



Calendar

Sat Feb 3 A Walk Through the Grades - **Rescheduled**

Sat Feb 3 All-School Work Day - **CANCELED**

Mon-Fri Feb 5-9 Re-Enrollment Week

Mon Feb 5 3rd Grade Meeting – 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – in the 3rd grade classroom

Tue Feb 6 2nd Grade Parent Evening – 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – in the 2nd grade classroom

Tue Feb 6 “What do Dad’s Say?” Discussion – 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – see inside for details

Fri & Sat Feb 9 & 10 7th Grade Play – *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* – Landmark Center Auditorium – 6:00 p.m. Friday; 4:00 p.m. Saturday – see details inside

Sat Feb 10 Kindergarten Morning – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – see inside for details

Tue Feb 13 5th Grade Parent Meeting – 4:00 p.m. – in the 5th grade classroom

Tue Feb 14 Open House – 8:20 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. – meet in the Parent-Child room – see inside for details

Thu Feb 15 1st Grade Parent Meeting – 5:30 p.m. – in the first grade classroom

Tue Feb 20 A Walk Through the Grades – 6:30 p.m.

What’s Cooking!

Hot Lunch Volunteers Still Needed for January!
Prep person still needed for THURSDAY, January 25th!

Most of the spots for February are still open. Hot lunch volunteers are a vital part of our fabulous organic hot lunch program. We can't do it without you! Please sign up by filling in spots on the Google calendar by using the links below:

[January 2018 Hot Lunch Volunteer Sign Up Calendar](#)

[February 2018 Hot Lunch Volunteer Sign Up Calendar](#)

If you have trouble filling in the online forms, please call Therese at 637-8787. Thank you!

- Therese Laurdan, Hot Lunch Volunteer Coordinator

Farewell Assembly this Friday!

Come and say farewell to our Korean visitors. They will have a special presentation to share with us at their final assembly, **this Friday, January 26**. Many thanks to the families that have hosted our 10 guests and to the classes that have welcomed the visitors!

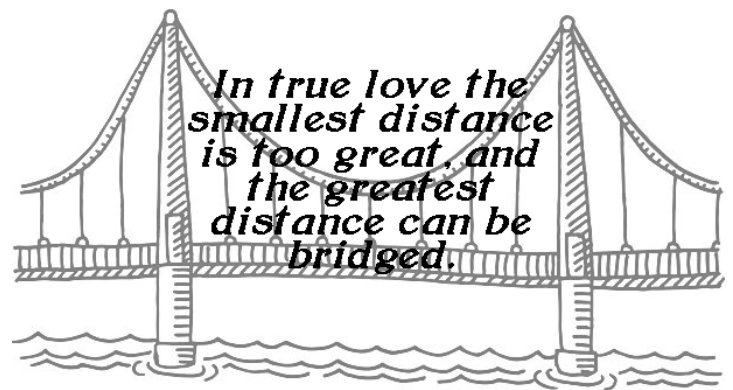
- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

Friday Assembly
Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Jan 26 —Open Assembly/Korean Farewell

Feb 2 —No Assembly

Feb 9—Odd Assembly



Winter Weather Updates

We are in the middle of winter and should expect more winter weather. When weather and road conditions are bad, we work to get the word out to our families and community in as many ways as possible. Generally, we follow Viroqua Area School's lead. This past Tuesday created a new scenario for us as VAS did not have school due to a scheduled In-Service. Our 2-hour delay on Tuesday caught some of our families by surprise.

When in doubt about the PRWS schedule when the weather or roads have been bad you can:

- 1) Call the school 608-637-7828 and listen to the voicemail message.
- 2) Check our status on the Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School Facebook page.
- 3) Sign up to receive email or text alerts from news8000.com
- 4) Listen to local radio stations: WDRT, WRCO, WVRQ
- 5) Go to: WXOM La Crosse 19
- 6) Sign up to receive alerts from VAS
- 7) Find a friend at PRWS who can call you when there are delays or cancelations at school.

Thank you for your cooperation in this. Nobody in this hemisphere has ever sung: "*Wintertime, and the living is easy.*" Even so, we will work together to find the joy in cold temps and icy roads. Be safe and stay warm!

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

Re-Enrollment Week for School Year 2018-2019

February 5 – 9, 2018

Please look for program changes, additions, re-enrollment forms, tuition information, and adjustment applications beginning February 5th.

Registration fee of \$165 per family is due with your re-enrollment form by **February 9th**.

Registration fee **AFTER** February 9th will be \$500.

Tuition Adjustment applications will be due **February 16th**.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

Kindergarten Morning

**Thinking about having your child begin kindergarten next year?
If so, then join us for a Kindergarten Morning!**

**Saturday, February 10th OR Friday, March 16th
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**



10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Visit the Kindergarten
(Parents & children together in the classroom)

11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Parent meeting with the kindergarten teachers
(Outdoor childcare provided)

All parents who are interested in finding out more about our kindergarten program are encouraged to attend one of these mornings with their child. Registration is required, as space is limited. Contact Jordan at 637-7828 or email enrollment@pleasantrydrewaldorf.org to register.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

Raffle Ticket Reminder

There are still a few packets of raffle tickets in the office. Don't forget to pick them up!

