

Calendar

Thu Oct 18 4th Grade Field Trip

Thu Oct 18 6th Grade Field Trip

Fri Oct 19 Parent Association Coffee Morning at Kickapoo Coffee – after drop-off

Mon Oct 22 Crafting Night at Ewetopia – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – see inside for details

Mon-Tue Oct 22-23 5th Grade Field Trip – leave after lunch on the 22nd

Wed Oct 24 Kindergarten Parent Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

Sat Oct 27 Clothing Swap – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – in the gym

Mon Oct 29 6th Grade Parent Meeting – 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Mon Oct 29 Crafting Night at Ewetopia – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – see inside for details

Wed Oct 31 – In-Service – **No Classes**

Wed Oct 31 – Enchanted Forest – details inside

Thu-Fri Nov 1-2 – Parent/Teacher Conferences – **No Classes**

Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Oct 19—No Assembly

Oct 26—Open Grades Assembly

Nov 2—No Assembly – Parent/Teacher Conferences

What's Cooking!

Organic Hot Dog Lunch Friday, October 19

The 8th Grade will be serving organic hot dogs for lunch on Friday, October 19th, as a fundraiser for their 8th grade trip. **Please sign up and pay for the hot dogs in the office in advance.**

If you have to pay on the 19th, just have your child pay at the lunch table when they pick up their hot dogs. Cost is \$2 each. You will still need to send sides to accompany the hot dogs. Thank you!

- 8th Grade Class

PRWS Handbook/Directories Have Arrived!

Be sure to stop by your school mailbox to pick up your copy of the 2018-2019 Parent Handbook and School Directory. Special thanks to Gabrielle Daniels for her leadership on this project over the past several years (and this year especially) to produce this treasure trove of information for our school community each fall. Thanks, too, to the area businesses and individuals who advertised in our yellow-pages section. Please check it out and show our appreciation by patronizing the businesses and individuals who support our school.

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

Enchanted Forest

This year's Enchanted Forest, hosted by the 8th Grade class as a fundraiser for their 8th Grade trip, will be

Wednesday, October 31st, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Enchanted Forest will take place at Hubbard Hills. There will be parking at the end of W. Maple St. in the pasture area, this year.

Concessions will again be sold by 8th grade parents.

Fees are \$2 per person or \$7 per family. There are no bathroom facilities at the site, so please come prepared!

- Paula Grenier,
Enchanted Forest Coordinator

Please Welcome a New Family to the School

August Kimm has joined our first-grade class. His parents are Anna and Ryan Kimm. Please add their contact information to your new Directory: 819 Rogers Ave., Viroqua, WI 54665, 507-276-2043, annaalena@gmail.com, ryan.kimm05@gmail.com. Please say hello when you pass them in the hallways!

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

EVENTS

Eurythmy Class for Adults

Ever wanted to learn eurythmy? If you can come Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. you have a chance! Joshua Ecklund will be leading a class at that time in Ye Auld Maine Building (southwest corner of Washington and Decker). We shall be learning the fundamentals, practicing them, and working on W.B. Yeats' 'The Isle of Innisfree.' Cost is from \$5 to \$10. **First class is October 17.** Just show up.

- Joshua Ecklund, Eurythmy Teacher

Group Anthroposophic Book Study

Those interested in studying Rudolf Steiner's 'Occult Science' in a social setting are welcome to come to Ye Auld Maine Building (southwest corner of Washington and Decker) at 9:10 a.m. Fridays where we shall study it for an hour. Joshua Ecklund shall host. First session shall be **October 19**. No cost but your focus.

- Joshua Ecklund, Eurythmy Teacher

Parent Association News

October 19 at 8:15 a.m. – Coffee Morning at Kikapoo Coffee

October 27 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – PRWS Clothing Swap in the school gym

November 8 at 6:00 p.m. – SCRIP Night out at the Driftless Café

We are always looking for new members to join the Parent Association. If you are interested in community-building and planning fun events, please contact Jordan at jordan@brudos.net. Our next meeting is scheduled for **November 3 at 10:00 a.m.** and children are welcome to come along!

