



## Calendar

**Mon May 21** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Evening – 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Tue & Wed May 22 & 23** 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Play – “Snow White and Rose Red” - 9:30 a.m. each day – in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom

**Tue-Thu May 22-24** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Play – “The Life of Black Hawk” – 9:30 a.m. each day – in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom

**Fri May 25** Last day of school – **Noon Dismissal**

**Fri May 25** End-of-Year Picnic – begins after final assembly – details to right and below

**Fri May 25** Graduation

### Planning for Success:

#### Reminders for End-of-Year Picnic

PRWS is happy to host the end-of-year picnic on our playground. To make this a successful event, we ask parents to be mindful of faculty and staff requests. The picnic will be held from noon until 2:00 p.m.

We will begin with a circle of gratitude. Then, parents may assist their children in the meal line, making sure everyone has plenty to eat. The building will only be available for bathroom use with parent supervision provided.

Remember, the gym is to be avoided as Graduation set up will take place for that night's celebration. Thank you all for making PRWS an incredible place to grow and learn together!

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

## **What's Cooking!**

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Plant Sale Continues

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade plant sale still going strong! The marigolds are filling in, and the native prairie perennials (a couple varieties of grasses, purple prairie clover, and New England Asters), have finally decided that it's warm enough to poke their heads out! We still have quite a few veggie/herb 4 packs, lots of collards and cabbage, and both shade- and sun-loving perennials. Come visit the greenhouse and help yourself. Pay in the bucket or in the office. The class of 2019 thanks you!

- Margret Lenarz, Plant Sale Coordinator

### End-of-Year School Picnic

The last day of school is coming up quickly, and with that comes our annual, end-of-the-year picnic. Yay! The picnic will be held on our school playground following the assembly the last day of school, which ends at noon, so bring your picnic gear and your appetites. If it rains, we will be in the gym.

Here's what to bring: plates, bowls, and utensils for each member of your family; drinks for your family; food to share with everyone with a serving utensil (please see food assignment list below); and a dessert to share as well. In addition to potluck gear, here are a few other things that you might want to bring: balls, Frisbees, other fun things to play with, and a blanket or chairs to sit on.

Food is assigned by first letter of children's last name:

A-H: Salads, side dishes

I-L: Appetizers, savory snacks

M-Z: Main Dishes

### **Everyone should bring a small dessert.**

People are always super-hungry at this picnic, so please make sure to bring a generous amount of healthy food to share!

**It is always a good idea to pack a post-assembly, pre-picnic-starting snack for your kids to help them make it through the setup.**

## Friday Assembly

May 18—*Gratitude Assembly* – 8:20 a.m.

May 25—*Final Assembly* – **10:45 a.m.**

## PRWS Community Spotlight

*“A healthy social life is found only, when in the mirror of each soul the whole community finds its reflection, and when in the whole community the virtue of each one is living.”*

The preceding words from Rudolf Steiner inform and guide the work of the Finance Committee, a group composed of dedicated parents, faculty, and staff; who meet at least once per month throughout the year. During these meetings, we make informed decisions on behalf of and to enhance the mission of Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School. We appreciate the tremendous work they do to with integrity and respect. Thank you!

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

“Coming together is a beginning.  
Keeping together is progress.  
Working together is success.”

## Pentathlon Gratitude

Sincere gratitude to everyone whom helped create the Pentathlon to be the experience it is.

The Sun blessed us, the environment blessed us, and all the enthusiasm of the fifth graders blessed us. The excellent food and preparers blessed us, the Grounds Committee setting up and taking down the event structures blessed us, and the tents from Nelson's blessed us. Blessings on the Youth Initiative and Laurel High School students' dedication to serving on that day and on the parents who bless us with their children. Many thanks to dear Jordan for endless tasks of coordinating the event and having everything in order for this most meaningful day.

Sincere gratitude also to the sixth-grade class and parents, as well as Dani Lind, for the delicious Greek Feast!

Thank you all from my heart!

- Lerie Alstad, Movement Teacher

## PRWS 2018 Summer Camp Program

The PRWS Summer Camp Program is back again this summer – with some amazing camps for you to choose from. Camp brochures and registration are available in the office or on our website:

<https://pleasantrydwaldorf.org/programs/summer-camp/>. Drop off your completed applications and fees in the office by May 25, 2018, to receive 5% of your camps.

