

Calendar

Thu Sept 13 School Photo Day – look to right for more details

Fri Sept 14 In-Service – No classes

Mon-Thu Sept 17-20 8th Grade Field Trip – class leaves after school on the 17th

Wed Sept 19 7th Grade Parent Evening – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – in the 7th grade classroom

Wed-Fri Sept 19-21 6th Grade Field Trip

Thu Sept 20 7th Grade Field Trip

Thu Sept 20 2nd Grade Parent Evening – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – in the 2nd grade classroom

Tue Sept 25 All-School Meeting – NEW TIME – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – in the school gym

Fri Sept 28 Michaelmas Festival

Sun Sept 30 New Family Brunch

Hot Lunch Automatic Withdrawal Payment Option

Does your child **eat lunch every day every month**? Tired of filling out the forms every, single month? Why not just have the money deducted from your account automatically? If you are interested in this option, stop by the office for details!

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Sept 14—Faculty In-Service – **No School**

Sept 21—No Assembly

Sept 28—Michaelmas Festival Pageant

What's Cooking!

School Photo Day is Tomorrow - Thursday, September 13th

School photo day is Thursday, September 13th. Registration forms should already have been brought home by the students. Extra forms are also available in the office if you need them. The forms should be turned in to your child's teacher on photo day. Photo retakes will follow on Thursday, October 4th.

KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES – Please note:

In order to minimize the disturbance to the daily rhythm that the kindergarten children are just getting used to, we are asking that you bring your children to the school library before the start of the kindergarten morning on September 13th. Mr. Shonka, will be available to take **kindergarten children photos from 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.** that morning. If you have any questions, please call the office.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

The COUNTY FAIR is This Week!

This year, the theme for the Education booth at the Fair is "Pie-Eyed Fun at the Fair." Please stop by the Education Building at the Fair to see our creative display showing how a Waldorf Education prepares children for their future.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

Reminder for Calling in Attendance

When your child is going to be late, absent, or dismissed early from school due to an appointment, please call Nan Marshall in the office at 637-7828. Besides being our friendly and always helpful Office Manager, Nan has the task of accounting for our students' presence or absence at school. Nan will get the word to your child's teacher in a very timely manner.

Thank you for helping us to serve you better!

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

HAPPENINGS

An Apple a Day...

The eighth grade will have organic apples from the Link orchard available for sale in the hallway near the office on and off throughout the fall. We have HoneyCrisp and Fuji, prized for eating; Golden Delicious; and Cortland - for eating or baking, sauce, or cider. Just \$5 for a 3 lb. sack. Fill a bag yourself and pay Nan in the office.

This year we will also have freshly pressed cider for sale. Pay in the office.

This upper-grade fundraising is toward our 8th grade trip. Thank you for your patronage.

- The Eighth Grade

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, September 25, All-School Meeting
Meeting will be **from (NOTE NEW TIME) 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** in the Gym. **This year's theme is: Celebrating Volunteerism!**

Please join the Board of Directors, Faculty, and Staff for this not-to-be-missed meeting in which we will share important school updates and news. Childcare will be available on-site. Light refreshments will be served. More details to follow!

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

What is Michaelmas?

Michaelmas is an autumn festival that prepares us for the inner awakening of our souls during the winter months. As the weather gets colder and the light recedes, we begin to look toward strengthening our inner forces as a light in the darkness.

Join us for our Michaelmas Pageant Friday, September 28th, 2018, at 8:20 a.m. in the Gym.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

Save the Date for the Fall Concert!

Please add the date for the Fall Concert to your school-year calendars. The concert will take place in the gym at **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14.** Students in grades 5-8 will be performing.

- Stephanie Pedretti and Melissa Madura, Music Teachers

ADMIN NEWS

School Kitchen Items Missing

Over the summer and even since school has started, several items have gone missing from our school kitchen. These items are essential for the preparation of school meals and are expensive to replace.

Perhaps you borrowed an item or have seen one around somewhere. Please return the items as soon as possible. Just leave them in the kitchen.

Items missing include

- a giant stainless-steel colander for draining pasta (hard to make Mac and Cheese without it),
- a couple dozen hand towels,
- and two stainless-steel metal serving trays.

In addition, the school uses the Growing For Good Composting Program. There are special green compost buckets that are part of the program. Five of these were taken from outside the school kitchen. These are expensive and an integral part of the composting program.

We are hoping to see these items returned as soon as possible to spare the school the unanticipated replacement costs.

Thank you!

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

Gluten-Free Hot Lunch Note

Although Julie is hoping to be able to offer some gluten-free pasta in the future after some experimenting, **the Macaroni and Cheese lunch on Thursday, September 20th,**

will NOT be gluten-free as indicated on the form. If your child is signed up for this lunch and cannot eat gluten, please notify Nan in the office and she will update the schedule and give you a credit. Thank you!

- Julie Turino, School Chef

Parents Supporting School Festivals

As a support to teachers surrounding our festival life, each class has been assigned an event in which it will participate and assist with organizing the event under the teacher's direction. See the list below:

- ♦ **Kindergarten** – Advent Spiral
 - ♦ **Grade 1** – As new grades families, we invite you to take in the festivals and events throughout the year.
 - ♦ **Grade 2** – May Day Festival
 - ♦ **Grade 3** – All-School Picnics – beginning and end of the year
 - ♦ **Grade 4** – Martinmas
 - ♦ **Grade 5** – Pentathlon and Festival of Light
 - ♦ **Grade 6** – Pentathlon Feast
 - ♦ **Grade 7** – Michaelmas meal and Graduation Reception
 - ♦ **Grade 8** – Enchanted Forest
- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

Photographer Needed!

