

Calendar

Wed Jan 30 Kindergarten Parent Meeting – 5:30 p.m., in the kindergarten classrooms

Wed-Fri Jan 23-25 8th Grade High School Visits

Fri Jan 25 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th Grade Field Trip – bus boarding begins at 7:45 a.m. The bus leaves at 8:00 a.m.

Wed Jan 30 Kindergarten Parent Meeting – 5:30 p.m. – in the kindergartens

Mon Feb 4 3rd Grade Parent Meeting – 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., in the 3rd grade classroom

Mon-Fri Feb 4-8 Re-Enrollment Week

Sat Feb 9 Kindergarten Morning

Tue Feb 10 Screen-Free Week Dance – in the school gym – **NEW DATE!**

Fri Feb 15 8th Grade Eurythmy Performance – in the school gym – 6:30 p.m.

Mon-Fri Feb 18-22 Parent/Teacher Conferences and Mid-Winter Break

Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Jan 18 —Epiphany/Martin Luther King, Jr. Assembly

Jan 25 —**NEW** – No Assembly

Feb 1—Open Assembly/Korean Farewell Assembly

What's Cooking!

Hot Lunch Volunteer Help Needed

THIS THURSDAY!

HELP! Due to a schedule change, we need a new prep person and server for this Thursday, January 17. Please sign up if you are able! We still need more volunteers to help prep and serve in the kitchen for January.

Please consider signing up for at least one volunteer shift using the

following link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RVz0oaRa3g0vAQQGYC1OPhQueBNgQSYOJAukhN2WJ0-c/edit#gid=0>.

Or contact Therese Laurdan at 637-8787. Thank you!

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

Re-Enrollment Week for

School Year 2019-2020

February 4 – 8, 2019

Please look for re-enrollment forms, tuition information, and adjustment applications beginning February 4th.

A registration fee of \$165 per family is due with your re-enrollment form by **February 8th**.

Starting this year, tuition adjustment paperwork will also be due on February 8th.

Registration fees received **AFTER** February 8th will be \$500.

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

Subject Teacher Parent Conferences

Subject Teachers will be offering times on **Monday, February 18**, for parents to meet with the subject teachers as a group. A sign-up sheet for these conferences is posted on the bulletin board across from the office. **Please sign up by Monday, February 11.** 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)!

Tuition Statement for Tax Purposes

If you'd like a statement of tuition paid in the 2018 calendar year, please email your request to finance@pleasantridgewaldorf.org. Thank you!

- Sofya Hundt, Finance Coordinator

The PRWS Book Sale is Coming

We are now collecting books for the book sale, which will **start on February 11**. Money from the sale is used to purchase new books for the school library. If you have books to donate, they can be placed in the front office or in the library. Thanks to all who have donated and supported the sale in the past. Please continue to support this great cause.

- Chris Leinberger, Library Volunteer Coordinator

8th Grade Eurythmy Performance

On February 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym, the eighth graders will present the culmination of their eurythmy curriculum: The Brothers Grimm's 'Iron Hans.'

- Joshua Ecklund, Eurythmy Teacher

Raffle Ticket Reminder

There are still some raffle tickets in the office. Don't forget to pick them up!

- The Raffle Committee

Need Help Selling Your Raffle Tickets?

Let us help you!

No need to reinvent the wheel when it comes to selling raffle tickets. Consider leveraging your social media accounts if you have them. Visit the Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School page on Facebook and/or Instagram where you'll find a shareable post complete with raffle information and photos of our awesome prizes. Feel free to simply share these with your personal network! Or contact Robin Kottke at robin@pleasantridgewaldorf.org for an email version you can simply forward to your loved ones.

- The Raffle Committee

Skating this Year

Ice skates are still available in the office to borrow. **Please make sure you sign them out when you borrow them.**

Skate guards or tote bags are essential for safety while sharp skates are being carried.

- Lerie Alstad van Ells, Movement Teacher

Keep your Eyes and Ears Out for School Closures

These last few days have given us a quick reminder that winter has arrived and can be fickle. **Please check for school closures or delays every day during the winter, even when conditions in your area seem mild.** Our families and faculty are scattered across the region and experience a variety of conditions depending on where they live. School closures are about safety. Please stop by the office if you are trying Thank you!

- Amy Hazell, Administrative Chair

Winter/Spring Session of Parent-Child Classes at PRWS

Parents and their young children (ages 1-4) can join Ms. Martha once a week on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 8:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Classes begin the week of January 29. Cost is \$135 for the 9-week session. Click [here](#) for more information and registration form. Contact Jordan at 637-7828 or enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org with questions or to register.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator



Upward Gravity weekly thoughts from the Administrative Chair, Amy Hazell

As we ring in 2019, Waldorf Schools across the globe, are just beginning their year-long celebration of 100 YEARS OF WALDORF EDUCATION. *To add to that incredible celebration*, Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School will turn 40 years old in 2020. What an amazing time to be active in the Waldorf movement! Every day, I read inspiring, new research in education and brain development that supports the curriculum that Rudolph Steiner began 100 years ago. As I work with our faculty and students, I see the evidence for myself.

Waldorf methods are standing the test of time and our children are developing the necessary problem-solving skills AND compassion for themselves and others that will lead us all into the future.

