



## Calendar

**Fri Dec 7** Hot Dog Lunch Friday – purchase in office – see details to right

**Thu Dec 13** Santa Lucia

**Fri Dec 14** Game Night – Lasagna 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 – 10:45 a.m.

**Fri Dec 21** Noon Dismissal for the grades; 10:30 a.m. dismissal for the kindergartens

**Mon Dec 24 – Sun Jan 6** Holiday Break

**Mon Jan 7** School Resumes

## **January Hot Lunch Forms**

Please turn your January Hot Lunch forms in as soon as possible. Due to the upcoming break, there is only a limited time available for processing the forms before the new year. Thank you for your assistance!

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

## Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Dec 7 —Even Assembly

Dec 14 —No Assembly

Dec 21- No Assembly – **Festival of Light at 10:45 a.m.**

## **What’s Cooking!**

### **Organic Hot Dog Lunch Friday - December 7**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be serving organic hot dogs for lunch on Friday, December 7, as a fundraiser for their 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

### **Lucia Celebration**

On **Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**, Pleasant Ridge will celebrate St. Lucia Day. Lucia is the saint of vision, particularly inner vision. Her celebration comes at the time of winter solstice, honoring the change from increasing darkness to increasing daylight. Lucia represents hope and light in the time of darkness, and she brings warmth and sustenance in times of need.

On the morning of Lucia Day, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, dressed all in white, will visit each classroom, bringing song and light. Their procession is led by *Lucia*, who wears a crown of light. We welcome you to see what the St. Lucia procession is like. You can find us in the hallways on Wednesday morning between 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

- Catherine Young and Julee Caspers Agar

### **Game Night, Friday, December 14**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be hosting a dinner and game night on Friday, December 14. Come learn to play a new game or have fun with an old one. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a pleasant evening without having to cook! **There will be a lasagna dinner with salad from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Games will be from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

This is a fundraiser for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip.

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

## ADMIN

***Upward Gravity*** weekly thoughts from the  
Administrative Chair, Amy Hazell

As Mahatma Gandhi said, "To find yourself, lose yourself in the service of others." As we share of ourselves in service for the school, we naturally discover our own unique gifts and abilities that then extend out; becoming a source of renewed energy within ourselves, the school and our community. In this way of looking at this season's festivals, we can more deeply appreciate the work that we undertake each year to deck our halls so beautifully. I have heard from so many who witnessed a beautiful glow that shined throughout Viroqua this past Holiday Faire weekend. My deepest gratitude goes out to each and all for your generous efforts, boundless energy and the true joy that you shared which renews our souls as we enter this season of darkness.

### **Hot Lunch Volunteers Still Needed for December!**

**A few spots for December are still open.** Hot lunch volunteers are a vital part of our fabulous organic hot lunch program. We can't do it without you! Please sign up by filling in spots on the Google calendar by putting the link below in your browser:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZLcjhWCRuojf40DwxUg6bUrf9RmKjCFJyua35\\_tHCo/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZLcjhWCRuojf40DwxUg6bUrf9RmKjCFJyua35_tHCo/edit#gid=0). If you have trouble filling in the online forms, please call Therese at 637-8787. Thank you!

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

## EVENTS

### **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. 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

### **Festival of Light – Friday, December 21**

**10:45 a.m. in the PRWS Gym**

To honor the season, we will celebrate the Festival of Light with all students in grades 1-8 performing. Please join us for this reverent, joyful, and candle-lit festival. Please have students in grades 5-8 dress in concert attire (white tops, black bottoms) and students in grades 1-4 dress in festive attire. Performers will have time to change before the festival if they would like.

**Girls:** White top which covers the shoulders, preferably long-sleeved. Black dress pants or skirt (mid-thigh or longer). Black shoes with a flat bottom or very conservative heel. Black tights if wearing a skirt. No jeans.

**Boys:** White shirt with collar, tucked in, dark pants, dark shoes. No jeans. All concert clothes must follow the PRWS dress code. Concert clothes that have been donated over the years are available for borrowing from the front office. Please call the office if you have any further questions.

