



Calendar

Thu Dec 14 Shepherd's Play – 6:30 p.m. in the gym

Fri Dec 15 Festival of Light – 10:45 a.m. in the gym

Fri Dec 15 Noon Dismissal

Mon Dec 18 Beginning of Holiday Break

Mon Dec 18 Alumni Reunion – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
– Driftless Café – see inside for details

Tue Jan 2 School Resumes

Holiday Faire Left Over Dishes

Looking for your pots, pans, or plates that you left at the Holiday Faire? They could be in the office. Come take a look!

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

Please turn in your January Hot Lunch Forms by this Thursday morning!!

This helps us prepare for the January 2nd
return to school.

(Thank you to those of you who have turned
yours in already!!)

Friday Assembly

Dec 15 —Festival of Light at 10:45 a.m.

**Jan 5 – Special Korean Welcome
Assembly – 8:20 AM**

**From all of us at Pleasant Ridge Waldorf
School, we wish you all a warm, peaceful,
and blessed Holiday. See you in 2018!**

What's Cooking!

A Note from Our Traveling Troupe of Players

Dear Friends,

Once again, we gather as a troupe to bring you *The Shepherd's Play*. This is our Annual Holiday Greeting Card to the community. We bring it humbly and with joy. This year, we will have two performances on **Thursday, December 14**, in the school gym – one during the school day for students at 1:50 p.m. and a second performance for all at 6:30 p.m. The evening performance is a free gift to all the community, so feel welcome to invite family, friends, and neighbors.

- The Traveling Troupe of Players

Festival of Light – Friday, December 15

10:45 a.m. in the PRWS Gym

To honor the season, we will celebrate the Festival of Light with all students in grades 1-8 performing. Please join us for this reverent, joyful, and candle-lit festival. Please have students in grades 5-8 dress in concert attire (white tops, dark bottoms) and students in grades 1-4 dress in festive attire. Performers will have time to change before the festival, if they would like.

Girls: White top which covers the shoulders, preferably long-sleeved. Black dress pants or skirt (mid-thigh or longer). Black shoes with a flat bottom or very conservative heel. Wear black tights if wearing a skirt. No jeans.

Boys: White shirt with collar, tucked in, dark pants, dark shoes. No jeans. All concert clothes must follow the PRWS dress code.

Concert clothes that have been donated over the years are available for borrowing from the front office.

- Monika Sutherland, Festival of
Light Coordinator

Upcoming December Enrichment Days

Are you looking for someplace for your child(ren) to be next week? Perhaps you have some last minute holiday preparation? Have your child(ren) join Ms. Sequoyah for a fun day of seasonal crafting, outside play, and games. Registrations forms are available across from the office. Rates are \$35 for a whole day (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) or \$20 for a half-day (either 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. OR 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.). Multiple child discounts available. Stop by the office with any questions. **Please register by this Thursday (12/14).**

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and
Outreach Coordinator

Raffle 2017-2018 Update!

The Raffle Committee is excited to announce this year's prizes:

- 7- Night Belize Vacation for 5 at a Luxury Beach Resort
- Chicago Weekend Experience
- Driftless Get-Away for Two
- Organic Grass-Fed Beef Bundle
- Local Luxurious Sheep Skin

Raffle tickets are available for pick-up in the office this week. Grab them before the holiday break and start talking up the Belize trip prize and our wonderful school to those near and dear during the holiday break. If you somehow forget and need to get tickets after that, call or email Mary Christenson (608) 606-5296 or mary@pleasantrydgewaldorf.org and she'll be help if she's in town.

Information about the raffle can also be found on our webpage (link below):

<https://pleasantrydgewaldorf.org/giving/raffle/>.
Happy Holidays!

- Mary Christenson, Development

Alumni Reunion

On **Monday, December 18**, we will host our annual Alumni Reunion at the Driftless Café from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. This is a great time for former students to meet up with old friends and renew their connections. We be serving pizza (donations accepted) with a cash bar.

- Cynthia Olmstead, Development
Coordinator

SAVE THE DATE – January 5th

Special Friday Assembly

Welcome to our Visitors from South Korea



- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

Hub's Happy Hives Honey for Sale

Joy Hubbard is selling honey from her eighth grade bee raising project. Both her summer-extraction honey and the slightly darker fall-extraction honey are for sale.

Joy's local honey has never been heated and is available in 8 oz. glass jars for \$4, 8 oz. gift jars for \$5, and 16 oz. glass jars for only \$7. Please email Joy at HubsHappyHives@icloud.com or call 608-606-9848 with questions or to place your order. Local delivery is available.

