

Calendar

Fri Nov 30 Noon Dismissal – Setup for Holiday Faire – younger grades leave for ice skating

Fri Nov 30 Holiday Faire Joyful Wassail Evening – 6:30 p.m. – Midnight – see inside for details

Sat Dec 1 Holiday Faire – 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – see inside for details

Mon & Tue Dec 3 & 4 Advent Spiral – see inside for details

Thu Dec 13 Santa Lucia

Fri Dec 14 Game Night – Lasagne dinner 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., games 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thu Dec 20 Shepherd's Play - 6:30 p.m.

Fri Dec 21 Festival of Light

Fri Dec 21 Noon Dismissal

Mon Dec 24 – Sun Jan 6 Holiday Break

Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Nov 30 —No Assembly

Dec 7 —Even Assembly

Dec 14 —No Assembly

What's Cooking!

Holiday Faire Preparations!

Don't forget! **There is an early dismissal at noon on Friday.** Grades 1 through 5 have the option to go to the ice arena (see additional info about that later in this newsletter). Those not ice skating are excused to go home. 6th graders go to the arena to help tie skates. **ALL OF THE 7TH AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO STAY AT SCHOOL UNTIL 2:45 p.m. TO HELP WITH PREPARATIONS.** No buses on Friday afternoon. Please be sure to have your children bring home everything from their cubbies and their instruments Thursday, November 29th, so that the decorating elves can make everything beautiful before the Faire!

- Holiday Faire Committee

Get Your Tickets Now!!

Just a quick reminder that all parents who enter Friday's Faire need to purchase a ticket, including those working a shift that evening at the Faire. Buy your ticket(s) in advance to save on admission! Tickets may be purchased online at pleasantrydewaldorf.org, at the school front office, or at the Viroqua Food Co-op. The Holiday Faire is PRWS's biggest fundraising event! Thank you for your support.

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

Holiday Faire Baking – the Time is Now!

Get those cookies out of your house and bring them to the bake sale! We are seeking last-minute contributions to our bake sale! Now is the time to make all those Christmas treats that you love to create but don't actually want in your house because your children will eat all of them.

Instructions for delivering your goods:

- Label your item with your name, descriptive name of the item, and primary ingredients - especially if you are making a gluten- or dairy-free or vegan option. Please label your dish;
- Drop off your treats anytime on Friday in the Parent-Child Classroom (across from the 1st grade). Cutting, plating, and pricing items is a big process, so we very much appreciate delivery of your items no later than 2:00 p.m. on Friday. Place cold items in the fridge;
- If you must deliver your items on Thursday afternoon, please leave them on the table or refrigerator in the school kitchen.

For questions call Julia Ugo at 606-9125 or email juliahundt@gmail.com.

HOLIDAY FAIRE

Holiday Faire Joyful Wassail for Adults, Friday, November 30th, 6:30 p.m.-Midnight

Please join us for a magical evening with artisan vendors, a beautiful meal, decadent desserts and libations, silent auction, live music featuring the Ridgetones, tree lighting, raffle, and dance party featuring DJ Chris Dunn.

Be sure to invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. Let's celebrate our school, our community, and kick off the holiday and winter season in grand fashion!

General Admission: \$8 advance/\$10 door (includes entry and entertainment)

Golden Wassail Pass: \$25 advance/\$30 door (includes entry, entertainment, festive meal, decadent dessert, and one Holiday Faire raffle ticket).

Don your fanciest frocks and attire, or simply come as you are. Just be sure to get here; it's going to be a great night!

New this Year!

The Holiday Faire Committee is always striving to make an already stellar event even more so. Please note the following changes and additions this year:

- **Wassail Nightcap Bar:** Friday night only; wine, beer, and cider will be available for purchase. Let us all remember that this is a trial year for libations at the Holiday Faire, and we are ambassadors of the school. Thank you for drinking responsibly.
- **Credit cards** will be an accepted form of payment at the door, School Store, and silent auction.
- **Silent Auction Schedule:** AMAZING items this year! Bidding for **some items will end Friday night at 10:00 p.m.**, while for **other items the auction will end Saturday at 1:30 p.m.** Another reason to attend both days! Previews of some of these items will be posted on Instagram and Facebook this week.

- **Basket/Chance raffle: Friday night only.** One basket raffle ticket is included with each Wassail Pass, but there will be additional tickets for purchase there. We are so excited about these prizes and trust you will be too. Cost: three tickets for \$10, and ten tickets for \$20.