CAMP	DATES	TIME	AGES	INSTRUCTORS
Circus Arts Intensive	June 11-15	9:00am – 3:00pm	9-13	Shawn Lavoie
Moving Together	June 18-22	9:00 – 9:30am	1-3 w/adult	Mandy Herrick
Creative Movement	June 18-22	9:45 – 10:30am	3-6	Mandy Herrick
Adventure Ed. Morning	June 25-29	9:00 – 11:30am	10-14	Rebecca Hawklove
Archery Camp	June 25-29	12:00 – 2:00pm	10-14	Rice Spann
Wild Things	July 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20	9:00 – 11:00am	5-8	Susana Ruder
Little Sprouts Nature Camp	July 9, 11, 16, 18	9:15 – 11:15am	3-5	Janelle Peterson
Drawing from Life	July 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27	9:00am – 12:00pm	8-12	Vicki Ramsay

## END OF YEAR WRAP-UP

### Music Instrument Return and Summer Rentals

Instruments rented from the school need to be returned before the end of the school year. If you will be returning the instrument, **bring it to the office and have it checked in.** No instruments should just be left in the hallway or music room. **They must all be checked in.** There will also be forms to fill out to sign up for the summer rental program. You will need to fill out the rental paperwork before the last day of school.

If your instrument is not returned before the end of school, you will be charged the summer rental fee.

**There will be changes to the instrument rental program for the fall. Stay tuned for updates over the summer.**

- The Music Team

### 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 2018-2019 school year, the following items are **due by June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018:**

- Your payment plan in the form of either post-dated checks for the entire year or a completed ACH (automatic withdrawal) form. ACH forms are available in the office or by email.
- Any open balances for 2017-2018 or any prior years, including all raffle and instrument rental balances, must be brought current.
- A \$150 supply fee for each grade student and a \$250 grocery fee for each kindergarten student enrolled for 2018-2019.

**Please note that your re-enrollment is not finished until these steps are completed. Contracts finalized after June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, will be assessed a \$250 late fee.**

Please stop at the Business Office between 8:15 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays or between 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through the end of May or email [finance@pleasantrydorgewaldorf.org](mailto:finance@pleasantrydorgewaldorf.org) to make an appointment to finalize your contract.

- Sofya Hundt, Business Coordinator

### Time to Return Your School Library Books

All Pleasant Ridge library books are due back by **NOW**. Please take a look through your home and round up all our books!

Thank you.

- Chris Leinberger, Volunteer  
Library Coordinator

### Return Concert Clothes

Please return your borrowed concert clothes to the office and have them checked off the list.

**Be sure to wash them first.** Thank You!

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

### Parent Library Returns

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, please check through the books in your house to see if you might have a Parent Library book lurking in a pile somewhere.

Please try to return them before the end of the school year so they can be inventoried over the summer.

- Sonja Finn, Coordinator

### Summer Office Hours

We will have regular office hours, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., through the end of May, **except the school will be closed on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.**

Our summer office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon starting June 4<sup>th</sup>. The office will be closed in July and then will be open from 9:00 a.m. – noon Monday through Thursday through most of August. Have a great summer!

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Positions Open at PRWS

PRWS is seeking a **part-time Music Teacher** for the 2018-2019 school year. Primary responsibilities include teaching Strings and Chorus to 4th – 8th grade students. Please submit cover letter, resume, and references to Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair: [admin@pleasantridgewaldorf.org](mailto:admin@pleasantridgewaldorf.org).

Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School is hiring a **Development Director** to lead and oversee a comprehensive development plan at Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School by cultivating long-lasting relationships within the school and wider community that support the advancement of the vision and mission of the school and that strengthen the school's culture of philanthropy. The Development Director is a full-time position. For specific details regarding this position, please refer to the Development Director job description found on our website. We are looking to identify our new administrative colleague as soon as possible to allow for training and mentoring. Application

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

### Lawn Mowing Sign-Up

Don't despair! Spring will come. Trees will bud. Flowers will bloom. And...the grass will grow. So, sign yourself up for some summer now! As in the past, we are looking for volunteers to take on a single round of mowing the PRWS main campus and Old Main Building grounds this summer. Please find the sign-up sheet hanging across from the main office and put your name down 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 & Joe Lenarz,  
Facilities Committee

**Cadence Dehlin (7th grader) is available for babysitting.** She is raising money for her 8th grade trip. Please contact her at [cadiedehlin@gmail.com](mailto:cadiedehlin@gmail.com).

**The Winding Roads Art Tour is this weekend** – May 19 and 20, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day. Brochures are available at PRWS (on the Parent Library shelf), VIVA Gallery, and the Viroqua Food Co-op. See you there!

### **Henna Camp!**

Come learn and play with Kumari Sky!  
-Basic design instruction  
-Practice time  
-All supplies included  
-Simple henna design book and henna to take home so you can practice on your friends  
Session 1: June 5th, 9:00 a.m. - noon  
Session 2: June 19th, 9:00 a.m. - noon  
@ The Ark in Viroqua  
Ages 8-13  
\$45 per session  
\*\*Pre-register, class size limited\*\*  
Register by text/call 608.632.1377

### **Lessons in Violin, Fiddle, Viola, Cello for ages 4 & up.**

Inspired & imaginative teaching, with technical expertise from a seasoned musician. Classical & Suzuki background. Sixteen years of full-time, freelance teaching, performing, CDs, composing, and leading parent-child music and dance workshops. Extensive dance training since 1980 adds extra dimensions of artistry and teaching methods. 2-minute walk from PRWS!  
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### **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](mailto: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.

