

Calendar

Thu May 24 4th Grade Play – “The Life of Black Hawk”
– 9:30 a.m. – in the 4th 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

Friday Celebrations

As we close out our school year this Friday, we naturally find ourselves reflecting upon the wonderful moments we have shared this year: learning, playing, meeting challenges, and celebrating by singing songs together. Living out these lessons, we discover together; and by sharing our experiences with the greater community, we will positively impact both the present and future. This is something to celebrate! **I hope you can end the year with celebration by joining us for our Closing Assembly at 10:45 a.m. this Friday and/or the 8th grade graduation at 6:30 p.m. Friday evening.**

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

What's Cooking!

Final Musical Hurrah!

All are welcome to join us this **Thursday, May 24th, at 1:00 p.m.** in the school gym for an informal performance of our 4th through 8th grade orchestra.

- Monika Sutherland and Stephanie Pedretti,
Music Teachers

Closing Assembly – Friday, May 25 – 10:45 a.m.

On Friday, we celebrate our graduates and their class teacher Ronald Schirmer. Each class will share a presentation in honor of the 8th graders before they walk back over the Rainbow Bridge, stepping into their future. We will also take some moments to acknowledge those families that are graduating with their child. We hope you all join us and remain for the end-of-school picnic that will be in our back yard! Have a safe and joy-filled summer!

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

End-of-Year School Picnic

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the threat of early afternoon thunderstorms on Friday, the End-of-Year School Picnic MAY BE CANCELED. We cannot use the gym as a rain location because of setup for the graduation. We will make the call sometime on Friday.

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.

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.

Gratitude for our Community!

We want to take time to recognize our parents and special friends who consistently step in to chaperone; drive; make costumes; prepare refreshments; raise funds; assist with class projects, field trips, and snow shoveling; lend a hand for work days; serve on committees; and take up the many tasks that must get done to make our school the beautiful place it is! Listed below are just a few names of volunteers who we would like to recognize for their work this year:

Amber Knutson & Rebecca Felten– Monday and Friday Front Office Support – helping the Admin Team stay on top of our many tasks and schedules throughout the week!

Sandy Loucks – for the continuity of support - teaching again this year during Miss Carrie's maternity leave from 2nd grade. Thanks for keeping the class progressing well!

Rosanne Morici worked with students on reading and math, thanks to the arrangement between the Viroqua Area Schools and PRWS.

Dodie Whitaker – choral support and solo/ensemble competition preparation
Joen Dealandé –7th grade play support – Bravo!

Pita Daniels – technical support for several theatrical productions!

Erica Pfeiffer-Hill – for the garden programming support and our Garden Field Days!

Sequoia Dockery – for leading our Enrichment Day program!

Magda Bermudez, Diane Banner, Shelly Breneman, Leo Shonka, Jenny Allen, YIHS students, Susana Ruder, and Robin Kottke – for helping in the Kindergartens &/or 1st grade.

Chris Leinberger and her library staff who keep the children engaged with books. Please call the office or Chris if you want to join in the fun and volunteer in the library next year!

Barb McNeal – who greets us every Monday morning with an opportunity to support our school.

Catherine Young and Julee Agar – who fill our school with festive song and dance!

Beck Hawklove, Lars Bergen, and Adrian Ugo for stepping in for Lerie while she recovered.

Therese Laurdan – who organizes our hot lunch volunteers and is always ready to fill in when needed.

Our Hot Lunch Volunteers – who are too numerous to mention by name but are so vital to keeping us all learning and growing! On behalf of the entire Faculty, Board of Directors, and Staff of PRWS, we extend our gratitude to all for your participation, dedicated volunteerism, and for making this education available to your children. Together, we have been inspiring families with a global education since 1980! Thank you.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

Viroqua's Friends of Anthroposophy is happy to welcome Eurythmist, Herbalist and Poet Keith Hess

All events take place at the Old Main Building, 321 E. Decker, corner of S. Washington and Decker St.

Thursday, May 31, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.: The Battle of our Time: Nature and Humanity vs. Electromagnetic Technology and Artificial Intelligence. Followed by Eurythmy (\$10-\$20 donation).

