



Calendar

Fri Sept 8 Back-to-School Picnic – 5:00 p.m. –
School playground

Mon Sept 11 6th Grade Field Trip

Wed Sept 13 Monthly Open House – 8:20 a.m. –
meet in school gym

Fri Sept 15 NO SCHOOL

Faculty In-Service – Enrichment Day for children
available – see inside for details

Mon Sept 18 2nd Grade Parent Evening – 5:30 p.m. –
7:00 p.m. – 2nd Grade classroom

Sun Sept 24 New-Family Brunch

Mon Sept 25 2nd Grade Field Trip

Mon-Tue Sept 25-26 7th Grade Field Trip

Tue Sept 26 All-School Meeting - 7:00 p.m. – in
the Gym

Hot Lunch Automatic Withdrawal Payment Option

Does your child **eat lunch every day every
month**? Tired of filling out the forms every, single
month? Why not just have the money deducted
from your account automatically? If you are
interested in this option, stop by the office
for details!

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Sept 8—No Assembly – **Back-to-School
Picnic at 5:00 p.m.**

Sept 15—Faculty In-Service – **No School**

Sept 22—Community Conversation –
Festival Life

What's Cooking!

**As we begin a new year of learning and growing,
may we all keep these wise words in mind
whenever we face the challenges of life:**

To resolve our past requires knowledge.

To forge our future we need courage.

To experience the present we must develop
dedication.

Our thinking needs riddles to wake up.

Our feeling needs pain to mature.

Our willing needs resistance to become strong.

- Dr. Rudolf Steiner

Lunchbox Express Going All Electronic!

Starting this year, **the Lunchbox Express will be
distributed only by email.** If you do not have email,
please stop by the office to ask Nan for a paper copy.
This will lead to quite a reduction in the amount of
paper used in the office. Thank you.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

All-School Welcome-Back Picnic

Friday, September 8th, at 5:00 p.m. will be our

All-School Welcome-Back Picnic! We hope everyone
can make it and ring in the new school year right here
in our own backyard. The 3rd Grade Class will serve as
hosts along with the Board of Directors, Faculty, and
Staff at this potluck event. We ask all families to
contribute a dish to share to make our potluck picnic a
feast. Please bring dishes, silverware, and cups for your
family, as well as chairs or blankets to sit on. If you are
so inclined, a vegan dish would be much appreciated
by the vegans in our group.

Food assignments are by first letter of the children's
last name:

- **A-L:** Main dishes
- **M-Z:** Salads/sides/appetizers
- Everyone should bring a small dessert.

Faculty and staff ask that families remain outside for
the picnic. When bathroom needs arise, please
accompany your child inside.

In the event of inclement weather, our picnic will move
to the gym.

Thank you, and Welcome Back to School!

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

Welcome to our New Families and Students

- Thomas Berg & Jackie Redmer
 - Hazel (K), Eliza (K), and Miriam (PC)
 - Kelly & Aurora Boyd
 - Astrid (K) and Leo (PC)
 - Jon & Amy Hazell
 - Cameron, Charissa, Caleigh, Livi (K), and Jon-Luc (K)
 - Simon Stumpf & Ashely Kiehnau
 - Oliver (K), Rueben (PC), and Linus (PC)
 - Shawn Lavoie & AnnaJo Doerr
 - Julian (K) and Persephone
 - Stella Liu
 - Kobe (K)
 - AJ & Alyson Morgan
 - Magnolia (K) and Griffin (PC)
 - Danielle Partyka
 - Grace (K)
 - Erik Randall & Kristin Pomykala
 - Sofie (2) and Sigrun (K)
 - Chris & Susana Ruder
 - Artemis (K), Oberon (PC), and Sage
 - Frank & Hannah Webber
 - Mazi (K) and Arlo
 - Sam & Jasmine Hudnall
 - Charlotte and Emrys (5)
 - Eli Gay & Allison Starn
 - Lucia, Milo, and Delphi (8)
 - Gavain U'Prichard & Dana McGuire
 - Tillwyn (1)
- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

ADMIN UPDATES

Morning Routine

This is a reminder to all students and families that we begin each school day outside on the playground. Students will gather each morning on the playground and remain outside until school begins at 8:10 a.m. The exceptions to our Morning Routine are when students need to bring their instruments inside (using the Court Ave. entrance) or when there is heavy rain or extremely cold weather conditions. *(We will post a sign to let students and families know when we have indoor morning recess.)* When students bring in their instruments, they may do so quickly and then exit immediately to rejoin the other students on the playground.

