



## Calendar

**Fri Sept 7** Back-to-School Picnic and Dance - Potluck at 5:00 p.m. – Dance at 6:00 p.m. – on the school playground – look to right for more details

**Wed Sept 12** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting – 4:30 p.m. in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom

**Thu Sept 13** School Photo Day – see inside for more details

**Fri Sept 14** In-Service – No classes

**Mon-Thu Sept 17-20** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – class leaves after school on the 17<sup>th</sup>

**Thu Sept 20** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip

**Tue Sept 25** All-School Meeting – 7:00 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 7—No Assembly – **Back-to-School Picnic at 5:00 p.m.**

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

Sept 21—No Assembly

## What's Cooking!

### New School Food Considerations

Our Lunch Program and Back-to-School Potluck Picnic will now be **nut free and sesame free** as well as the THIRD GRADE Class to support a student with severe allergies to both these foods.

All other classes are permitted to bring those foods in their snacks and lunches; however, staff and students will be mindful to wash hands and desks with soap and water after eating. We appreciate your observance of this request.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

### Back-to-School Picnic and Dance

**Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. will be our Back-to-School Picnic! The dance begins at 6:00 p.m.**

We hope everyone can make it and ring in the new school year right here in our own backyard. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class will serve as hosts along with the Board of Directors, Faculty, and Staff at this potluck event. We ask all families to contribute a dish to share to make our potluck picnic a feast. Please bring dishes, silverware, and cups for your family, as well as chairs or blankets to sit on. If you are so inclined, a vegan dish would be much appreciated by the vegans in our group.

Food assignments are by first letter of the children's last name:

- **A-J:** Salads/sides/appetizers
- **K-Z:** Main dishes
- Everyone should bring a small dessert.

**Again, we ask that all food be nut- and sesame-free.**

Faculty and staff ask that families remain outside for the picnic. When bathroom needs arise, please accompany your child inside.

In the event of inclement weather, our picnic will move to the gym.

Thank you, and Welcome Back to School!

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

### Photo Day is Next Week – September 13!

Please see inside for more details.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

## Welcome to our New and Returning Families and Students

- Austin & Hallie Ashley
    - Otis (KG)
  - Stephanie & Dan Brown
    - Colton (KG)
  - Susan Hope Hoffman & Stephen Brown
    - Inga (KG)
  - Brian & Kwynn Molini
    - Sana (KG)
  - Todd & Coleen Canavan
    - Ely (2)
  - Brendan & Kate Froeschl
    - Levi (2), Owen (5)
  - Daniel Yildirim & Laila Johnson
    - Walter (2)
  - Jonel Kiesau
    - Elsa (3), Iris (6)
  - Melissa & John Madura
    - Leo (3), Madeline (6)
  - Kristina & Tom Gullion
    - Satya (3)
  - Dan Sullivan & Colleen Coyle
    - Jarrett (4)
  - Fred & Lisa Anderson
    - Grace (5)
  - Rodney Cain & Amy Kalkbrenner
    - Rowan (5), Piper (7)
  - Virginia Tromp & Mark Lovecky
    - Sky (8)
  - Jennelle & Jason Thimmesch
    - Isaac (8)
- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

teacher on photo day. Photo retakes will follow on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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

### **PRWS Work Day Gratitude**

Thank you to all who came to help at the school work day Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Oh my! A joyous and fruitful effort by parents, teachers, students, and alumni. The grounds look beautiful! Participation was so great that we lost track of who was there. We are very grateful for all those who came.

A special thank you to Facilities Committee members Jon Dehlin and Mike Severson for planning and preparing for the day, and to Alex Wade and Justina Manspeaker for their work in firing up the mud-oven and providing pizza for lunch!

If you are sad at having missed the day, you can contact me to choose from a small list of tasks left to be done: [jlendarz1@frontier.com](mailto:jlendarz1@frontier.com) or 720-636-0187.

