

Calendar

Wed Oct 3 New Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Thu Oct 4 Photo Retake Day – see right side of page for details

Thu Oct 4 Parent Association Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – American Legion – all are welcome

Mon Oct 8 3rd Grade Parent Evening – 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Tue Oct 9 Substitute Orientation Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

Fri Oct 12 Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Sun Oct 14 New Family Brunch – 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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

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

Wed Oct 31 – Enchanted Forest – details to come

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

What's Cooking!

Photo Retake Day Information

If your child was absent on the original school photo day or you feel that your child did not look his or her best in the photo, **the photo retake day will be on Thursday, October 4th.**

Kindergarten parents should bring their children to the school library between 7:45 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. The grades students will have their photos taken during the school day. There is no additional cost for the retake photo if your child was absent on the original photo day; however, if you are asking for a reshoot because you didn't like your child's expression or hair, then there will be a \$10 charge for the retake. **Please contact Drew Shonka by October 3rd at drew@drewshonkaphotography.com to schedule your photo retake.**

- Drew Shonka Photography

Hot Dog Lunches Fridays, October 5 and 19

The 8th Grade will be serving hot dogs for lunch on Fridays, October 5th and 19th, as a fundraiser for their 8th grade trip. **Please sign up and pay for the hot dogs in the office in advance.** Cost is \$2 each. You will still need to send sides to accompany the hot dogs. More information to follow next week. Thank you!

- 8th Grade Class

Pizza Sale!

The seventh grade will be hosting a pizza sale! We will be making cheese and mixed-veggie pizzas from scratch. Your pizza can be picked up as a fresh 'take and bake' or be frozen. Please use the attached order form and submit payment to any seventh grader or Ms. Hotchkiss. Orders are due by 10/12, and pizzas will be picked up from the kitchen door on 10/26 after school. We are limiting this sale to 100 pizzas, so order early!

- 7th Grade Class

Attention! October Hot Lunch Forms

October is a long month. **Therefore, the boxes for the 29th and 30th of October are on the far left of the forms under the name box.** Please be sure to look for these meals when filling out the October forms.

If you already have turned in your October lunch form and missed those days, just stop by the office and add them.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Oct 5—No Assembly

Oct 12—Grandparents and Special Friends Day Assembly

Oct 19—No Assembly

EVENTS

Grandparents and Special Friends Day: Friday, October 12, 2018

Grandparents and Special Friends Day is just around the corner, and it is a great opportunity for special elders in our children's lives to enjoy an assembly, visit loved one's classrooms, ask questions, and experience our unique school culture.

Please note that R.S.V.P.s are required to ensure we are well prepared with an adequate number of chairs for classroom visits, nametags, luncheon servings, etc.

Calling all volunteers who'd like to show our special guests some PRWS hospitality! Perhaps there's a refreshment you'd like to provide for the reception. Sweet or savory, homemade or one of your favorite snacks from the store—it will be most welcome and appreciated. We also need volunteers to photograph the event, help with set-up, greet folks at the welcome table, serve lunch, and clean up. Please contact Robin at robin@pleasantridgewaldorf.org or 608-637-8504 if you're able to help out in any of the above ways. Thank you much!

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

Join the Parent Association October 4th!

The Parent Association is looking for individuals to join our committee. If you are interested in community-building and planning fun events, then this is the group for you! Our first meeting is scheduled for **October 4 at 6:00 p.m.** For this gathering we will be meeting at the Legion in Viroqua so that we can **play trivia afterwards!** Meetings are monthly and rotate between different locations – local venues and members' homes. If you have questions and would like to learn more about the Parent Association, please contact Jordan Brudos at jordan@brudos.net.

- PRWS Parent Association

We Need Your Input

We are in the process of scheduling some Parent Education events for the year, but are curious about what topics you are interested in? Please send your ideas to Jordan at enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

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

Budget and Finance Committee Update

This past Thursday, the Budget and Finance Committee presented a fiscally responsive budget to the Board of Directors, meeting the needs of our students and fulfilling our school's mission. The Board of Directors approved this budget for the current school year. Let me take a moment to thank our Finance Coordinator, Sofya Hundt; Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair, Alycann Taylor; Carrie Treviranus, Faculty Representative; and the members of the Finance and Budget Committee including: Mark Brudos, Julia Ugo, Dan Brown, Lars Bergan, Robin Kottke, and Amy Hazell. Many of the members of this committee are parent volunteers who work diligently throughout the year to maintain the fiscal health of PRWS. Thank you for a job well done!

That said, we continue to set budgetary goals for ourselves, such as growing our endowment fund and raising entry-level salaries and benefits to attract and retain inspired employees whose skills strengthen our programming, while we also work to expand our outreach into the community. Achieving

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these budgetary goals requires our continued support in three specific ways: tuition, donated funds, and our volunteer efforts.

This year we are *CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERISM* through community conversations, education, and articles in the Lunchbox Express, as well as in our newly approved budget. Parents have spoken and the Faculty, Finance, and Budget Committees and the Board of Directors have responded to your request. **This year, we have set aside funding that will relieve parents of all responsibility for snow removal on our campus.** We will, instead, hire out most of the snow removal to be done by a professional service. (It's okay to shout HOORAY!) Thank you, parents, for your dedicated efforts over the years to keep our sidewalks safe by clearing the snow. WE truly Celebrate our Volunteers! May your days be blessed.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

Seeking Substitute Teachers and Office Volunteers

We are looking to add to our list of substitute teachers for the upcoming year. If you are interested, please give Nan a call in the office. We'd love to help you get started.

Our Substitute Orientation will be October 9th at 9:00 a.m. Please call the office to register.