- PRWS Parent Association

PRWS Clothing Swap

The PRWS Clothing Swap will be coming up on **October 27, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**, in the PRWS gym. Start gathering your gently used clothing and outerwear that you are ready to pass on. Cool weather clothing and outerwear

are greatly appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office where you can sign up to help with the swap. Donations can start being dropped off in the office on October 22.

- PRWS Parent Association

ADMIN

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Get Ready for Parent/Teacher Conferences! PRWS parents enjoy a special relationship with our faculty, who are available to both our students and parents when a school-need presents itself. To add to that, twice each year, faculty set aside time to meet with parents to review student learning and to plan future growth. Many of you already place high value on the breadth and depth of information you receive from your class teacher about your developing child. Thank you, teachers! Let me also encourage you to meet with your child's subject teachers. They hold yet another perspective of your developing child. Our subject teachers share their honed skills and knowledge with our students, connecting them with languages, movements, and cultures of the world, building upon the skills and lessons from the children's class teachers. Best of all, our subject teachers actively engage with your child continuously throughout the grades.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 1st and 2nd. Class Teachers will post sign-up sheets on the bulletin board across from the office or outside their classrooms. The **Subject Teachers (except for Melissa Madura) will be offering times during Parent/Teacher conference days on Thursday, November 1**, for parents to meet with the subject teachers as a group. A sign-up sheet for these conferences will also be posted on the board across from the office. **Please sign up by Monday, October 29.** If you are interested in meeting with a particular subject teacher individually, please call that teacher directly to arrange a

conference time. We welcome the opportunity to talk with you about your child(ren)!

Melissa Madura, the strings/choir teacher, will be available to meet on October 30 at 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 12:30 p.m.

If you would like to meet with Melissa and none of these times work, please contact her at mannetaylor@hotmail.com or leave a note in her office mailbox.

Be well and be blessed!

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

Upcoming Enrichment Days

October 31 and November 1 and 2

Are you looking for something for your child(ren) (ages 5 years and up) to do during the upcoming in-service and Parent/Teacher conference days? Have them join Ms. Sequoyah for a fun day of crafting, outside play, and games. Registrations forms are available outside the office door. **Please note that this year the times for the Enrichment Days will be from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., with no ½-day option.** Rates are \$30 with advance registration or \$35 for a drop-in (registration less than 24 hours prior to the Enrichment Day). Multiple-child discounts are available. Stop by the office with any questions.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

Positions Open at PRWS

Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School is seeking a mature, loving, patient, team-oriented person with a solid understanding of child development to begin work as an afternoon **Kindergarten Assistant**.

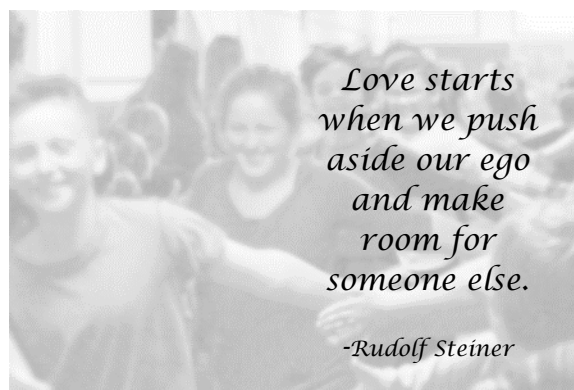
Are you: empathetic, caring, patient, creative, stable, enthusiastic about learning, and have some time to spare in your schedule? If so, please consider applying as a **Substitute Teacher** at Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School. You will receive orientation and training before working in a classroom.

