



Calendar

Wed Mar 6 AND Tue & Wed Mar

12 & 13 8th Grade Project Presentations – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – in the school gym

Thu Mar 7 4th Grade Play – “A Nordic Yarn” – 9:00 a.m. – in the Old Main Building at 321 E. Decker

Fri Mar 15 In-Service – **No Classes**

Mon Mar 18 **NEW** deadline for turning in raffle tickets

Mon Mar 18 2nd Grade Parent Meeting – 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – in the 2nd grade classroom

Tue Mar 19 A Walk Through the Grades – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wed & Thu Mar 20 & 21 6th Grade Play

Sat Mar 23 Spring Fling Family Fun & Raffle Party – 6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. in the school gym

Tue-Thu Mar 26-28 3rd Grade Play

Fri Mar 29 Spring Concert

Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Mar 8—Even Grades Assembly

Mar 15—No Assembly – In-Service

Mar 22—Odd Grades Assembly

What's Cooking!

RAFFLE DEADLINE APPROACHING!

Deadline for turning in raffle tickets has been extended to Monday, March 18!

All tickets and payments are due in the office by Monday, March 18. **Note: Wisconsin Gaming regulations require us to close the ticket selling/gathering period before the public drawing, so TICKETS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED THE DAY OF THE RAFFLE EVENT.**

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

8th Grade Project Presentation Schedule

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6

Kale Bernstein – Building a Computer

Kai Manspeaker – Bike-Packing

Orion Vina-Tromp – The Art of Photography: Learning about Myself

Isaac Thimmesch – Stewardship of the Kickapoo River

Kevin Miro – Building a Mayan Temple Pyramid: A Path to Knowing My Ancestors

Leela Vina-Tromp – The Deeper Meaning of Dyslexia

Tuesday, March 12

Cadence Dehlin – Fostering a Dog

Sky Lovecky – Building a Pueblo Oven

Adyn Brudos – Trail-Building and Maintenance with Vernon Trails

Ethan Kangas – Making a Game

Rowen Brummer – Learning to Play Guitar

Schuyler Hawklove – Writing a Novel

Breckin Petersen – Learning Computer Programming

Wednesday, March 13

Amelia DeClercq – Scuba Diving

Fischer Olson – Teaching Origami

Zirelia Leinberger – Teaching Debate and Civil Discourse

Ruby Hodapp – Architectural Design

Rohan Laurdan – Fundraising for a Dog Park in Viroqua

James Benton – Straws and the Great Rebellion

All friends, family, and faculty are invited!

- Betty Link, 8th Grade Teacher

Fourth Grade Play – Thursday, March 7

The fourth grade is proud to present “A Nordic Yarn.”

The performance will be at 9:00 a.m in the Old Main Building at 321 E. Decker St.

- Christina Derocher, 4th Grade Teacher

Upward Gravity weekly thoughts from the
Administrative Chair, Amy Hazell

All life, growing, moving, finding its being, owes a debt to the generosity of another who first poured out its Life Essence for the benefit of another. A sacrifice, not done in expectation of accolades but as an act of participation in the dance of the natural realm, which surrounds us, inspiring each being to give freely of self. As we seek the warmth of the sun, bringing longer days, sprouts of green and the song birds' melodies, may we also generously give life to one another.

ENROLLMENT

Upcoming Enrichment Day – March 15

Are you looking for someplace for your child(ren) to be during the March In-Service? Have your child(ren) join Ms. Sequoyah for a 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. Enrichment Days are for ages 5 years and up. Stop by the office with any questions. If possible, **please register your child by Wednesday, March 13.**

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and
Outreach Coordinator

Special Parent-Infant Session this Spring

PRWS will be offering a 4-week session of Parent-Infant Classes this spring. These classes are geared toward first-time parents and their little ones (ages 0-12 months) and will offer time for conversation and sharing with other parents over tea and a simple craft project. Get the support you need in an environment that offers space and safe, natural items for your child to play and interact with. Cost is \$25 for the session and spaces are limited. Classes will be held on Friday mornings, from 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m., beginning March 22. Contact Jordan at 637-7828 or

enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org with questions or to register for the session.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and
Outreach Coordinator