Did you know that Viroqua is one of only 32 cities in the United States to have a kindergarten through 12th grade Waldorf School option and one of only four cities in the whole Midwest? Other Midwest Waldorf schools attract students from major metro areas with populations that range from 1.5 – 9.5 million people. Our little-school-that-could is nestled in a town of just 4,448 people and has inspired many Waldorf-initiatives that renew and support our local economy as well as the global Waldorf movement! Most recently, Waldorf-inspired Thoreau College is blooming in Viroqua as well. PRWS is truly a model for other communities who want to bring Waldorf Education to their children.

Parents and Alumni, as we head into RE-ENROLLMENT WEEK, February 4-8, we look forward to and appreciate your recommitment to Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School. But we also need you to spread the word about PRWS and the kindergarten-through-college Waldorf education that is available in Viroqua. Tell your neighbors and co-workers. Contact your far-away friends and family. Inspire them to move here too! Share your enthusiasm for PRWS, Waldorf education, and Viroqua: our family-friendly community. Help us fill our school and spread the beauty of Waldorf education during our 100-year Celebration! *We are accepting new students in every grade. Contact Jordan Brudos, our Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator, for more enrollment information.*

Extra! Extra! Read All About It! Calyx Delivered to School Mailboxes

Be sure to check your parent mailbox (just across from the school front office) for the most recent edition of the Calyx. A quarterly publication of Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School, the Calyx is generally mailed to parents' home addresses. This time, however, it has been **delivered to your school mailbox.**

The fall volume features profiles of new families, faculty, and staff, along with school and alumni news. You don't want to miss Aaron Schmidt's behind-the-scenes story about last spring's fourth grade play: *Life of Blackhawk*. Also featured is an article by PRWS alumna Cora Rose Lewiki, who reflects on how Waldorf education continues to shape her life and professional pursuits in international arts education.

Our Spring publication of the Calyx will soon be under way. Please let us know if there's something you'd like to see featured in the Calyx, or if you have an interest in contributing to the publication or serving on the Calyx Committee. The Calyx may also be accessed online at www.pleasantridgewaldorf.org/our-school/calyx/.

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

Introducing Pleasant Ridge Today: The Official Podcast of Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School

We're so excited to launch this show! *Pleasant Ridge Today*, cohosted by David Levin and Robin Kottke, is another way to communicate with the school community and prospective families. Here we will feature information about what's happening at the school and with Waldorf education, discuss life here in Viroqua, and have occasional interviews. The podcast serves as a supplement to the Lunchbox Express and eNews, and it is not meant to replace them.

We're aiming for brief weekly posts, but there may be some ebb and flow. We're just getting started, so let us know what you'd like to see us feature or do differently.

Check it out here:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/pleasant-ridge-today/id1448960566>

If you'd like to receive *Pleasant Ridge Today* regularly, please subscribe on itunes or your favorite podcast player.

Thanks so much for listening!

- David Levin and Robin Kottke,
Podcast Committee

Thinking about having your child begin kindergarten next year? Or do you know someone who has a child that is ready for kindergarten and looking at their options? If so, come and join us for a Kindergarten Morning!

Saturday, February 9 OR Saturday, April 6
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Visit the Kindergarten
(Parents and children together in the
classroom)

11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Parent meeting with the kindergarten teachers
(Outdoor childcare provided)

All parents who are interested in finding out more about our kindergarten program are encouraged to attend one of these mornings with their child. Registration is required, as space is limited. Contact Jordan at 637-7828 or email enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org to register.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and
Outreach Coordinator

fun day of seasonal crafting, outside play, and games. Registration forms are available outside the office door. Rates are \$30 for the day, which runs from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Stop by the office with any questions. **Please register by Friday, February 15.**

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and
Outreach Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please consider coming to the 22nd Annual YIHS Candlemas (formerly called Valentine's Day) dinner on Saturday, February 2, at 6:00 p.m. at Rooted Spoon in Viroqua. Four-course gourmet organic dinner along with wine.

Dani Lind leads the students in prepping, cooking, and serving the meal. \$50-80 sliding scale. Reserve tickets at www.yihs.net. Call Paula at 608-606-3500.

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

Upcoming Enrichment Days **February 18, 19, and 20**

Are you looking for someplace for your child(ren) to be during the winter break? Perhaps don't have anywhere for your children to go during your parent-teach conferences? Have your child(ren) join Ms. Sequoyah for a

February Lunch Menu

*One Form Per Person, Please.		*Please circle the dates you want to have lunch.		*Add \$ totals across and down.	
NAME _____		6 Soup And Bread		7 Shepherd's Pie with Fruit	
GRADE _____		5 Burritos With Fruit		GF	
4 Pasta Alfredo With Salad		11 Pasta Marinara With salad		12 Quesadillas With Fruit	
		13 Stew And Cornbread		14 Baked Potatoes With Cheese and Fruit	
Winter Break Week					
25 Pizza With Salad		26 Enchiladas With Fruit		27 Soup and Bread	
				28 Rice and Veggies with Fruit	
				GF	
Monthly plan due by <u>January 21st.</u>					
All meals are \$3.50 each.					
Subtotal					
Credits					
Total					

