

## Calendar

**Fri & Sat Apr 26 & 27** Technology, Society, and Human Development presentations by Gary Lamb – see flyer at back for details

**Sun Apr 28 NEW DATE** - All-School Work Day – 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Fri May 3** May Day Celebration

**Thu May 9** Pentathlon

**Fri May 10 – Sat May 18** Eighth Grade Trip

**Fri May 24** Last Day of School – Noon dismissal

**Fri May 24** Graduation

### **IMPORTANT - May Hot Lunch Form Reminder for ACH Hot Lunch Families!**

For those of you who have had your hot lunch payments withdrawn automatically, don't forget that **you now must fill out a May hot lunch form (across from office) and turn it in with a check** before the beginning of the month. May was not covered in your hot lunch withdrawals so that accrued credits could be taken into account at the end of the year. Credits will be posted across from the office. Please stop in and ask if you have any questions.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

## Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

*Apr 19—No Assembly – Spring Break!*

*Apr 26—No Assembly*

*May 3—No Assembly—May Day  
Celebration in the Afternoon*

## What's Cooking!

### Technology, Society, and Human Development Presentation

**FREE to current PRWS/YIHS parents and staff**

Last fall, PRWS was awarded a grant to support Gary Lamb's visit and presentations: **Technology, Society and Human Development**, on **April 26 and 27** (see attached flyer). Gary's career has reflected a deep interest in Waldorf Education: how to fund it, how to imagine it in our times, and how to promote its essential gift to human development. He also has worked with social enterprises and can provide insight into the role of Growing For Good and our schools' work in our wider community as a positive force for our community's development.

Please come to receive this very special gift. We request an R.S.V.P. so we can be prepared with the setup. Also, if pre-ordered, we will offer lunch on Saturday for \$10. Please call the office, 637-7828, or email [info@pleasantrydewaldorf.org](mailto:info@pleasantrydewaldorf.org), or call Mary Christenson with questions at 606-5296. A grant provided by the Mid-States Shared Gifting Program of RSF Social Finance will make it possible to share this gift with current PRWS/YIHS parents and staff for free.

- Mary Christenson

### **NEW DATE - All-School Workday Moved to This Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Due to inclement weather forecast for Saturday, the All-School Workday has been moved to this **Sunday (4/28), from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Please join us as we clear off that winter smudge and get the grounds looking beautiful for the May Day celebration. Please bring lawn and garden rakes if you have them.

- Joe Lenarz, Facilities Committee

## EVENTS

### **Seventh Graders are Calling all Gardeners!**

The much anticipated 7th Grade Plant Sale will be here before we know it, along with our beloved May Day celebration. The seventh graders have lovingly started hundreds of seeds in the Pleasant Ridge greenhouse. We would be so grateful for your donations of any perennials that you might be dividing this spring from your home gardens. We would love your hostas, lilies, irises, ferns, calendula... In fact, we would love it all! If you have any plants to share, please bring them to the greenhouse at Pleasant Ridge any time after spring break up until the sale (**April 24 - May 3**). We will have an index card for you to fill out describing what you are donating and providing a few details about the plant. Thank you so much for your wonderful support, and we will see you at **the sale on May 3rd!**

- Katie Fassbinder, Jess Krueger, Tracy Mangold, and Erin Ford, Seventh Grade Plant Sale Committee

### **Solar Array Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony May 3rd**

Please join us for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the solar electric array that was installed on the school's roof late last fall. **At 2:45 p.m., just after the children finish their May Day festivities**, we will have a short gathering and expression of gratitude for the generosity that made this project possible—complete with a pair of giant scissors. Mayor Mischel, Representative Oldenburg, and others will join us.

- Joe Lenarz, Board of Directors

### **May Day Celebration – Friday, May 3rd**

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 12:50 p.m.**, the May Procession begins and all shall gather to the May Pole (by the 'big hill' in the playground). There, we shall crown the May Queen and King who will preside over the festival while the students dance and play games. There will be an opportunity for parents to dance around the May Pole while the children play games. Shop the 7th Grade Plant Sale throughout and after the festivities. Students will be dismissed by their class teacher on the playground at 2:45 p.m. **Stay for the Solar Array Ribbon cutting immediately thereafter at 2:45 p.m.**

In the event of inclement weather, the May Pole dancing shall be celebrated in the gym at 12:50 p.m. Otherwise, hats and sunglasses are helpful for this often sunny day. See you all there!

- Carrie Treviranus, May Day Committee

### **About the May Day Festival**

Spring has come and finally shown her true colors, and in the ancient northern tradition, we celebrate the marriage of Heaven and Earth that Spring embodies by enacting our May Day celebration. Light from the Sun pierces and weaves through space coming through resistance and darkness into Earth. The deeds and sufferings of the light reveal themselves as the colors we see; therefore, we see the straight and high Maypole with its many-colored ribbons as a picture of the Sun's light coming to Earth and culminating in the renewed life of Spring. Let us dance and celebrate Spring!

- J. M. Ecklund

## Kindergarten Mornings

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, then join us for a Kindergarten Morning and experience the magic and wonder of a Waldorf kindergarten.



**Saturday, April 6 or  
Saturday, May 4**

**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  
(Childcare provided during the meeting)

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](mailto:enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org) to register.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

## PRWS 2019 Summer Camp Program

The PRWS Summer Camp Program is back again this summer – with some amazing camps for you to choose from. Camp brochures and registration are available on our [website](#) now and in the office by Friday, April 12. Drop off your registration form and payment in the office by May 24 to receive 5% of your camps.