- Cyndy Hubbard, Parent

Ice Skating this Year

Each winter, the students in 1st through 8th grades have an opportunity to ice skate at the Park Bowl during their movement class, weather and ice permitting. First through 3rd grades will only go once/week. To make this possible, we will need parent support on those days to help tie skates. For 1st graders, we will need parents to meet us at the Park Bowl rink at 12:45 p.m. on Tuesdays. For 2nd graders, we will need parents to meet us at 1:55 p.m. on Fridays. For 3rd graders, we will need parents to meet us at 12:45 p.m. on Mondays. **Please sign up with Nan in the office if you are able to help tie skates. Be sure to check in during the morning to make sure skating is happening each day.**

We hope the weather favors a nice stretch of ice skating this January and February. **Lerie hopes all students will have skates within the first two weeks of school in January, if possible.** There will need to be a minimum of ¾ of the student body per class with skates to make ice skating possible.

Skates will not be available for rent from the Park Bowl. However, the school does have some skates that can be borrowed. **You may stop by the office to try on and sign up to borrow the skates during the first two weeks of January.** You can also find used skates at Play it Again Sports in La Crosse, and they also can sharpen them. You can also get skates sharpened at the Viroqua Arena. Anyone with skates to sell, please notify the Lunchbox Express, and we will put an ad for you in the Community News.

It is important for all students to have good laces, blade guards, and sharpened skate blades. This makes the skates safer to skate on than those with dull blades. We recommend hockey skates for structural support and for keeping the children's feet warm. Skate guards or tote bags are essential for safety while sharp skates are being carried.

- Lerie Alstad van Ells,
Movement Teacher

Shop Local this Holiday Season!



Be sure to check out the Natural Toy Shop located inside Ewetopia Fiber Shop as you do your holiday shopping this season. There you will find cooperative games, art supplies, baby items, books, silks, handmade dolls, wooden toys, and much more! Sales of toys there support Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School and your local community.

The school store will also be open this Friday in the school lobby, before and after the Festival of Light, for you to get some of your shopping in while you are here.

- Kathryn Ashley-Wright and Jordan Brudos,
School Store Coordinators

Growing for Good Is Open for the Holidays!

Growing for Good has a beautiful assortment of sustainably-grown trees, wreaths, garlands, poinsettias, decorative woody stems, and succulents for sale! Stop by this week for your holiday greenery---Ed and Angie Lemar of the GFG team will be open for sales **Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. through December 24th. Deliveries available--call 637-8200.**

- Growing for Good

Snow Shoveling at the School

Clearing the doorways and sidewalks of snow and ice at Pleasant Ridge is a job that falls to parent volunteers. Each class covers two weeks over the course of the winter. Parents in the class should pitch in during that week to the extent that personal schedules, work hours, small children, etc. permit. Schedule and class coordinators are listed below:

Class	Coordinator	Week1	Week2
8	Krings	11/5-12	1/21-28
7	Dehlin	11/12-19	1/28-2/4
6	Hundt	11/19-26	2/4-11
5	Brudos	11/26-12/3	2/11-18
4	Lenarz	12/3-10	2/18-25
3	Cole	12/10-17	2/25-3/4
2	Severson	12/31-1/7	3/4-11
1	Ugo	1/7-14	3/11-18
K	Hundt	1/14-21	3/18-25
	Facilities Comm.	12/17-31	3/25-

Please contact Jason Cole at 608-637-7160 or jasoncole@gmail.com or your class's coordinator with any questions.

January Aftercare Form is Now Available!

December is a short month! Be sure to sign up for your January aftercare now. The January form is located at the end of this Lunchbox Express.

- Jordan Brudos, Aftercare Coordinator



Support PRWS by Getting Your Coffee Here

Don't forget to pick up a fresh bag of Kickapoo Coffee to give as a gift this holiday season! We have 12 oz. bags of whole beans available for \$12 in the front office. They make a great gift!

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

Missing Violin!

Schuyler Hawklove's violin went missing last Thursday after school. It's a full-size violin in a black hard case. If you have seen it, please call the office. Thank you!

- Monika Sutherland, Music Teacher

Dragon Wings - An Adventure Board Game Fundraiser

Dragon Wings Game availability extended!

PRWS alumni parent, David Breitbach, has created a game with his daughter, Kessie, that is really fun to play and is also designed to help develop relationship skills. At our game nights, demo versions of *Dragon Wings* has been available to play. People enjoyed it because it was easy for both children and adults to engage in the fun.