- Joe Lenarz, Facilities Committee

## THE LATEST

### **School Photo Day is Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

School photo day is Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms will be passed out to children by the class teachers. Extra forms also will be available in the office if you need them. The forms should be turned in to your child's

## ADMIN UPDATES

### **Morning Routine**

This is a reminder to all students and families that we begin each school day outside on the playground. Students will gather each morning on the playground and remain outside until school begins at 8:10 a.m. The exceptions to our Morning Routine are when students need to bring their instruments inside (using the Court Ave. entrance) or when there is heavy rain or extremely cold weather conditions. *(We will post a sign to let students and families know*

when we have indoor morning recess.) When students bring in their instruments, they may do so quickly and then exit immediately through the Court St. door to rejoin the other students on the playground. Backpacks and other items will remain outside until the school day begins. Thank you for your cooperation in this important Morning Routine!

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

### **Student Check-In/Out Procedures**

When your child is going to be absent from school, please call the office before 8:10 a.m. to let us know – even if you have already notified the teacher. If your student is signed up for hot lunch that day, ask Nan for a hot lunch credit.

Also, if a student comes in late or needs to leave early during the school day, please have them check in or out at the office. Doing these simple practices each and every time helps ensure that the children are accounted for throughout the day and in the case of an emergency.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

### **Playground Reminders**

- The bell tower will call students in from recess. Please note: Adults will be responsible for ringing the bell.
- No bicycles/riding on the playground or grassy mounds.
- No climbing on the play structure roofs.
- Play is not allowed by the greenhouse, outside freezer, or storage shed by kitchen door. A painted line on the concrete will soon mark the safe-play boundary.
- Lock bicycles in back of school in bike racks.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

### **No Parking Out Front**

Be sure to pay heed to the yellow no-parking stripe out in front of the school. If you park there you will very likely be ticketed!

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

### **Healthy and Wholesome!**

Eating healthy helps us learn and grow! Remember to pack only healthy and wholesome snacks and lunches for your child. Refrain from sending candy or sugary drinks. Children will carry home any food packaging they bring.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

## ENROLLMENT

### **Welcome Back to the Aftercare Program**

Another school year has started, and I am excited to spend time with your children in Aftercare! This year we plan on staying closer to school and playing more inside the school and outside on the playground. We will work on more projects and activities, but also allow for some much-needed quiet time after a long day of school.

**Pick up times** will remain the same this year, starting at 3:30 p.m., and go every half hour until 5:30 p.m. We will be providing a healthy, organic snack again this year.

**How do I register?** Same as last year! There will be forms near the gym, across from the office, as well as on the website. Please try to register ahead of time if possible so we can be adequately staffed. Just like last year, **credits will only be issued for days that school is cancelled**, so please take note of that when registering.

**Not sure when you will need aftercare?** We offer punch cards for \$40, which are a discount of 20% off the normal drop-in rate. These can be purchased in the office or from me.

**Aftercare is looking for the following items:** hula hoops, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, balls, yarn, sandpaper, and paper. If you have any of these items lying around and they need a new home, we would be happy to take them off your hands. You can drop off donations in the front office.

My phone number is [608-769-5525](tel:608-769-5525), so feel free to text or call with questions or changes to your schedule. My email is [courtney.maatouk@gmail.com](mailto:courtney.maatouk@gmail.com) if you prefer

email. I look forward to another fantastic year! Thank you for sharing your beautiful children with me.

- Courtney Maatouk, Aftercare Director

## OTHER NEWS

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### **Tuesday, September 25, All-School Meeting**

Meeting will be **from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** in the Gym. Join the Board of Directors, Faculty, and Staff for our annual All-School Meeting.

Childcare will be available on-site – more details to follow. Light refreshments will be served.

- 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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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

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

**Film Festival on plastic pollution and solutions** September 21-23. For details see poster on community bulletin board or visit [www.viroquaplasticfree.org](http://www.viroquaplasticfree.org).

### **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.

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](mailto:info@pleasantrydwaldorf.org) with "Community News" in the subject line.