Backpacks and other items will remain outside until the school day begins. Thank you for your cooperation in this important Morning Routine!

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

Student Check-In/Out Procedures

When your child is going to be absent from school, please call the office before 8:10 a.m. to let us know – even if you have already notified the teacher. If your student is signed up for hot lunch that day, ask Nan for a hot lunch credit.

Also, if a student comes in late or needs to leave early during the school day, please have them check in or out at the office. Doing these simple practices each and every time helps ensure that the children are accounted for throughout the day and in the case of an emergency.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

Playground Reminders

- The new bell tower will ring out this year, calling students in from recess. (Thank you Facilities Committee for your efforts!) Please note: Adults will be responsible for ringing the bell.
- The newly enclosed playground near the Parent-Child room is for those children's use only.



- There is a newly fenced in playground for the Kindergartens' use on the south side of the Landmark.
 - No bicycles/riding on the playground or grassy mounds.
 - No climbing on the play structure roofs.
 - Play is not allowed by the greenhouse, outside freezer, or storage shed by kitchen door. A painted line on the concrete will soon mark the safe-play boundary.
 - Lock bicycles in back of school in bike racks.
- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

No Parking Out Front

Be sure to pay heed to the yellow no-parking stripe out in front of the school. If you park there you will very likely be ticketed!

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

Healthy and Wholesome!

Eating healthy helps us learn and grow! Remember to pack only healthy and wholesome snacks and lunches for your child. Refrain from sending candy or sugary drinks. Children will carry home any food packaging they bring.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

SCHOOL EVENTS

PRWS Monthly Open House

Our 1st Open House is September 13, from 8:20 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Do you have difficulty explaining the beauty and rigor of Waldorf Education to interested friends and family members? Have you ever wondered what your child does at school? Wonder no more! **EVERYONE** is invited to join us each month during our Open House tour and classroom visits. This is your opportunity to experience our students and teachers working with the Waldorf curriculum, which is designed to meet the whole child at each developmental stage. After the tour, enjoy a time of conversation and refreshments.

Invite your friends and neighbors to this special time of sharing as we explore Waldorf Education through the grades at PRWS!

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, September 26, All-School Meeting
Meeting will be **from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** in the Gym. Join the Board of Directors, Faculty, and Staff for our annual All-School Meeting. There will be updates and conversations regarding Growing for Good, Long-Range Planning, and goals for our new year. Childcare will be available on-site – more details to follow. Light refreshments will be served.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

What is Michaelmas?

Michaelmas is an autumn festival that prepares us for the inner awakening of our souls during the winter months. As the weather gets colder and the light recedes, we begin to look toward strengthening our inner forces as a light in the darkness.

Join us for our Michaelmas Pageant Friday, September 29th, 2017, at 8:20 a.m. in the Gym.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

ENROLLMENT

Aftercare Program

Registrations for September are due ASAP. For those of you who aren't sure of your schedules, new drop-in cards that offer a discount are available from the office or from the Aftercare Director, Courtney Maatouk, for \$40. Healthy snacks are being provided this year.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

Parent-Child Registration

The first session of Parent-Child Classes begins next week. There are still spots available on Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Cost for the 9-week session is \$135.

For more information or to register, please call 637-7828 or email enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

OTHER NEWS

NEEDED – Hot Lunch Volunteers

Dear new and returning families, hot lunch volunteers are **needed every Monday through Thursday**. Parent volunteers are vital to the success of our hot lunch program. Two Parent Volunteers are required each day to keep the process running smoothly – one person to both prep and serve food from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and one person just to serve from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free lunch is included! We need you to **sign up ASAP**. You should receive an email with a link to the sign-up sheet. If you do not receive the email or have questions, please call Therese at 637-8787.

- Therese Laurdan, Hot Lunch Volunteer Coordinator

Pleasant Ridge Google Calendar

We have a Pleasant Ridge Google Calendar. If you would like to be able to check parent meetings, holidays, assemblies, or other school information from the comfort of your own home or phone, please stop by the office and ask Nan to send an invitation to you.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

In Memoriam

This past week Kay Fandel, a beloved member of the PRWS community, passed away. She will be remembered for the joy and love she shared with all of us. Kay is survived by three beloved daughters, Sylvie, Eva, and Freya (7th grade) and dear husband Joe Rising. Our community of family and friends will feel her loss and remember her life forever.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

Meal Train

Mary Christenson's husband, Steve, was injured in a motorcycle accident over the summer. He is home recovering, but they could use some help. Here is the link to their meal train: <https://mealtrain.com/987mz5>.