- The Raffle Committee

“What do Dads Say?” Discussion

Join us for the next “What do Dads Say?” discussion on **February 6, from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** at the school. Mark Brudos and Dan Brown, PRWS Dads, will be talking about the various tax implications of private school tuition including: Wisconsin income subtraction for tuition, changes in 2018 to section 529 plans, and the child and dependent care tax credit. All are welcome to join in the discussion (not just Dads). PRWS and discussion panel members are not providing financial or investment advice. You should discuss these topics with your investment or tax professional. Please contact Jordan at 637-7828 or email enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org with questions.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

Joins Us for this Year’s 7th Grade Play!

The 7th grade will be performing “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” on **Friday, February 8th, at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 9th, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Landmark Center Auditorium at 500 E. Jefferson. **The Saturday performance will be followed by a Mediterranean dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the school gym.**

“The course of true love never did run smooth...” These lines from the play ask us to consider how apparently irrational and whimsical a thing love is and to consider the difference between how things appear and what they truly are, that love is blind and beauty is in the eye of the beholder. But true love triumphs in the end, restoring order, happiness, and harmony to the universe. Please join us and bring your Valentine, if not for romance, then to enjoy a dreamlike romp with the fairies and “a most lamentable comedy” with the rustics.

- Betty Link, 7th Grade Teacher

February Open House

Our next monthly Open House is scheduled for **February 14, from 8:20 a.m. - 9:15 am**, beginning in the Parent-Child Room. 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, including classroom visits, enjoy a time of conversation and refreshments. These open houses are for current PRWS families as well as potential families and friends. Please contact Jordan at enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org with any questions or for more information. **Don’t forget to bring along a friend!!**

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

Upcoming Enrichment Days – February 19, 20, & 21

Are you looking for someplace for your child(ren) to be during the winter break? Perhaps you need to have your parent-teacher conferences and don't have anywhere for your children to go? Have your child(ren) join Ms. Sequoyah for a fun day of seasonal crafting, outside play, and games. Registration forms are available across from the office door. 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 are available. Stop by the office with any questions. Please register by Friday, Feb. 16.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

The PRWS Book Sale is Coming

We are now collecting books for the book sale, which we plan to have in mid March. Money from the sale is used to purchase new books for the school library. If you have books to donate, they can be placed in the front office or in the library. Thanks to all who have donated and supported the sale in the past. Please continue to support this great cause.

- Chris Leinberger, Library Volunteer Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tuition Statement for Tax Purposes

If you'd like a statement of tuition paid in the 2017 calendar year, please email your request to finance@pleasantridgewaldorf.org.

Thank you!

- Sofya Hundt, Business Manager

Buy Coffee – Support PRWS

Don't forget to pick up a fresh bag of Kickapoo Coffee in the office and support our school! We have 12oz. whole beans of the Harvest Blend available in the office for \$12.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

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. The 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.

You are invited to join Youth Initiative High School on Thursday, January 25th, for our Annual Student Showcase, an evening at YIHS with academic and artistic student work on display. Savory and sweet foods will be provided as you experience a gallery of accomplishments and live student performances!

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ~ Free & open to all ~

Come on up and check us out in the 3rd floor of the Landmark Center at 500 Jefferson St.

The 21st Annual Youth Initiative High School Dinner will be held this year on **Saturday, February 3rd**, at the **Rooted Spoon at 6:00 p.m.**

The theme for this year is Candlemas. This is a student-driven fundraiser, and it showcases the students in a variety of activities.

Go to www.yihs.net to purchase dinner tickets. Any questions, please call Paula at 606-3500.Soul

Support Vernon Trails!! On February 10, 2018, let's celebrate winter and support outdoor recreation. Join us for a delicious dinner hosted by Rooted Spoon followed by a beautiful candlelight snowshoe stomp (or hike) through the VFW land right here at the edge of town! Limited to 40 couples!! Cost: \$100.00 per couple (includes dinner, drink, and snowshoe rental). For more info, contact Pete @ Bluedog Cycles: 608-637-6993 or visit Vernontrails.com.

Do you need help affording diapers? We can help! A supply of 12-18 cloth diapers per child are loaned for one year (with extensions possible). Diapers can be swapped out for larger sizes as the baby grows. Loaned diapers may be a variety of new or previously-loved styles and colors. This starter supply allows families to build their own cloth diaper stash with money saved or to supplement their disposable diaper routine. Contact WesternWI@clothforall.org for more info.

The Christian Community, a movement for religious renewal, will have a service in Viroqua the first weekend of February.

Friday, February 2nd, at 7:00 p.m.: Sharing and conversations, with Reverend Paul Newton, in the home of Patty and Brian Wickert. Tea and light snacks provided.

Saturday, February 3rd, at 10:30 a.m. in the Old Main Building: The Act of Consecration of Man Community meal afterwards, in the Wickert home. Bring a dish, if you like; but it is not required.

A story and Service for the Children could happen Saturday at 9:30 a.m., if there is interest. This Sacrament is for first- through eighth-graders.

Please let Jenny Spann know in advance if you are interested in the Children's Service and/or if you need childcare during the Act of Consecration of Man, as the 10:30 a.m. service is not for school-aged children to attend. Reverend Paul Newton will also be available on Friday for conversations and sacramental consultations. For more information, contact Jenny Spann at 637-8759, or jennyspann@frontiernet.net.

Homemaking 101 for Busy Parents – a new online course with Rahima Baldwin Dancy from January 31 – February 28.

During the course you will build up a picture of your home life. Explore what is working for you and what isn't on the physical, rhythmical, emotional, and spiritual levels of your home.

Determine what you want to do next toward creating a home life that is more supportive for every member of the family. Rahima Baldwin Dancy is a Waldorf early childhood teacher and author. Class costs \$150. Register at 4lifeways@gmail.com.

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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.