Holiday Faire Schedule

Friday, November 30, 6:30 p.m. - midnight

6:30	Doors Open
6:30 – 8:30	Festive Dinner: Indian stew, delicious salads, and bread
7:30	Tree-Lighting Ceremony
7:45	The Ridgetones
9:00	Basket Raffle Drawing
9:30	Dance Party with DJ Chris Dunn/ Vendors & Café close for the evening
10:00	Friday Night Silent Auction closes
11:00	Bake Sale & Wassail Nightcap Bar close
12:00	Doors Close – see you in the morning!

Saturday, December 1, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

9:30	Doors Open
10:30/noon/1:30	Puppet Show – “The Selfish Giant” by Oscar Wilde
11:30-1:30	Holiday Luncheon: hearty soups, salad, and breads
1:30	Silent Auction closes
3:00	Doors Close – see you next year!

Friday Evening Childcare: Online Registration Open Now!

Childcare will once again be provided next door at the Landmark Center by Youth Initiative High School students **from 6:15 p.m. – Midnight**. Visit the pleasantrydgewaldorf.org site and click on "Schedule and Advance Ticket Sales" for more information and the link to the online childcare registration form.

- YIHS Students

Holiday Faire Ice Skating

As in the past, the Viroqua Community Arena has been reserved and is open for Pleasant Ridge children on **Friday, November 30th**, during the Holiday Faire setup. If your child wishes to skate, please make sure he/she brings a sack lunch to eat at school before being driven to the arena. The cost for this activity is \$5. **Please pay in the office**. Skates are available for rent at the arena at the cost of \$2 per child. Pay for skate rental at the rink. All children must have a signed permission form to participate in skating. Forms are available in the office.

- Mike Moon and Steven Kottke,
Skating Coordinators

Dance Party Friday Night -9:30 p.m. – Midnight

The Dance Party returns this year with DJ Chris Dunn. It will be held in the gym. Come ready to dance!

- Holiday Faire Committee

Silent Auction Sneak Peak!

We are so grateful for the many generous donations to our silent auction. Here are a few items that we're particularly excited about:

Camp Med-O-Lark in Maine: The Arts Camp of New England has donated a two-week summer camp session for our silent auction!

Campers choose five areas in which to focus during their session, such as circus arts, culinary arts, dance, fine arts, performing arts and music, sports, and waterfront. Learn more about the camp's philosophy, history, and

programs here: www.medolark.com. Valued at \$3,400, all proceeds from the auction benefit PRWS!

Pollinator Garden from Second Nature

The winner of this package will receive 12 pollinator-friendly plants to start or enhance a pollinator garden in their home or business landscape.

Chef's Choice: multi-course dinner for two with Driftless Café's Luke Zahm

Luke is a local legend and James Beard Award Finalist. He specializes in local, organic, ethically-sourced farm-to-table cuisine.

Artisan Market at the Holiday Faire Vendor List

A favorite feature of the Holiday Faire is the Artisan Market, where all sorts of unique and beautiful items are available for purchase. Here you will find one-of-a-kind artwork and gifts and have a chance to speak with the artists who make them.

Below is a list of confirmed artists and vendors participating in this year's Faire and a sampling of what they'll be selling.

- **Adrienne's Market Stand:** Jewelry and children's clothes from wild-harvested and upcycled items
- **Amy Arnold and Kelsey Sauber Olds:** Carved wood sculptures and earrings
- **Amy Petrozzini, Joyce Frith, and Fred Anderson:** Ornament houses, art, and jewelry
- **Annie Zylstra:** Handwoven willow baskets from local, wildcrafted willow
- **Bad Axe Woodworking:** Quality wooden toys and furnishings
- **Christine Larson Art:** Hammered copper and silver jewelry paired with natural elements
- **Connie Minowa Art:** Original paintings, fine art prints, and art jewelry
- **Daisy Evans:** Stained glass and mosaic art
- **Honeypot Beeswax Candles:** Beeswax candles, knitted animals
- **Jaali's Dollies:** Dollies and creatures handmade with love