## BOARD ELECTIONS

**It is time again for the Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School Board of Director elections!**

This year there are two terms coming to an end. Alycann Taylor, Joe Lenarz, and Shelly Brenneman have served the school community in cooperation and collaboration as Board and Committee members. Their dedicated work on behalf of PRWS students, parents, teachers, and the Viroqua community is deeply appreciated. All three, Alycann, Joe, and Shelly, have expressed their willingness to continue on as Board members.

If you have questions regarding the work of the PRWS Board or the committees of the Board, please direct them to any of the current members. **Please complete the ballot(s) and bring to the Office by May 23.** Thank you for participating. Aaron Schmidt, Board Vice President

### **Alycann Taylor - Incumbent**

I would like to thank the parent body for their consideration of me to continue to participate at the PRWS board table.

A little bit about me...

When my husband and I moved to Viroqua in 2005, we knew nothing of Waldorf education. We came here with a newborn and a goal to start our own business, Bluedog Cycles. It became evident over time that Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School supports our personal and parental beliefs. Wilma (6<sup>th</sup> grade) and Lucy (4<sup>th</sup> grade) both now attend Pleasant Ridge.

I know how important it is to have parents participating and volunteering for their children's school. My elementary school education required a strong parental volunteer effort. I watched firsthand my parents volunteer in just about every capacity. I believe that parental involvement is imperative to the small, private school's success. I also think it's important for children to see their parents involved in their school and their education. As parents of this school, it is essential that we are participating and volunteering. I feel that one of the best ways for me to be involved at PRWS is to utilize my professional skill set. For most of my professional career, I have been involved in working for organizations that are led by a board of directors. I have sat on both national boards and community-led boards, and now I sit on our county board as well. I am very familiar with board processes. I feel this experience is an asset at the board table.

Currently, I am serving as the treasurer of PRWS. In this capacity I also serve on the finance committee. I am also a part of the personnel committee. What is most rewarding about serving on the PRWS board of directors is the opportunity to work closely with other parents, faculty, and staff. These are smart, dedicated people who work together to represent our school. The tethering of ideas and experiences is powerful. I am excited at the opportunity to continue my service on this board. I feel I have the experience and the excitement to represent Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alycann Whalen Taylor

### **Joe Lenarz - Incumbent**

Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School is a shining example of beauty and clarity. I am continually awestruck by our faculty as they teach me more about the depth and intention of the curriculum. Grateful as they defend my children as children—intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually. And the dedication of our staff is an inspiration as they work to make our school more welcoming, beautiful, and well-run. Additionally, this school strives like no other to be affordable for all, and its reliance on parent volunteerism creates a vibrant and treasured school community. The more I experience our wonderful school, the more determined I am to help as I can—help Pleasant Ridge continue to grow

and thrive, help work through new challenges. I would like to serve another term on the Pleasant Ridge Board and would be honored to receive your vote. Thank you.

**Shelly Brenneman - Incumbent**

Hi, my name is Shelly Brenneman, and I hope to continue to serve on the Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School Board. My son Ansel is a 2017 PRWS graduate, and my son Finn is in 4<sup>st</sup> grade, and both really treasure their PRWS experiences.

Ever since we arrived in 2011, the PRWS community has felt like home and is a bright light in the life of our family. Before moving to Viroqua, the boys attended early childhood and early grades programs at Shepherd Valley Waldorf School in Colorado and Singing Cedars Waldorf School in Iowa (my home state). We feel grateful that the boys have been in Waldorf programs since very early childhood. Waldorf education has inspired me since 1988, when my college roommate returned from volunteering at a Waldorf school in Scotland. She taught me about many lovely connections between Waldorf education and our environmental education majors. Over my nearly 30 years of experience teaching education programs in parks, nature centers, and for non-profit conservation and education organizations, Waldorf philosophies have continued to inform and inspire my work. I felt very blessed to work as the Rosemary Kindergarten Assistant and have served as a substitute assistant in both the Violet and Cherry Blossom kindergartens over the past two years. I have also volunteered for two summers as kitchen staff for the Midwest Christian Community Camp, a summer camp that involves Waldorf students and teachers from all over the Midwest.

I have enjoyed working with so many talented and caring teachers, staff members, and parents as a PRWS Board Member since 2015, as well as serving on Early Childhood committees, as Pentathlon co-coordinator, member of the Raffle Committee, and Crystal Boat co-coordinator for the Holiday Faire. I look forward to sharing my fundraising and grant-writing experience with the Development Committee. I am currently also a board member of Community Conservation and the Wisconsin River Alliance and work as the Executive Director of Valley Stewardship Network. I would like to continue to offer my education and non-profit experience as a Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School Board Member.

**Vote for THREE candidates below and place your ballot in the box in the School Office by the end of the day on Wednesday, May 23, 2018.**

**In single parent households, parent votes here**

**In 2-parent households, second parent votes here**

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