

Calendar

Thu May 3 Grades 5-8 Field Trip – Pierce Hill Performing Arts Center – in the afternoon

Fri May 4 May Day Celebration – Procession begins at 12:50 p.m. in the playground – look to right for additional information

Fri & Sat May 4 & 5 8th Grade Play – Friday concessions at 6:00 p.m., play at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, chili and bread dinner at 6:00 p.m., play at 7:00 p.m. – all in the Landmark Center Auditorium, 500 E. Jefferson St., Viroqua

Mon & Tue May 7 & 8 Mother's Day Market – hosted by the 3rd Grade

Wed May 10 Pentathlon

Thu-Fri May 10-11 3rd Grade Field Trip

Fri-Fri May 11-18 8th Grade Field Trip

Tue-Fri May 15-18 7th Grade Field Trip

Mon May 21 2nd Grade Parent Evening – 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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

What's Cooking!

May Day Celebration – Friday, May 4th

Spring has come and finally shown her true colors, and in the ancient northern tradition, we at Pleasant Ridge celebrate the marriage of Heaven and Earth that Spring embodies by enacting our May Day celebration **Friday, May 4th**. Light from the Sun pierces and weaves through space coming through resistance and darkness into Earth. The deeds and sufferings of the light reveal themselves as the colors we see; therefore, we see the straight and high Maypole with its many-colored ribbons as a picture of the Sun's light coming to Earth and culminating in the renewed life of Spring. Let us dance and celebrate Spring!

Friday, May 4th, at 12 :50 p.m., the May Procession shall begin, and all shall gather to the May Pole (by the 'big hill' in the playground). There, we shall discover the mysterious May Queen and King, dance, and play games. There will be an opportunity for parents to dance around the May Pole, should they choose, while the children play games. The Seventh Grade Plant Sale shall also occur throughout the festivities, a fundraiser for the 7th grade, will offer you an opportunity to take home beautiful plants. Please remember that the school dress code still applies to this festival, so dress accordingly (no bare feet). In the event of inclement weather, the May Pole dancing shall be celebrated in the gym at 1:50 p.m.

There will be a table set up outside near the greenhouse where family and friends can make their own May crowns, if they desire.

See you all there!

- J. M. Ecklund, May Day Committee

7th Grade Plant Sale Begins this Friday

This year's Plant Sale begins this Friday during the May Day Celebration and will run **May 4th through the 19th** in the school greenhouse. Or, come see us at the **Farmer's Market on May 12th!** We will have annuals and perennials for shade and sun, natives, and houseplants. All proceeds will help fund our 8th grade trip. The parents and kids of the 7th grade thank you!

- Margret Lenarz, Plant Sale Coordinator

Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

May 4—No Assembly

May 11—No Assembly

May 18—Open Assembly

A Wrinkle in Time – May 4th and 5th

The 8th grade proudly presents “A Wrinkle in Time,” based on a story by Madeleine L’Engle, on May 4th and 5th in the Landmark Center Auditorium at 500 E. Jefferson St., Viroqua.

On May 4th, the Auditorium will open at 6:00 p.m. with popcorn and desserts. The play will begin at 6:30 p.m.

On May 5th, there will be a chili and bread dinner offered at 6:00 p.m. followed by the play at 7:00 p.m.

Food and concessions are being offered by the 7th grade class as a fundraiser for their 8th grade trip.

Parental guidance suggested for younger children.

- Mr. Schirmer, 8th Grade Teacher

Mother’s Day Market May 7 and 8

The 3rd grade is hosting a Mother’s Day Market! We are excited to practice making change, so our hand-made goodies will be priced at under a dollar each. This isn’t aiming to be a fundraiser. There will be blank cards, bookmarks, beanbags, felted animals, and other gifts for Mother’s Day. If you’re interested, please send a couple dollars (dollar bills please, so we can make change!) along with your child to school Monday, May 7th. We will be splitting up shopping times for the other classes between Monday the 7th and Tuesday the 8th. Our class has worked hard on these special gifts, and I thank you for supporting our endeavor.

- Ms. Cinna and the Third Grade

Work Day Gratitude

Thank you to those who joined us for the All-School Work Day on Saturday. What a gift to offer help on the first spring-like weekend day of the season! Trees trimmed, leaves raked, wood chips and sand spread, school bells welded, and so much clutter removed! Beautiful and much appreciated work.

- Joe Lenarz, Facilities Committee

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://pleasantridgewaldorf.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

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@pleasantrydrewaldorf.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

We are looking for a **Kindergarten Assistant** for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested, or know someone who would be an ideal assistant, please contact us and submit cover letter, resume, and references to Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair: admin@pleasantrydrewaldorf.org.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

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

Time to Return Your School Library Books

All Pleasant Ridge library books are due back by **Friday, May 11th**. Please take a look through your home and round up all our books! Thank you.

- Chris Leinberger, Volunteer Library Coordinator

Growing For Good Presentation and Conversation

Join us **Thursday, May 10th, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Growing For Good garden center, at 520 E. Terhune, in Viroqua, for a presentation on waste diversion from landfills through composting. David Paull's work to create CompostWheels, a compost-pickup program, was the inspiration for our similar curbside pickup compost program. He is a former student of PRWS and is back in the area for a few days.

David Paull (Viroqua native) and business partner, Justin Senkbiel will be presenting their story of building CompostNow. CompostNow is a multi-state community compost pickup service in the Southeast servicing over 3,000 homes and businesses. The mission at CompostNow is to divert food waste from landfills and build soil for local farms and gardens. As two social entrepreneurs keenly interested in scaling their impact, David and Justin will present their insights over the years of building a brand, the systems and processes behind that, and what they see as the future of nutrient cycling in communities across the united states, including in Viroqua.

- Mary Christenson, Growing For Good

Biodynamics in the Garden

The Viroqua Biodynamic Group and Growing For Good invite you to come to the greenhouse on **Sunday, May 6th**, for a presentation on Biodynamics and backyard gardening. We will be stirring a preparation while conversing, and anyone coming can bring stirred preparations back home to sprinkle onto their garden plants and garden spaces. This event will start at **12:30 p.m. and go until around 2:30 p.m.**

- Mary Christenson, Growing For Good

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

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Chamber Music at Pierce Hill Performing Arts!

Sunday, May 6th, at 3:00 p.m., violinists Noah Geller and Larisa Elisha, violists Michael Strauss and Ben Geller, and cellists Wyatt Sutherland and Steven Elisha perform Brahms and Tchaikovsky. Tickets are \$20 (students tickets are \$10) and can be purchased at Viroqua Food Co-op, Ewetopia

Fiber Shop, and online

at <https://www.piercehillperformingarts.org/>.

Family rates are available - email:

piercehillperformingarts@gmail.com.

Questions? Contact Monika or Wyatt Sutherland at monika@yellowcello.com or call 920-421-2075.

RIDGETONES SPRING CONCERT

Saturday May 12. 7:30 pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

504 S Main St. Viroqua

Adults: \$15 Students: \$5

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 (6th grade) and Lucy (4th 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.

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 4st 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.

I would like to serve another term on the Pleasant Ridge Board and would be honored to receive your vote. Thank you.

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

Alycann Taylor _____

Joe Lenarz _____

Shelly Brenneman _____

In 2-parent households, second parent votes here

Alycann Taylor _____

Joe Lenarz _____

Shelly Brenneman _____