- Stephanie Pedretti and Geri Shonka,  
Festival of Light Coordinators

## PRWS Alumni Reunion

**Thursday, December 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., at The Rooted Spoon Culinary Kitchen**

Please plan to stop in at the Rooted Spoon, 219 S Main Street, Viroqua, and catch up with past teachers, students, and friends of PRWS. Weigh-in on plans for Alumni events and initiatives as we gear up for our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and Waldorf 100, the worldwide centennial anniversary celebration of Waldorf education. Food and drink will be served, and the bar will be open for drink purchases. A \$10 donation is requested. Thank you for helping spread the word to your old PRWS pals! RSVP: Contact Robin in the Development Office: [robin@pleasantrydrewaldorf.org](mailto:robin@pleasantrydrewaldorf.org) or 608.637.8504.

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

## HOLIDAY FAIRE RECAP

### Holiday Faire: A Spectacular Success - So Much Gratitude to All

Bountiful thanks to all who co-created a truly magical Holiday Faire this past weekend. The school was transformed into a gorgeous winter wonderland by parents and students in just a few short hours!

The Holiday Faire is an incredible gift to our children, ourselves, and the greater community. We open our school to provide a glimpse into and an invitation to partake in what we hold sacred and dear: the season, its gifts and simple joys, beautiful food and drink, music, beauty, art, and, most importantly, community. The Friday evening Wassail for adults was indeed joyful!

How lovely to welcome the RidgeTones back, share a beautiful meal, shop with and support local artisans, and boogie down at a truly fabulous dance party! Saturday, too, was a joy-filled day of music, gorgeous food and treats, crafts, a sweet puppet play, and scores of merry folks milling about. The turn-out both days was spectacular, and the snowfall on Saturday made it all the more magical.

Holiday Faire is a labor of love that really does require a village. Some of the best connections and community-building happens while doing this work! Thank you much for signing up for shifts and filling in on-the-fly as needed. Every volunteer is vital to the joy and success of our Holiday Faire.

Special thanks to those who coordinated the following areas:

**Artisan Market:** Robin Kottke, Mary Christenson

**Bake Sale:** Julia Ugo

**Basket Raffle:** Amber Biver and Kate Holmes

**Childcare:** Amy Hazell

**Children's Activities Chair:** Margret Lenarz

**Children's Castle:** Margret Lenarz and Monica DeClercq

**Children's Crafts:** Eva Schulte

**Communications/Marketing:** Jordan Brudos and Robin Kottke

**Crystal Boat:** Shelly Brenneman

**Dance Party:** Sofya Hundt and Chris Dunn

**Entertainment:** Dodie Whitaker

**Faire Clean-Up:** Mark LeMaire

**Faire Decorating:** Jillian Davis, Hanna Agar, Beck Hawklove, and Anna Kimm

**Faire Treasurers:** Mark Brudos, Jim Kangas, and Dan Brown

**Facilities Set-Up:** Joe Lenarz

**Friday Dinner:** Lars Bergan

**Friday Front Door:** Jen Wade and PRWS Board of Directors

**Ice Skating:** Mike Moon and Steven Kottke

**Puppet Play:** Vicki Ramsay

**Saturday Lunch:** Justina Manspeaker and Eric Levermann

**Silent Auction:** Amber Biver, Kate Holmes, and Susan Holmes

**School Store:** Jordan Brudos and Kathryn Ashley-Wright

**Ticket Sales and at least one thousand helpful things:** Nan Marshall

**Tree Lighting:** Julee Agar

**Wassail Nightcap Bar:** Aja Neidel, Emma and Caleb Nicholes

**Yuletide Café:** Denise and TJ Semanchin/Kickapoo Coffee

This year, a few new items were added to the Faire, including the extended Friday evening hours and dance party. As always, we will be

evaluating everything Holiday Faire in the coming few weeks. Your feedback is most appreciated. Please take the online survey that will be sent out shortly. Jot down your thoughts while they are fresh – what you enjoyed, what you'd like to see in the future, and how or where you would like to be more involved.

Our hearts are so very full. Thank you All!

- Holiday Faire Committee

### **Holiday Faire Left Over Dishes**

Looking for your pots, pans, or plates that you left at the Holiday Faire? They could be in the in the Parent-Child room. Go take a look!