Calling all photographers! The Marketing and Communications Committee is looking for parents interested in joining our Event Photography team. (We take pictures of various school events for posting in the Parent Portal.) If you're interested in helping with this important service, please contact David Levin for more information at david@davidlevin.com.

- David Levin, Marketing and Communications Committee

NEEDED – Hot Lunch Volunteers

Dear new and returning families, hot lunch volunteers are **needed every Monday through Thursday**. Parent volunteers are vital to the success of our hot lunch program. Two Parent Volunteers are required each day to keep the process running smoothly – one person to both prep and serve food from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and one person just to serve from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free lunch is included! We need you to **sign up ASAP**. You should receive an email with a link to the sign-up sheet. If you do not receive the email or have questions, please call Therese at 637-8787 or email at tlaurdan@mwt.net. The link to sign up for September is below:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_KQYV4v8JP-4wH7bx7X81E-5jnAnYzzVae5WX9EOkw/edit#gid=0

- Therese Laurdan, Hot Lunch Volunteer Coordinator

Pleasant Ridge Google Calendar

We have a Pleasant Ridge Google Calendar. If you would like to be able to check parent meetings, holidays, assemblies, or other school information from the comfort of your own home or phone, please stop by the office and ask Nan to send an invitation to you.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

Waldorf Information Resource

Parents, have you signed up to receive "Waldorf Today" in your mailbox? If not, you are encouraged to go to: <https://www.waldorftoday.com/newsletter/> to sign up for the free newsletter and tap into the wealth of rich articles that will help support your Waldorf education choice.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

COMMUNITY NEWS

Emily Bunting, former PRWS kindergarten assistant and mother of two alumnae, Feliciana and Ximena Puig, is struggling with a recurrence of cancer.

Moira Hastings and I have created a fundraising campaign to help support her. We'd very much appreciate you considering supporting her through the gofundme site listed below.

https://www.gofundme.com/emily-bunting-fund?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=email&utm_content=campaign_link_t&utm_campaign=welcome

Inner and Outer Work Towards Spirit-Led Community

A weekend workshop, October 12-14, with Lisa Romero, sponsored by Viroqua's The Turning Place, a group dedicated to bringing speakers quarterly. There will be lectures Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday mornings.

LISA ROMERO is an internationally known speaker. We are extremely fortunate to have her come to Viroqua during her North American speaking tour.... Do not miss this rare opportunity to learn from someone of this international stature speaking on inner and community development. She is an author of inner development books, a complementary health practitioner, and an adult educator who has been offering healthcare and education enriched with anthroposophy since 1993. From 2006 the primary focus of her work has been on teaching inner development and anthroposophical meditation. Through the *Inner Work Path* Lisa offers lectures, courses and retreats for personal and professional development in communities and schools worldwide. For more information and to view her books, please visit: <https://www.innerworkpath.com/about-us/>. Registration materials will be available next week. Childcare available. Lunch on Saturday and a break in the schedule for people to enjoy the Harvest Parade. Mary Christenson, 608-606-5296.

Viroqua Plastic Free Community Group presents:

A Vernon Film Festival - Too Plastic?

A series on plastic pollution & solutions

September 21st - 23rd, 2018, and Fall/Winter 2018-2019

All events are free of charge.

PROGRAM:

Friday 21st, 6:30 p.m.: Music, Popcorn, Movie: "A Plastic Ocean" at Eckhart Park. Rain Location: American Legion.

Saturday 22nd, 1:00 p.m.: Movie: "Albatross" at The Ark.

Saturday 22nd, 5:00 p.m.: Potluck, Crafting Reusables, Kids' Activities, Movie: "Bag it - Is Your Life Too Plastic?," Discussion at Eckhart Park. Rain Location: The Ark.

Sunday 23rd, 2:00 p.m.: Movie: "From the Waste Up - Life Without Plastic." Discussion, Guests, Snacks, Launching Plastic-Free Challenge Please check for details, trailers & updates on events in Fall/Winter 2018-2019.

www.viroquaplasticfree.org

Home Organizing & Cleaning

Does your home project need a jump start (or flash finish)? For \$46 (2 hours), I can speed along the process and tie up those loose ends.

Bulk pre-payment options: \$16-\$21/hour.

Efficient, creative, friendly. Cleaning, cooking, gardening, designing, organizing, project planning. Let's meet & talk about your wish list!

Susan Hope Hoffman (Inga's mom)

Text/voicemail (708) 955-5451

Facebook @chemsafecleaning

chemsafecleaning@gmail.com

Available October 1st: 3-bedroom, 1.5-bath house for rent in Viroqua. 6-month lease. House could come fully furnished/equipped if desired. Large yard. Cozy. Rent is \$750 a month + utilities. Rent is reduced from current local rates, as 2 sweet and very independent cats come with it :) .

No other pets or indoor smoking allowed.

Please email: kittiesviroqua@gmail.com for further info.

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@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.