



Calendar

Wed Mar 7 Open House – 8:20 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. – meet in the Parent-Child room

Sat Mar 10 Raffle Party – 6:00 p.m. – at the Rooted Spoon at 219 S. Main St., Viroqua

Thu Mar 15 6th Grade Play – 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – at the Landmark Center Auditorium – 500 E. Jefferson

Fri Mar 16 In-Service Day – No School – See inside for information about the **Enrichment Day**

Fri Mar 16 Kindergarten Morning – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – see inside for details

Fri Mar 16 Celebration of the Arts – **CANCELED!**

Wed Mar 21 Community Game Night – 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – in the school gym – open to the whole community

Sat Mar 24 Clothing Swap – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – in the school gym – open to the whole Viroqua community – see inside for details

What's Cooking!

Raffle Drawing Party on Saturday, March 10

We hope to see you at the prize-drawing and party on Saturday, March 10, at the Rooted Spoon at 219 S. Main St., Viroqua.

The doors will open at 6:00 p.m., with entertainment, Chili Cook-Off, Baking Contest, and cash bar. **Winning tickets will be drawn at 7:30 p.m.** Let one of the Raffle Committee members – Hallie Ashley, Simon Stumpf, Erica Gerrity, or Kristin Pomykala – know if you plan to bring chili or baked goods or can otherwise help get this party started!

- Kristin Pomykala, Development

Kitchen Help Urgently Needed!

We are in need of a volunteer to work in the kitchen this Thursday, March 8, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. Duties will include delivering meals to the lower grades, collection of dishes, and general kitchen cleanup. If you are able to help, please call the office ASAP.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

The 6th Grade Play is Coming!

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight will be presented on **Thursday, March 15th**. The daytime performance is at 9:00 a.m., the evening performance at 6:00 p.m. Both performances will be at the Landmark Center Auditorium, 500 E. Jefferson St. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with desserts and refreshments for sale. This is a fundraiser for our class trip.

- Christina Hotchkiss, 6th Grade Teacher

The Skating Rink is Gone!

Please return your borrowed skates to the office. If no one is there, just leave them next to the desk (not in the tubs) so that we can check them in.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Mar 9—Even Assembly

Mar 16 —No School – In-Service

Mar 23—Open Assembly

March Open House

Our next monthly Open House is scheduled for **March 7**, from 8:20 a.m. - 9:15 a.m., meeting 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, enjoy a time of conversation and refreshments. These open houses are for current PRWS families, as well as potential families and friends. This month we will be visiting in the 6th and 7th grade classrooms. Please contact Jordan at enrollment@pleasantrydrewaldorf.org with any questions or for more information. **Don't forget to bring along a friend!!**

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

Holiday Faire 2018 Kick-Off Meeting

Come and learn more about exciting leadership opportunities as an area coordinator or co-chair of the next Holiday Faire at our planning meeting at PRWS, **Saturday, March 10th, at 10:00 a.m.** in the school gym. Whether or not you have helped coordinate an area of the Holiday Faire in the past or not, we welcome you to share your thoughts on organizing the next Holiday Faire! If you can't come but still have thoughts to share, call Angie Lemar at 715-347-5979 or email angielemar@gmail.com.

- Angie Lemar, Holiday Faire Coordinator

Short-Term Assistance Needed in Kitchen

We are looking for help in the kitchen from **March 15-25**. Duties will include delivering meals to the lower grades, collection of dishes, and general kitchen cleanup. If you would like to fill in, please call the office.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

Upcoming Enrichment Day – March 16

Are you looking for someplace for your child(ren) to be during the in-service day on March 16? 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 available. Stop by the office with any questions. Please register by Wednesday, March 14.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

Swap ~ Don't Shop! PRWS Clothing Swap

Saturday, March 24, 2017,

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Hooray for Spring! Time to clean out closets and drawers, just in time for the annual PRWS Spring Clothing Swap!

How it works: Donate clothing and outerwear your family no longer needs. Score some new-to-you items that you need. It's that simple!

Drop off: Please bring items to the Pleasant Ridge School office beforehand. Doing so before the swap is strongly encouraged, though if you need more time you may bring items to the swap on Saturday morning.

Won't you join us? Questions? Call Robin Kottke at 608-638-2609 or email ringleka@hotmail.com.

- Robin Kottke, Swap Coordinator

Growing for Good News

Activity in the greenhouse is high, as we are in full swing with getting ready for spring/summer plants. On average, it is 75 degrees in the greenhouse and green and earthy. If you are in need of some warmth and goodness, come on over and help us out. Volunteer opportunities weekly on Tuesdays from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. It would be great if you could call the greenhouse at 637-8200 to give us a heads-up, but we are also happy if you just stop by. Every hour you volunteer gives you a stamp on our "Good Card," which after 15 hours will give you 15% off a purchase.

- Angie Lemar, Growing for Good

Community Game Night – March 21

As part of a Community Screen-Free Week, PRWS is joining with the McIntosh Memorial Library and Viroqua Elementary School in hosting a screen-free event.

Tuesday, March 20th, the McIntosh Library will host a Science Night.

Wednesday, March 21st, PRWS will host a Game Night in the school gym. The 7th grade will sell snacks as a fundraiser for their 8th grade trip.

Thursday, March 22nd, Viroqua Elementary School will host an evening of music and movement.