- Stephanie Brown, Parent

With Gratitude

Many thanks to Jon Dehlin, Joe Lenarz, and Facilities Committee volunteers who put in many hours this past weekend finalizing the new Kindergarten and Parent-Child playgrounds. The children and teachers were thrilled with their new spaces.

- Shannon Landis, Kindergarten Teacher

COMMUNITY NEWS

A quaint 3-bedroom home is for sale with a large yard at 637 Garfield Ave. Formerly it was the Kamin/Halbauer home and Miss Sarah's House and Garden. We are hoping to find someone who will love it as much as we did. Please call 260.409.3326 or contact Hall Realty.

Second floor room for rent. 1-bedroom with private bath. 304 E. Jefferson St. Call Sue Vered at 606-2160.

LOOKING TO HIRE: As a new tenant in the Food Enterprise Center in Viroqua, Yooli Foods is accepting applications for food production workers who will operate machinery to make a refrigerated dairy snack bar. Shifts and hours are flexible, starting in mid-September. Looking for team players with experience in quality control, food processing, and sanitary manufacturing environments. Send your letter of interest and resume to: Yooli Foods, 1201 N. Main Street, Suite #22, Viroqua, WI 54665. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. For more information call 638.8332.

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.

Inform

AWSNA COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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DEAR WALDORF COMMUNITY,

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you had a restful and rejuvenating summer and are filled with energy for the year ahead. We've received some great snippets of news from schools in recent months. If you are not already subscribed to our monthly enews, do sign up on WaldorfEducation.org to get a glimpse of stories about our schools, Waldorf Education, and good education in general.

Together we can do what no single school can do alone: advocacy, participation in organizations like the Council for American Private Education (CAPE), Commission on Accreditation (CoA), and National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS); service mark protection; international leadership representation; publications and research; and being the voice for Waldorf Education.

Warmly,

Stephanie, Melanie,

& Beverly



RENEWAL MAGAZINE IS NOW ONLINE

We are pleased to introduce our new [e-magazine version](#) of *Renewal: A Journal for Waldorf Education*. By offering [Renewal e-Journal](#), we hope to reach a broader audience of parents and teachers, save trees, allow you to easily share articles of interest with your friends and on social media. It also allows us to better track readership, understand your interests, and to ensure impact. The e-Journal can be viewed on a tablet, e-reader, computer, or any mobile device. Enjoy! And, as always, we warmly welcome your feedback on *Renewal*. It is of tremendous value to our continued improvement.

**CELEBRATING WALDORF100
with the "POSTCARD EXCHANGE"**

So far 1,200 postcards have been mailed to each of our schools from the International Waldorf100 world coordinating committee.



The "Postcard Exchange" is a project in which every Waldorf school in the world is invited to send a postcard to every other Waldorf school in the world, receiving in return 1,200 postcards individually designed by a young person, telling or showing us something of his or her country, school, or self. As the postcards are received, each school is encouraged to create a global map that gradually reveals where Waldorf schools are located all over the world.

To simplify the project, every school has been sent blank, pre-addressed postcards they can use. The right side of the postcard contains the address of the destination school. On the left is space for your school address. Students can design the main empty side of the postcard any way they want. The more individual and diverse, the better.



Whidbey Island Waldorf School

If you'd like to support the project with a donation to your school to cover postage, every bit is appreciated!

ESSENTIALS IN EDUCATION BLOG

The Importance of Learning a Second Language



Educators have long touted the benefits of second language learning for U.S. students, but its necessity is regularly challenged. Critics like to point out that language learning should be an elective, at best, due to expense and time constraints for becoming proficient. They also argue that English is likely to remain the international *lingua franca* of

business, implying that American students can rest on their English-speaking laurels. But there are many advantages to learning more than one language, and some are not just measured by business success. Read the whole article on [Waldorf Education](#).

And do visit AWSNA's education blog, called [Essentials in Education](#), in which we explore topics that matter to educators, researchers, policy experts, and thought leaders—from a Waldorf Education perspective.

We welcome comments and feedback, and we also welcome guest posts. Please contact Beverly Amico at bamico@awsna.org for details.

Please join us on social media:



SAVE THE DATE FOR AWSNA SUMMER CONFERENCE 2018

We are already looking forward to next year's conference from June 25-28 at the Washington Waldorf School in Bethesda, MD. The conference theme will be ***Social Justice: Exploring Place, Race, Class, and Gender in Waldorf Education***.



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FORMS

Templates you can use to create your own forms can be found on the "Affiliated School Resources" page of our website.

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You can also support us on our website. Thank you for your commitment to Waldorf Education!

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