There are also a few water bottles in the office.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

## DEVELOPMENT

### **Annual Fund: 100% Participation in 100 Days Update**

#### **Only 19 days remaining to reach 100% participation in our Annual Fund!**

Our 'community tree' is really blooming! If you haven't stopped by the lobby recently, please do so, it's really beautiful to behold. It will continue to bloom and leaf out across the lobby windows, made more beautiful with every contribution. Here's where we're at as of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, with 19 days to go:

**Board: 100% participation**

**Staff: 100% participation**

**Faculty: 90% participation**

**Parent Body: 40% participation**

Wow - way to go! A letter with an invitation to participate was sent out to fellow parents a few weeks ago. Thank you to those of you who have already sent or pledged your gift. We simply ask that your gift comes from the heart in an amount that makes sense for your family. Whether that's \$10 or \$1,000, all gifts count and go a long way to ensure this beautiful education is accessible to all

families. We appreciate that this may require further conversation, and, to that end, members of the board of directors will be reaching out to individual families over the next 19 days to ensure we reach the 100% participation goal we have set for ourselves. **Please return your envelope indicating your gift or pledge by December 21, 2018 (pledged gifts can be paid through June 30th, 2019). You may also pick up a remittance envelope in the office.**

Thank you for your support! Together we can do so much!

In partnership, Robin Kottke, Development Director, and Joe Lenarz, PRWS Board President

## IN OTHER NEWS

### **Holiday Décor – Growing For Good**

We have plenty of decorative curly willow, red and yellow dogwood, pussy willow, cut greens, and winter berry branches; live cut balsam and fir trees; and live potted evergreens at Growing For Good, 520 East Terhune, Viroqua. We also have a fine stock of fresh chestnuts, poinsettias, lavender, Norway pine tabletop plants, and wreaths. Check out prices at [growingforgood.org](http://growingforgood.org). Open Wednesday - Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Sunday noon – 4:00 p.m.

- Mary Christenson, Growing For Good

### **Shop Local this Holiday Season**

Be sure to check out the **Natural Toy Shop**, located inside **Ewetopia Fiber Shop** in downtown Viroqua, as you do your holiday shopping this season. There you will find: cooperative games, art supplies, baby items, books, silks, handmade dolls, wooden toys, stocking stuffers, and much more! Sales support Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School and your local community.

- Jordan Brudos and Kathryn Ashley-Wright, School Store Coordinators



### **Host a Student from South Korea**

On January 2, PRWS will be welcoming 7 visiting students from South Korea, and we are still looking for a few more homes for them to stay at during the four weeks that they are here. This is an amazing cultural opportunity for both the students and the host families alike! These students are coming to experience what the typical American life is like, and they look forward to being immersed into your family life – from meals to family outings! As a host family you will also be compensated. Please see Jordan if you are interested in hosting or would like more information.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

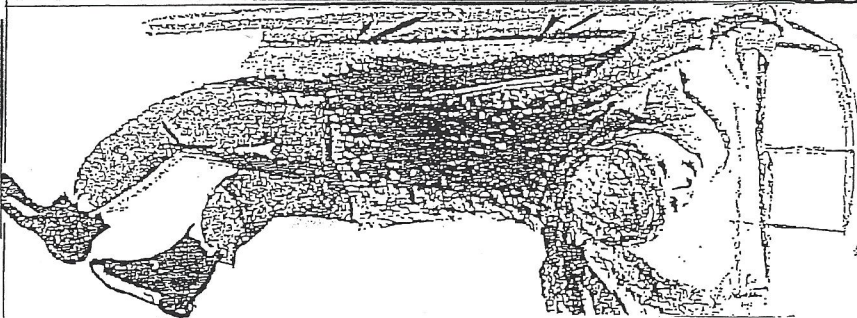
### **LUNCHBOX EXPRESS COMMUNITY NEWS POLICY**

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@pleasantrydgewaldorf.org](mailto:info@pleasantrydgewaldorf.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.

# January Lunch Menu

One Form Per Person		**** Please CIRCLE the dates you want to have lunch. ****			Add \$ totals across and down					
NAME _____	7	Pizza and Salad	8	Quesadillas w/ fruit and veg	9	Soup & Bread	10	GF Shepherd's Pie w/fruit		
GRADE _____	14	Pasta Alfredo and Salad	15	GF Tostadas w/ fruit	16	Stew & Cornbread	17	GF Rice and Vegies w/ fruit		
	21	Pasta Marinara With Salad	22	Enchiladas w/fruit and veg	23	Soup & Bread	24	GF Baked Potato w/Cheese & fruit		
	28	Pizza And Salad	29	GF Beans, Rice and Nachos	30	Chili & Cinnamon Rolls	31	GF Mash Potato w/ Veg gravy, cheese & fruit		
	Monthly plan due by Friday, December 7th							Subtotal		
All meals are \$3.50 each.							Credits -			
							Total			