Pleasant Ridge is seeking a **Snow Removal Laborer** who will maintain the school's sidewalks and entryways throughout the 2018-

2019 winter season. Candidate must be self-motivated, highly reliable, able to keep a flexible schedule, and capable of operating a large 2-stage snowblower. All required equipment and supplies are provided.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair, to learn more details. Application and resume may be submitted to admin@pleasantridgewaldorf.org or delivered in person in the main office.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair



DEVELOPMENT

2018 Grandparents and Special Friends Day Appreciations

Another Successful Grandparents and Special Friends Day!

We welcomed over 80 grandparents and special elders on Friday, October 12, to our annual Grandparents and Special Friends Day program. This event is a great opportunity for the elders in our children's lives to learn more about PRWS and Waldorf education while experiencing for themselves our school's unique culture. We started the day with a student assembly, followed by visits to grades classrooms for main lesson, a reception featuring an alumni speaker, visits to special subject classrooms and Growing For Good, and a luncheon.

PRWS alumnus, Zoe Coleman, was the featured speaker at the reception. She spoke eloquently about her experience as a student and the many ways in which Waldorf education has continued to shape her life, her career, and now her parenting. Zoe is a school counselor for North Crawford schools. There she provides ongoing emotional support and relationship and conflict resolution skills to elementary students. She and her family have returned to Viroqua after several years in the Madison area. Her husband, Joe, and their sixteen-month old daughter, Everly, are enrolled in our Parent-Child program this fall. It's been a wonderful experience for all, and it is especially sweet to welcome yet another second generation PRWS family to our program!

It takes the efforts of many for this day to turn out so well. Bountiful thanks to all the teachers and students who prepared assembly presentations and welcomed guests in their classrooms throughout the morning and to the administrative staff who pitched in to make it the success it was.

Special thanks to the following parent volunteers, many of whom were behind the scenes making the magic happen. They did this in the form of soup-making, food prep and presentation, heavy-lifting, table-setting, coffee-hauling, clean-up, and really anything that needed doing. And they did it all with smiles on their faces, all-the-while getting to know one another a little better. It was beautiful to behold. Thank you so much to:

Lisa Anderson
Hallie Ashley
Amy Belling-Dunn
Jordan Brudos
Cathy Brummer
Mary Christenson
Jen Eissfeldt
Amy Hazell
Jon Hazell
Janna Kottke
Steven Kottke
David Levin
Justina Manspeaker

Nan Marshall
Kwynn Molini
Jillian Petersen
Eva Schulte
Havvah Spicer
Diane Splinter
Julie Turino
Gavain U'Prichard
Jennifer Wade
Dodie Whitaker

Special thanks to Kickapoo Coffee, Organic Valley, and WiscoPop for delicious, in-kind gifts.

We hope your loved ones enjoyed themselves. If you think they would like to receive updates from us (Calyx, eNews), please send their contact information my way along with any feedback you may have for the event. Please contact Robin at robin@pleasantridgewaldorf.org or call 637-8504 to share.

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

In Gratitude

Thank you very much to Nico Enjalbert for donating the giant and small pumpkins adorning our front steps. It took great strength and a passing volunteer to deliver them without crushing them! Our school looked ever so festive for the season and Grandparents and Special Friends Day.

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

Viroqua Food Co-Op Members: It's Voting Time! Vote for PRWS in the VFC "Give Where You Live Campaign"

Vote now through October 29th for Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School to be counted among the 2019 "Give Where You Live" recipients at the Viroqua Food Co-Op! Each year, twelve nonprofits are elected to become "Give Where You Live" recipients (formerly 1% Wednesday), whereby patrons have an opportunity to round up their sale at the check-out to benefit local organizations. This year, VFC members can elect a minimum of 1 or a maximum of 5 local nonprofits. [Click here to vote:](#)

<https://vote.electionrunner.com/election/vg5l>

b. Thank you for voting for PRWS to be among them!

- Robin Kottke, Development Chair

GROWING FOR GOOD

Growing For Good Happenings

Local Chestnuts for sale at Growing For Good, 520 E. Terhune, on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m.