All events take place from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The entire Viroqua Community is invited to attend one or all of these evening activities.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

Parent-Child Classes

Parents and their young children (ages 1-4) are invited to join Ms. Martha once a week on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday mornings from 8:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. **Our newest session began the week of February 26.** Cost is \$135 for the 9-week session. Click [here](#) for more information and registration form. To register or ask questions, contact Jordan at 637-7828 or enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

Conversations about Waldorf Education

Are you curious about the philosophy of child and human development that underlies Waldorf education? Please join this drop-in conversation on **Tuesdays for 4 weeks in March (6th, 13th, 20th, 27th) at 1:30 p.m. in Room 202 in the Landmark Center.** We will use articles from “Renewal” magazine, “Lilipoh” magazine, and the Gateways newsletter for Waldorf Early Childhood. If this time doesn't work for you but you are interested in such a group, please let me know – perhaps another group could be formed. For information or questions, please

contact Mary Christenson at 608-606-5296 or mary@pleasantridgewaldorf.org.

- Mary Christenson, Development

8th Grade Fundraiser

Please stop by the office to buy packets of Naming Poem cards that feature the names and qualities of all the 8th graders. The funds go toward their 8th grade class trip.

- The 8th Grade Class

Introduction to and Basics of Homeopathy

Have you wanted to know more about working with homeopathy for acute care at home? I have studied and practiced for 28 years and am happy to share what I've learned. Please join our **Saturday morning discussions from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in March at the Old Main Building at 321 E. Decker.** There are some basic tenets and practices that can give you a framework for taking up your own studies. We will work from “cases” that are written by professional homeopaths. The group's interest will direct our inquiry. My studies began in a monthly study group led by an experienced practitioner. If there is interest, we could “graduate” to that. For information or questions, please contact Mary Christenson at 608-606-5296 or mary@pleasantridgewaldorf.org.

- Mary Christenson, Development

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

Kindergarten Mornings

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

Friday, March 16th OR Saturday, April 21
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



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

Visit the Kindergarten
(Parents and 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@pleasantridgewaldorf.org to register.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

We are looking for outdoor games for our aftercare program. If you have lawn games, jump ropes, or play parachutes to donate, please call Nan in the office. Thanks!

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

PRWS 2017 Summer Camps

We are already preparing for an enriching Summer Camp season. Do you have a Summer Camp idea growing in you? We encourage your camp ideas for both children or adults. Please contact Jordan or Amy with your ideas!

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator, and Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

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.

Games for Aftercare

COMMUNITY NEWS

It's LEGO Friday at the McIntosh Memorial Library on Friday, March 9th from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., ages 6-14. If you have any questions, please call the library at 637-7151.

The Christian Community Camp Greenwood Lake is an opportunity for children to retreat into nature and enjoy the natural rhythms of the day and night. Camp Greenwood Lake is a children's camp for ages 8-13, from August 6th to 20th, 2018, at Camp Nawakwa in Cornell, WI. There is also a youth camp, July 17th to 23rd, for rising 9th to 12th graders. The youth camp will be canoeing by day and camping by night. For more information about either camp, please visit the website of the [Chicago Christian Community](http://ChicagoChristianCommunity.org) or email us at chicagochristiancommunity@gmail.com. Or contact Jenny Spann at 637-8759 or jennyspann@frontiernet.net.

Writing workshop with writer/PRWS community member Catherine Young. *Serving up from Memory's Kitchen*, Saturday, March 10, at the Encore, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Through prompts and exercises we'll use food as ingredients for some spicy prose and poetry. All levels of experience welcome. Contact catherineyoungwriter@gmail.com or driftlesswritingcenter.org.

PRWS parent Jason Thimmesch is selling ground beef for \$5/lb. His cows spent the summer on pasture and hay and were finished on non-GMO corn. To purchase, call Jason at 625-2238.

New Spirit Farmland Partnerships Announces Monarch Farms Project

Are you an organic or other conservation-minded farmer who needs secure access to land to grow or sustain your operation? New Spirit Farmland Partnerships (NSFP) helps farmers gain long-term access to farmland by linking them with social impact investors who buy the land they need and lease it to them on a long-term lease at a fair price. Since 2007, NSFP has supported organic farmers with over \$5 million in social investments.

NSFP is currently taking applications from farmers for a new round of investments focused on southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois, as part of its new *Monarch Farms* project, which involves pollinator habitat being established on a portion of all new lands secured. Farmers agree to protect and help care for the habitat and receive a rent reduction in return. You can learn more about this project and fill out an application at www.monarchfarms.org.

Vote April 3rd for Tanja Birke for City Council, Ward 4! Did you know that PRWS is right in the middle of Ward 4? I am a PRWS alumni parent, and I am asking for your support. To find out more about why I am running for office or to talk about ideas and issues that are important to you, contact me at 608-638-7581 or birke.tanja@gmail.com.

Our upcoming elections are on April 3rd, during PRWS spring break. Our government works better when we all participate. If you will be out of town, please consider voting before you leave. This is easily done at city hall or your local town hall. More information can be found at www.elections.wi.gov/voters/absentee, or contact Lori Polhamus at 608-637-7154.

Empty Bowls is back at The Ark, 401 E. Jefferson St. in Viroqua, this Friday, March 9th, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. \$20 at the door. Come and support local potters, soup makers, and bread bakers in an effort to raise awareness and money for local organizations helping to provide food for those in need. Come satisfy your hunger for local change! For further information or questions, call or text 608-632-6281.

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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@pleasantrydrewaldorf.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.