- **Jody Bendel and Jane Even:** repurposed wool mittens and felt dolls
- **Kindred and Nicholas Wazee-Gale:** Wood. Bark. Deerskin. Beads.
- **Mark John:** Handwoven and knitted fibers
- **Nan Marshall Designs:** Jewelry
- **Natalie Hinahara Art & Design:** Original prints, block-printed cards, and fabric earrings
- **One Eyed Cat Crafts:** Handmade functional ceramic ware
- **Paintings by Laurel**
- **Pierce Hill Studio:** Functional stoneware pottery
- **The Polished Gem:** Artisan quality malas created with love and intention.
- **Pomegranate:** Handmade toys and whimsy
- **PRWS 8th Grade:** 2019 calendars, pickles
- **PRWS 7th Grade:** Citrus blossoms, paper stars and lights, jump ropes
- **Ravencrafts:** Acrylic paintings, mystical creature jars, bead ornaments
- **Scintilla:** Earrings
- **Silverware Jewelry by Rebecca:** Repurposed silverware and charms
- **Schneider Family:** Wooden spoons, pottery, crocheted items, ornaments, and other handmade items
- **Youth Initiative High School Student Fundraiser:** Student-made arts, crafts, and sweets

GRADE ASSIGNMENTS FOR PARENTS:

- Kindergarten—Crystal Boat and Children's Crafts
- 1st and 2nd – Bake Sale/Café (Friday and Saturday shifts)
- 3rd – Friday Night Food Serving and Cleanup
- 4th – Faire Cleanup (Saturday)
- 5th – School Store
- 6th – Lunch Service and Cleanup
 - Students help with Ice Skating Friday afternoon and lunch service and cleanup on Saturday
- 7th – Friday Afternoon Decorating and Children's Crafts
 - Parents help set up Faire on Friday
 - Students help with Faire setup on Friday and assist with Children's Crafts on Saturday
- 8th – Children's Castle and Crafts
 - Parents help staff Children's Castle and Children's Crafts on Saturday
 - Students help with Faire setup on Friday and staff Children's Castle and Children's Crafts on Saturday

ADVENT SPIRAL

Advent Spiral – Monday and Tuesday, December 3 & 4

Advent Sunday is the first of the four Sundays preceding Christmas (and if Christmas falls on a Sunday, that would be the fifth Sunday, not the fourth). Advent, then, is a period of time, not a single day or moment. It is a time of quiet preparation, of readying oneself to go without fear into the darkest time of year. Here, at Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School, each class will take turns walking through a spiral, lighting a candle, and placing the candle somewhere on the spiral.

Parents are invited to attend their child's walk. They should arrive at the Old Main Building, 321 E. Decker, entering through the north door on

Please extend a warm welcome to this year's artists and vendors! Thank you for supporting local artists and buying local!

- Holiday Faire Committee

Holiday Faire Class Assignments and Signup Sheets

The Holiday Faire is an all-school event that requires the participation of each PRWS family. Each grade is assigned an area of the Faire to support through setup, staffing, cleanup, etc. Below are the parent assignments by grade. Signup sheets are posted outside the front office. Thank you in advance for your support. We couldn't do it without you!

Decker St., and be seated quietly before the walk begins. Doors will be locked once the walk begins. Times for each class are listed below:

Monday, December 3

8:30 a.m. – 1st grade
10:50 a.m. – 6th grade
12:50 p.m. – 4th grade
1:50 p.m. – 2nd grade

Tuesday, December 4

8:30 a.m. – Kindergartens
9:20 a.m. – 7th grade
11:15 a.m. – 8th grade
12:50 p.m. – 3rd grade
1:50 p.m. – 5th grade

- Advent Spiral Committee

What is the Tradition of the Advent

Spiral About?

The days are growing shorter, the mornings are darker when we get up, and in the absence of the sun, it is time to turn inward and create a little light of our own. Pleasant Ridge holds an Advent Garden spiral walk for all the students and for the community at large. We have a wonderfully diverse school community, so our celebration of the Advent Season means different things to different folks. The intention for this event is to invite a reverent experience in a world where reverence can be difficult to find. The Advent Garden is a world-wide Waldorf school tradition, but for anyone who has ever participated in or completed a meditative labyrinth walk, it can be a similar experience. It sets the mood for a holiday season filled with more stillness, reverence, contemplation and beauty amidst the prevailing hustle and bustle of shopping, parties, and general business that surround us in November and December.

Here is a little bit of history regarding the origins of the Advent Garden. It came about in 1926, when Dr. Karl Schubert, a remedial teacher from the Stuggart Waldorf School, became familiar with the spiral movement as a curative form for the rhythmic and sensory system. Later, he was inspired by a Bavarian custom of creating a moss garden with fir twigs that was then lit up by candles mounted in apples. Dr.

Schubert created a big spiral out of moss and fir branches onto which each person walked to light their own apple candle from the center and then placed it along the path, until the whole spiral garden was illuminated. The movement included going into and going out of the spiral. As each person walks in darkness into the center of the spiral, they find the eternal light that is always present to enlighten every human being.