We are also looking for additional volunteers for helping out in the office. This would be on an occasional, as-needed basis. Some training would be involved. Please call Nan in the office if you are interested.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

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

PRWS Annual Fund: 100% in 100 Days - Help our Community Tree Bloom Red!

Surely you have noticed the lovely tree that has recently appeared on our school's front entrance windows. This tree, painted by PRWS Alumnus and Parent Julia Ugo, represents our school community, and all are invited to help it leaf out and 'bloom red' with your participation in our Annual Fund.

Why an Annual Fund? Simply put, the cost of this beautiful education is more than the current tuition and fees. Indeed, 25% of our school's annual income comes from fundraising (non-tuition) dollars. This financial structure, unique to our school, allows us to keep the cost of our tuition one of the lowest in the country for Waldorf education and make it truly accessible to those committed to being here. Half of our Annual Fund dollars are gifted by corporations, and the other half comes from individual donors such as alumni, alumni parents, grandparents, faculty, staff, and the parent body.

We are here today because of gifts that have been given over the past 38 years. Our presence here rides on a legacy of gifts paid forward to Pleasant Ridge because people wanted it to exist for all children whose families commit to being here. Many of those people are still giving: alumni, alumni parents, and grandparents.

This fall we are asking parents, faculty, Board, and staff to consider what your family can contribute to our Annual Fund. **At the All-School meeting last week, we announced our Annual Fund Challenge: 100% Participation in 100 Days from all stakeholders in our school. Whether your gift is \$10 or \$10,000, all monetary gifts count!**

We simply ask that it come from the heart in an amount that makes sense for your family. Already the majority of our board, faculty, and staff have given or pledged a gift, and we're well on our way to reaching our goal. Way to go Board, faculty,

and staff! Your gift is a testament to your deep commitment to our school and its future. We can do this! Simply complete and return a remittance envelope (available in the main office, development office, or in your mailbox shortly) with your gift or pledge. Consider giving your gift in honor of your child(ren), a beloved teacher, or in memory of a loved one. There are many options! I would love to hear your ideas. I appreciate that this may require further conversation, and, to that end, I will be following up with each family in the coming few weeks. Please feel free to reach out to me, too, I welcome an opportunity to talk with you.

To ensure we reach our goal of 100% Participation in 100 Days, please return your envelope indicating your gift or pledge by December 21, 2018 (pledged gifts can be paid through June 30th, 2019). As we get closer to 100% participation, together we will witness our community tree grow, made even more beautiful with each family's contribution. Thank you. Together we can do so much!

- 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 10 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

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

HOLIDAY FAIRE

SAVE THE DATE!

The Holiday Faire is Friday, November 30th, and Saturday, December 1st.

Friday Evening: A Joyful Wassail and Dance Party (adults only). Childcare will be available, and advance tickets are encouraged.

Additional details to come!

Saturday: A Holiday Faire celebration for the entire family

The magic and joy of the Holiday Faire will be soon be upon us! Each year, this all-school endeavor is made possible by each family's participation. It is truly a gift to our children, community, and ourselves. Each class is responsible for a designated activity at the Faire. Please mark your calendars and plan to sign up for shifts to ensure a successful Holiday Faire. Don't forget to invite your loved ones to share in the Holiday Faire festivities!

- Holiday Faire Committee

Seeking Artisans and Vendors for the Faire

We are seeking vendors of artisan, handmade items for our Holiday Faire! Vendor applications for the Faire are now available online at:

<https://pleasantrydwaldorf.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@pleasantrydgewaldorf.org or 608-637-7828.

- Holiday Faire Committee

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Thank You VFC!

Thank you to the Viroqua Food Coop for their generous donation of filing cabinets and office chairs. They are already being put to good use throughout the school!

- Joe Lenarz, Facilities Committee

Thank You, YIHS

Thank you to Susana Ruder, Shawn Lavoie, and the Youth Initiative High School 9th grade class for their work in beautifying the Wooded Acre last Friday morning. A mountain of woodland debris was removed, clearing the way for forest adventures by the kindergartens and lower grades. We are very grateful for your efforts.

- Joe Lenarz, Facilities Committee

Farewell to a Friend

I'm sorry to share with you that David Blecker, father of Zirelia (8th grade) and Maiela Leinberger, died suddenly of natural causes in his home Sunday, September 23. For those of us who know him, we'll remember his easy rolling laughter and base sense of humor. Smart as a whip when it comes to DC power and greatly appreciated by so many for his contribution to bringing renewables to Wisconsin, his connection with Deer Park Buddhist temple near Madison, and his dedication to community. He will be largely missed by many.

- Alicia Leinberger, Parent



David Blecker

COMMUNITY NEWS

Opportunity to Deepen your Understanding of Anthroposophy

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 four lectures: Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday morning.

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 are available in the office. Childcare available. Lunch on Saturday, and a break in the schedule for people to enjoy the Harvest Parade. Contact Mary Christenson at 608-606-5296 or click the link below for more info: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PawBlDujJs_d1_u8rcnGy8U2t7WnDZ0151xjiQlBwfs/edit?usp=sharing.

Youth Futsal registration is open! *Futsal* is fast-paced soccer played indoors. The sport develops great foot skills, technique, and overall soccer ability. Please join us this winter! Early bird registration deadline is October 15, and the final day to register is October 31. Please visit our website for program and registration information: <http://driftlessunitedathletics.org/programs-and-camps/futsal-winter-league/>.

Learn to sew at Blue Bobbin Studio! Machine sewing classes are for ages 10-adult; hand sewing classes are for ages 7-adult. Projects and difficulty levels are varied, so there's something for everyone.

<https://www.bluebobbinstudio.com/sewing-classes/>

Contact Nannette at info@bluebobbinstudio.com or 608-518-0722.

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.