Friday, June 1, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.: An Evening of Original Poetry and Song (much of it is humoresque) (\$10-\$20 donation)

Saturday, June 2, 9:00 a.m. - noon: Awakening to the Etheric (Living) World: A Remedy for the Ills of Our Civilization - including observation in nature, therapeutic eurythmy, and a presentation and discussion surrounding seeking the wellsprings of the Spirit to strengthen our souls and contemplating a healthy way forward for our civilization (\$10-\$20 donation).

Keith Hess is a eurythmy therapist and director of Spring of Life Herbs and Spring of Life Herbal School, a low-tech, Anthroposophy-based education centered in Oregon's coastal mountains and travelling abroad. We explore the mysteries of the living world through conscious immersion in Nature, Anthroposophic study, Eurythmy, and practical work with medicinal plants.

- Mary Christenson, Development



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://pleasantrydewaldorf.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. They may be returned after the last orchestra class this Thursday. If the instrument is not returned in class, **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 in the office 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.** Eighth graders may not participate in the summer rental program. 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 15th, 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 15th, 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@pleasantridgewaldorf.org to arrange to finalize your contract.

- Sofya Hundt, Business Coordinator

Lawn-Mowing Assistance Still Needed!

Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered to mow the school's grass over the summer. We still have quite a few open spots in the schedule, especially later in the season. If you are able and willing, please pitch in by signing up for an open week on the list posted across from the office. The Facilities Committee will supply mowers, instructions, reminders—even encouragement, if needed. You can do it! Thank you for helping keep our school looking beautiful.

- Sofya Hundt and Joe Lenarz,
Facilities Committee

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 29th.**

Our summer office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon starting June 4th. 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

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.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Congratulations to the Youth Initiative seniors (PRWS alumni) for their acceptance to the following colleges:

1. Lawrence University
2. Northland College
3. Pitzer College
4. Fox Valley Technical College
5. Luther College
6. College of St. Catherine's
7. Mt. Holyoke College
8. Hampshire College
9. Beloit College
10. Marquette University
11. UW-River Falls
12. Denver University
13. Los Angeles College of Music
14. University of Colorado-Boulder
15. University of Hawaii
16. University of Arizona

Family Camping Tent for sale: L.L. Bean, free-standing, 4 shock-cord aluminum poles, double doors, large vestibule, 9' x 9' floor and tall enough to sand up in. Weight: 16 lbs, Yellow and blue nylon in good, used condition, well cared for, all zippers working. Asking \$225 or best offer. Bill 608-606-9004

Arkfest! is a free event for all ages and everyone!

June 23rd, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There will be Puppet Shows, Music, Community Art, Storytelling, Puppet making, Circus Arts, and more! Food will be provided (for sale) by The Ark Cafe. This event is sponsored in part by a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board.

Lessons in Violin, Fiddle, Viola, Cello for ages 4 and up.

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

www.fiddledancemusic.net

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Great Lakes Waldorf Institute's 2018 summer courses and weekend workshops are designed to inspire, renew and challenge you.

Courses

Courses may be audited for professional development and continuing education opportunities or taken to earn a Waldorf Teaching Certificate or a Master's of Arts degree in Education from Mount Mary University with a Waldorf Teaching Certificate. [Click here](#) to find out more...

Workshops

Opening New Territory with Hand and Heart: A biography and social art experience with Linda Bergh - Are you ready to gain new insights into your personal life journey? A different approach to Life-Charting and the *21-Year Phases* through clay modeling, self-reflection, creative writing and sharing. *Note from Linda – I am delighted to share a Biography Exercise I participated in during the International Biography Conference in Dresden, Germany in 2015.*

Anthroposophy, the Gospels, and the Future of Humanity with Claudia Browne - In this morning class we will study this wonderfully translated and abridged lecture, which is an elegant summary of at least six complicated anthroposophical themes: the relationship of anthroposophy to religion, the evolution of consciousness, mythology, biological evolution, the path of initiation, and, above all, the meaning of the Incarnation. Accompanying our study will be some artistic exercises in geometric drawing.

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How to Place an Ad:

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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@pleasantrydwaldorf.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.