

Calendar

Wed Oct 24 Kindergarten Parent Meeting – 5:30 p.m. – in the kindergarten classrooms

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** – see details inside

Sat Nov 3 Parent Association Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – see inside for details

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

Tue Nov 6 7th Grade Field Trip

Tue & Wed Nov 6 & 7 3rd Grade Field Trip

Thu Nov 8 Scrip Night Out at the Driftless Café – 6:00 p.m. – see inside for details

Sat Nov 10 All-School Work Day

Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Oct 26—Open Grades Assembly

Nov 2—No Assembly – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Nov 9—Martinmas – Open Assembly

What's Cooking!

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.

- Parent Association

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

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 1/2-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

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. **Classes are underway.** 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 was October 19; however, all are welcome. No cost but your focus.

- Joshua Ecklund, Eurythmy Teacher

Parent Association News

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

All-School Work Day Saturday, November 10

Please plan to join us for some satisfying work, social time, and lunch during our upcoming All-School Work Day on **Saturday, November 10**. We have a few important indoor and outdoor tasks to tackle before the onset of winter and

are hoping for about 35-40 volunteers to get everything in tip-top shape. A couple of hours of your time within the **9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** window would go a long way toward this goal. This is a great opportunity for a tangible way to pitch in while visiting with other families.

- Facilities Committee

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

Parent Feedback – Reminder

If you have been a Waldorf parent for any length of time, you know that growing into the depths of what this education has to offer humanity requires that we intentionally engage with our inner life as well as with those who are walking this journey with us: our children, fellow parents, and, above all, the teachers.

The Waldorf Teacher continually challenges his or her capacities of thinking, feeling, and willing. They stretch to "connect from the depths of matter to the heights of spirit. This connection is Waldorf Education" (Lisa Meisinger, visiting Eurhythmist and Movement Educator).

One way for teachers to deepen their capacities is through a yearly evaluation process. The evaluation process includes the completion of a self-evaluation, classroom observation by another faculty member, and colleague feedback shared through a face-to-face conversation. The full evaluation process is completed every other year. During the alternate year, the evaluation consists of colleague and parent feedback delivered through a face-to-face conversation with a member of the faculty. As parents, you are annually called upon to provide this essential feedback to our faculty.

Parent Feedback Forms are in the office.

Please take the time to thoughtfully provide your comments and suggestions to your all of children's teachers. We ask that these forms be returned to the Administrative Chair's mailbox before the Thanksgiving break.

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, we are grateful to the parent body for providing your valuable insights to our faculty and for your active participation in Waldorf Education at PRWS!

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

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

Welcome to a New PRWS Family Member

Ashley and Shawn Neary welcomed a baby boy into the world on Tuesday, October 23rd. Ivan Messier in 2nd grade is very excited to be a big brother. Please support the family by joining their meal wheel using the following link: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/1m3dn5>

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

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/vg51b>. Thank you for voting for PRWS to be among them!

- Robin Kottke, Development Chair

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

Wisconsin State Honors Orchestra Concert

PRWS alumni/YIHS freshman Emma Krings on violin and PRWS 8th graders Ada Lenarz on violin and Peter Levin on cello will be playing in the Wisconsin State Honors Orchestra Concert this **Saturday, October 27th**. Emma and Ada are violin students of Kristina Gullion and Peter is a cello student of Monika Sutherland. Peter and Ada are current PRWS orchestra members and Emma is a past member. Emma and Peter are also members of the local Yellow Cello Orchestra under direction of Monika Sutherland. Both PRWS and YIHS are member schools of WSMA.

The Saturday, October 27, concerts mark the 24th anniversary of the Middle Level State Honors Music Project. Students will perform for an audience of more than 1,200 at Waunakee High School Performing Arts Center. The concerts (1:00 p.m. – Band; 2:00 p.m. – Orchestra; 3:00 p.m. – Choir) celebrate the extraordinary accomplishments of Wisconsin's finest young musicians. Tickets for the concerts may be purchased at the door for \$16 and each ticket provides admission to all three concerts.

Students in grades 6-8 who attend a WSMA member school and participate in the school's music program will be eligible to audition for the 2019 WSMA Middle Level State Honors Project. Auditions will be held in April at six locations throughout Wisconsin. For more information on Middle Level State Honors and other WSMA programs, visit wsmamusic.org. The complete press release for this event can be found at <https://wsmamusic.org/press/mlhonorsrelease>

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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@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.