This is how David describes the game:
The world is a bit crazy right now! People, families, nations...are relating at an all time low! The *Dragon Wings* game is a powerful step to change all this! It helps kids (and parents) learn to relate and bond. It raises their emotional IQ. With *Dragon Wings*, kids and adults seem to forget about their phones, iPads, and TV for a while. In fact, from those who have played it a lot, a big change starts happening around the house.

"If we are to reach real peace in this world..., we shall have to begin with children."

Mohandas Gandhi

"Teach a child to relate, and they'll be loved for a lifetime." David Breitbach

You may continue to purchase through our link dragonwingsgame.com (please follow this link so that PRWS earns \$5 when you buy.) Also, those who select "Local Pickup" get \$10 off the

game price and don't have to pay for shipping.

- Mary Christenson, Development Director

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.

LEARN GROW BE FREE

GRAND PRIZE

7-Night Belize Vacation for Five at Luxury Beach Resort
Coco Beach Resort is located on the island of Ambergris Caye. Come and explore the second largest barrier reef in the world. Prize includes airfare for 5 people from a major city and two-bedroom seaside suite with kitchen.
Or \$4000 cash.

SECOND PRIZE

Chicago Weekend Experience
Downtown hotel for 2 nights and tickets for 5 people to the Museum of Science and Industry, Shedd Aquarium, and a boat tour plus Chicago-style pizza dinner.

THIRD PRIZE

Driftless Get-Away for Two
Two-night stay at Nature Nooks on the West Fork of Kickapoo River and dinner for 2 at Driftless Cafe.

FOURTH PRIZE

Organic Grass-Fed Beef Bundle

FIFTH PRIZE

Luxurious Local Sheep Skin

**TO PURCHASE TICKETS CALL PLEASANT RIDGE WALDORF SCHOOL
608-637-7828 OR CONTACT ANY PLEASANT RIDGE PARENT**

**RAFFLE DRAWING
SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH
2017 7:30 PM**

**\$20
PER TICKET**

**NEED NOT BE
PRESENT TO WIN
WINNINGS ARE SUBJECT
TO STATE/FEDERAL TAX**

**ROOTED SPOON CULINARY
219 MAIN ST. VIROQUA**

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December 2017

Dear Pleasant Ridge Parent,

Thank you so much for participating in this year's Raffle. This fundraiser is an essential part of keeping the quality of education at PRWS high and allowing us to accept any family that wishes to send their children here. The roughly \$60,000 that we raise through the raffle and \$18,000 of gifts in lieu of raffle, fills the gap between what we can afford to pay in tuition and the cost of the rich and varied education that our children enjoy.

Selling your tickets is not always easy, but it is worthwhile. You can look at it as a way to support your school, a way of paying part of your tuition, or the chance to learn a new skill—the art of sales.

Here are some tips that may make selling easier.

*Always have tickets on you. You never know when the moment will strike.

*Know your audience. If your prospective buyer is easy with money, see if they want to buy five.

*Have your answer ready for a few basic questions like:

What is Waldorf education? How many tickets do you print? (3,500)

*Don't be afraid. You are offering your prospect a chance to support a wonderful school and a promising movement. If they win a prize, all the better.

*Don't press the issue. Keep it light. This will keep your spirits up and give you the courage to ask the next person.

Please turn in your money and tickets as you sell them. This gives the school a more steady income and ensures that the money and tickets are not lost in a pile of paper on your desk.

If you need any help in selling your tickets, or clarification of the rules or procedure, feel free to contact any of us on the Raffle Committee: Hallie Ashley, Erica Gerrity, Mary Christenson, Simon Stumpf, or Kristin Pomykala.

RULES AND INFO

- Tickets are **\$20** a piece
- Tickets and money need to be turned in to Nan in the school office by Friday, March 2nd. Drawing will be held on Saturday, March 10.
- Tickets cannot be sold/bought out of state- we have a Wisconsin raffle license.
 - *Example: If your Uncle Larry in Alabama wants to buy a ticket from you, he either needs to be in Wisconsin when he does OR you need to buy the ticket for him and he can send a check made out to you for the ticket. Out of state checks for tickets could be questioned by the state raffle auditor as to whether the person was in Wisconsin when they wrote it.*
- Payment for tickets cannot be made via the Internet.
- The purchaser should keep their portion of the ticket for validation when collecting their prize.
- If you turn in all of your tickets and money early and want to sell more, you may do so. Contact Hallie Ashley or ask in the office for more tickets.