, May 5, will be the last day of the 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

Lost Something?

See if you can find it next week. The Lost and Found will be set out on tables next week Thursday and Friday. Please take a look and take home anything that is yours!

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

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

Ridgetones Spring Concert

Saturday May 13 - 7:30 p.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

504 S. Main, Viroqua

Adults \$12 - Students \$5

Bigger and better than ever, the Ridgetones continue to delight and entertain with their eclectic mixture of harmonic choral music. As usual, there will be solos and ensembles, with gifted piano and orchestra accompaniment. A wonderful evening out for the whole family!

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.

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 could 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 St.

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.

The Hunt's (Dan, Lauren, Sylvia and Toby) are moving! Our house is for sale.

Contact Bill Brooke for a showing.

http://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-detail/815-Independence-St_Viroqua_WI_54665_M78495-61019

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@pleasanthridgewaldorf.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.