– 5:00 p.m., or at Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School, at 431 E. Court St., Viroqua, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. These are fresh and perfect for roasting. They cost \$8/lb. Sales support the gardening and summer camp programs at Growing For Good. Questions: call or text Mary Christenson at 608-606-5296.

Wish List: a small kitchen scale for weight up to 5# and small mesh produce bags – like those that your Brussel sprouts are sold in.

We Need Your Leaves!

Growing For Good (GFG) uses fall leaves in the composting process, so please consider dropping off your bagged leaves at GFG. We are open for business on Wednesdays, or you can set them over the gate whenever it's convenient for you. Remember - we use leaves that are not contaminated from lawns that use chemical herbicides and fertilizers. Thank you!

- Mary Christenson, Growing For Good

HOLIDAY FAIRE

Save the Date

**Holiday Faire Adult Evening Friday,
November 30th, 6:00 p.m.-Midnight**

Planning for this year's Holiday Faire is well underway! We're especially excited to report that the Ridgetones will return this year, as well as the Friday night dance party in the school gym as in years past. It will be a fun way to kick off the holiday season with a beautiful

meal, decadent desserts and libations, unique artisan vendors, silent auction, tree lighting, and a dance. Advance tickets will be available for purchase shortly, and childcare will be available by YIHS students next door at the Landmark Center.

Here's what we need from you: off the top of your head, what are a few of your favorite, danceable tunes guaranteed to get you on the dancefloor every time? Some suggestions so far: Men Without Hats, Stevie Wonder, B52s, Daft Punk, Journey...it's going to be so fun! Please send your suggestions to Sofya Hundt, dance party and playlist coordinator, at hundt@frontiernet.net.

- Holiday Faire Committee

Seeking Artisans and Vendors for the Faire

We are seeking vendors of artisan, handmade items for our Holiday Faire! Vendor applications are now available online at: <https://pleasantridgewaldorf.org/our-school/holiday-faire/>. Please see the webpage for contact and application information or contact Robin Kottke at holidayfairevending@gmail.com.

- Holiday Faire Committee

Seeking Silent Auction Donations!

Please consider a donation to the Silent Auction for Holiday Faire. Goods and services (bodywork, basket of canned preserves, yoga classes...), practical and/or beautiful home wares (artwork, furniture, jewelry...), and unique and adventurous experiences (family cabin up north for a weekend, unicycle lessons, wild food walk...) are all encouraged and welcome! Email donation ideas or suggestions to: prwsholidayfaire@gmail.com. Thanks so much!

- Kate Holmes and Amber Biver, Silent Auction Coordinators

Waldorf Resale Shoppe: Call for Donations

We're excited to bring back the Waldorf Resale Shoppe to this year's Holiday Faire! The Resale Shoppe, an expansion of our School Store, offers gently used wooden and natural toys for sale. This is great opportunity help raise funds

for PRWS by donating items your children no longer use and also to shop for beautiful, quality toys for less than retail prices. Donations of wooden and natural toys in good, resale condition may be dropped off at the school office through November 23rd. Thanks so much for your help! Questions? Contact Jordan at enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org or 608-637-7828.

- Holiday Faire Committee

COMMUNITY NEWS

Candidate Forum – Paul Buhr and Loren Oldenburg will be speaking at the Landmark Center Auditorium, 500 E. Jefferson, Viroqua, on **Tuesday, October 23rd**, from 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. This event is open to the public.

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.

HALLOWEEN

Never grow up...

ENCHANTED FOREST WALK

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 3-5 P.M.

HUBBARD HILLS FOREST

AT THE WEST END OF MAPLE ST. IN VIROQUA

\$2 per person; \$7 maximum family cost

All profits go to the 8th grade PRVS class-trip fund.

Please call Paula Grenier at 606-3500 with questions.