- Advent Spiral Committee

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Whooping Cough in School

There has been one reported cases of whooping cough (Pertussis) in the 8th grade recently. It is important that you not send your child to school if he/she has any of the signs or symptoms of Pertussis. Pertussis begins with cold-like symptoms and a cough that becomes worse over a period of 1-2 weeks. Symptoms usually include a long series of coughs followed by a whooping noise, although some people may not develop the "whoop." Please let the office know if your child has a confirmed case of whooping cough. For more information, stop in the PRWS office or contact your provider.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

Upward Gravity weekly thoughts from the
Administrative Chair, Amy Hazell

Being happy or experiencing pleasure originate from external circumstances that we define as 'positive.' Inner peace and joy well up from within. My hope for all of us during this busy season is that we are able to settle into a quietness of mind, allowing time and space to kindle our own inner light which is meant to be shared with others as the joy of living.

IN OTHER NEWS

Organic Hot Dog Lunch Friday, December 7

The 8th Grade will be serving organic hot dogs for lunch on Friday, December 7, as a fundraiser for their 8th grade trip. Gluten-free buns and veggie dogs are available by preorder.

Please sign up and pay for the hot dogs in the office in advance. The cost is \$2 in advance and **\$3 when purchased on the hot dog Friday.** You will still need to send sides to accompany the hot dogs. Thank you!

- 8th Grade Class

A Note from Our Traveling Troupe of Players

Dear Friends,

Once again, we gather as a troupe to bring you *The Shepherd's Play*. This is our Annual Holiday Greeting Card to the community. We bring it humbly and with joy.

This year, we will have two performances on **Thursday, December 20**, in the school gym – one during the school day for students and a second performance in the evening at 6:30 p.m. for the general community. The evening performance is a free gift to all the community, so feel welcome to invite family, friends, and neighbors. Many blessings.

- The Traveling Troupe of Players

Annual Raffle Update

The theme for this year's raffle is **Adventure Awaits: Road, River, and Trail!** We think the lineup of prizes this year should help tickets go like hotcakes!

Grand Prize: Brand new 2018 Chevy Spark from Sleepy Hollow Chevrolet!

Second Prize: Two GIANT brand bikes with custom fitting from BlueDog Cycles.

Third Prize: Kayak and accoutrements from Rutabaga Paddle Sports

Raffle packets are available for pickup in the office.

- Raffle Committee

Thanks for Twinkling in Viroqua with Us!

Thanks to everyone who braved the rain last Friday evening and walked with Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School in the Twinklefest Parade. It was great to come together and share our light and songs with the community. We look forward to participating again next year!

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Admissions Coordinator

Snow Shoveling at the School

The snow shoveling will be contracted out this year. Hooray! However, if you see that the entrances or sidewalks need some extra help, please feel free to help out.

- Facilities Committee

COMMUNITY NEWS

Local Honey for Sale Joy Hubbard is selling honey again this year. The lighter summer extraction honey and the darker fall extraction honey are available. Eight oz. glass jars are \$4, 16 oz. glass jars are \$7, and 12 oz. gift jars are \$8.00. Cute 2 oz. Honey Bears are \$2. We can deliver to PRWS. Please email Joy at HubsHappyHives@icloud.com or call 608-606-9848 to place your order. Thank you!

The Viroqua affiliate of the Christian Community invites all to a talk: "Reincarnation—A Christian Idea?" given by Reverend Paul Newton. This will be on Thursday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Main Building at 321 E. Decker in Viroqua. All are welcome! For more information, contact Donna at morningglory62@zoho.com.

Public Art Opening and Pop-Up Shop! Adrian Ugo and Corina Bergan are teaming up for a weekend of celebrating masterful and original works in paint and wood just in time for the holiday season. Come visit the artists to view and discuss their work. Art and furniture for sale.

Friday, December 7, from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.: art, furniture, conversation, wine, live music, and hors d'oeuvres.

Extended hours:

+++ Saturday, December 8th: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

+++ Sunday, December 9th: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Job Offerings! Ewetopia Fiber Mill in LaFarge is looking to hire a couple fun and creative people! We have processing work working with fiber and large machinery and another position as a mother's helper for a 4.5-year-old and a newborn and some fiber washing and yarn winding/labeling duties. Please contact Kathryn at (608)632-0487 or kashley@ewetopiafibershop.com with a work history/bio

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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 8:00am. There may be occasions, due to unforeseen circumstances or space restrictions, that the Community section will not be printed. Thank you.