A Walk Through the Grades Educational Event

Join Aaron Schmidt (5th grade teacher) and Ronald Schirmer (1st grade teacher) on **March 19, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**, for A *Walk Through the Grades* event. Come and learn about the wisdom of our multidimensional approach from grades one through eight, participate in sample lessons, and discover how Waldorf Education engages and inspires lifelong learning. This discussion is geared for families with a child entering the grades or for families who are curious about Waldorf education and want to learn more. Please contact Jordan at enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org or 637-7828 for more information or to register for the event. Childcare will be provided by 8th grade students, for donations towards their 8th grade trip.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and
Outreach Coordinator

Crafting with PRWS Parents and Alumni

Join PRWS parents and alumni for an evening of crafting at Ewetopia Fiber Shop in Viroqua on Main St. on March 25, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. We'll be making spring crafts to sell in the school store and to take home to your family! There will be snacks, drinks, and good conversations to be had. Hope that you can join us – all crafting abilities are welcome.

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

DEVELOPMENT

This Week on “Pleasant Ridge Today,” the Official Podcast of PRWS

Check out this week's episode featuring school news and a special guest, Mike Moon. Mike interviews co-hosts Robin Kottke and David

Levin for a 'show about the show.' Much fun ensued! Please listen in and let us know your thoughts and ideas for the podcast. Let us know, too, if you'd be willing to share your story about what brought your family to PRWS. Listen on your favorite podcast player or directly from our website.

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- Robin Kottke, Development Director

Still have Raffle Tickets to Sell? Join Us for an Upcoming RAFFLE Promotional Event!

Last weekend's raffle promotions at Kickapoo Coffee Cafe and Pura Vida Wellness Studio were a success, resulting in increased visibility for our school and a fun way for parents and students to sell their raffle tickets. We will bring the grand prize over to Viroqua Food Co-op and Nelson Agricenter this **Saturday and Sunday, March 9th and 10th**. Sign up for an hour-long shift to sell your tickets! Contact Robin at robin@pleasantridgewaldorf.org to sign up for a shift.

UPDATE: Raffle Party on Saturday, March 23, is now a FAMILY-FUN EVENT!

This year's **Pizza, Popcorn, and Prizes: Family-Fun Raffle Party** is a free, child-friendly event for the whole family **on Saturday, March 23rd from 6:00 p.m. – 8:15p.m.**

We'll be serving up home-made pizza (hopefully from our cobb oven) from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the PRWS gym, and offering crafts, board games, and children's activities in classrooms from 6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the best popcorn (see below for how to get in on the action), and live music will take us right up until 8:00 p.m. when, with much fanfare, we will publicly draw the winners of one kayak, two bicycles, and...drumroll please...a brand new car! Be sure to invite friends and family, especially those who purchased raffle tickets, to join us for this fun evening.

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

New this Year! Peanut-Free Popcorn Pop-Off with Prizes!

The raffle committee invites you to show off your creative snack-making skills by bringing a large bowl of homemade popcorn to share at this year's **Pizza, Popcorn, and Prizes: Family-Fun Raffle Party** on Saturday, March 23, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Simply bring popcorn to the gym with you in a large serving dish when you arrive on Saturday the 23rd. **Get creative, but please keep your contribution peanut-free.** Everyone will have a chance to sample all entries and vote for their favorite. The winning popcorn makers will go home with a prize!

- Raffle Committee (Hallie Ashley, Erica Gerrity, Robin Kottke, and Simon Stumpf)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Back by popular demand...an ENCORE performance of The Vagina Monologues.

Friday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m., at The Ark, Viroqua. Tickets available at the door only. Light refreshments available for purchase. All proceeds to benefit Vernon County Domestic Abuse Program.

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