CAMP	DATES	TIME	AGES	INSTRUCT- ORS
Drawing from Life	June 10-14	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	8-12	Vicki Ramsay
Moving Together	June 17-21	9:00 am – 9:30 am	1-3 w/ adult	Mandy Herrick
Creative Movement	June 17-21	9:45 am – 10:30 am	3-6	Mandy Herrick
Circus Variety Week	June 17-21	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	7-15	Francia
Archery	June 24-28	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	10-14	Rice Spann
Wild Things	June 24, 26, 28	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	5-7	Janelle Peterson
Off Broadway!	July 8-12 and 15-19	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	11-14	Zoe Drew-King
Technical Theatre	July 15-19	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	11-14	Zoe Drew-King

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

## ADMIN

### **2019-2020 Employment Openings**

Imagine yourself beginning each weekday afternoon in our cozy, home-like kindergarten, assisting our youngest children on their daily explorations of the world through playtime in the garden, preparing healthy, family-style meals, and maintaining a beautiful environment for children to freely play, sleep and grow.

We are currently looking for a warm, loving, mature adult who can picture him- or herself deepening their understanding of child development and Waldorf education. We are looking for an **Afternoon Kindergarten Assistant** position, which is from 11:20 a.m. - 3:20 p.m. Monday-Friday. The position requires weekly and bi-monthly meetings, closing on school year workdays, and assisting with our mid-winter/springtime Kindergarten Mornings, where we welcome new families into our school community.

If you are our ideal candidates, please contact Nan Marshall, Office Manager, to inquire and apply for the position. A job description is available on the website. Interviews will begin in April.

- The Admin Team

### **Mowing Help Needed!**

The facilities committee is looking for volunteers to help mow the school grounds during the growing season. Pleasant Ridge provides the mowers and gasoline - all you have to do is show up and mow. There will be an extremely flexible schedule that can accommodate anyone. Volunteers will be put into teams to make things manageable. Email Jason Cole at [jasoncole@gmail.com](mailto:jasoncole@gmail.com) to sign up.

- Jason Cole, Facilities Committee

## DEVELOPMENT

### **Volunteer Opportunities for the 2019-2020 School Year**

Service to the school can (and should!) be a gratifying experience, an opportunity to foster connections and feel more deeply rooted in community. We're looking ahead to next school year and seeking volunteers to round out the many committees that keep our school humming. Not interested in joining a committee? No problem! We'd love to plug you in as your schedule, interests, and abilities allow. Please contact Robin Kottke at [robin@pleasantridgewaldorf.org](mailto:robin@pleasantridgewaldorf.org) or 608-637-8504 if you have the following skills and abilities you'd like to share or hone through volunteerism at PRWS:

- Event planning/Hospitality
- Facilities help (beautifying, repair, maintenance)
- Filing/Organizing/Archiving
- Food/Kitchen Prep parties (weekly, monthly, harvest time) for hot lunch program and/or events
- Fundraising opportunities
- Gardening/Greenhouse tending
- Grant researching/writing
- Graphic design
- Marketing
- Volunteer recruitment/coordination
- Writing/Editing/Photography for PRWS publications

I look forward to hearing from you! Thank you much!

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

### **Celebrity Status + Free Lunch!**

Many folks report that helping prep and/or serve lunch is one of their favorite ways to volunteer at the school, one that takes little time and is rich with rewards! This is certainly not the lunch lady/fella position or program from your childhood. The food is organic, locally and responsibly sourced, and no hair



nets or mystery meals are involved. But the best part? The children, faculty, and staff are always oh-so-grateful! And you get a free lunch! Won't you join us this month? Please sign up for one (or more) shifts here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/148lDvj78436FCCzhicbrViVlcoYynz8nPIEuMyBHRUs/edit#gid=0>

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

## **Lunch Volunteer Coordinator Sought**

Therese Laurdan, current lunch volunteer coordinator, will be 'graduating' at the end of the school year with her 8<sup>th</sup> grader. We're looking for her replacement...could that be you? Please let Robin or Therese know if you'd like more information! We're hoping to train Therese's replacement by the end of the school year. And when you see Therese, please be sure to thank her for her leadership over these past three years!

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

# IN GRATITUDE

## **Thank You Brian Jones!**

What a winter we had. So much snow. What a great year to not have to volunteer to shovel that snow! A very hearty thank you to Brian Jones for single-handedly keeping our walks clear all season long. Great job!

- Joe Lenarz, Facilities Committee

# GROWING FOR GOOD

## **Mothers' Day Flowers at Growing For Good!**

We are taking pre-orders for sustainably grown bouquets from local flower farmer and PRWS alumni parent Allison Starn of Petal and Thorn:

- 10 assorted tulips or mixed tulips and daffodils: \$18;
- add foliage for \$2;
- 10% discount for pre-order by Friday, May 3.

Contact [info@growingforgood.org](mailto:info@growingforgood.org) or call 608-637-8200. Open Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. or by appointment.

## **Volunteer Waterers Needed**

Want to get cool on a hot day? Growing For Good needs volunteer waterers! Our 7,000 geraniums get thirsty on a hot day and 30 minutes of watering would make them soooo happy. Other opportunities as well.

Email [info@growingforgood.org](mailto:info@growingforgood.org) or contact Angie Bernstein at 608-606-2086 for details.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

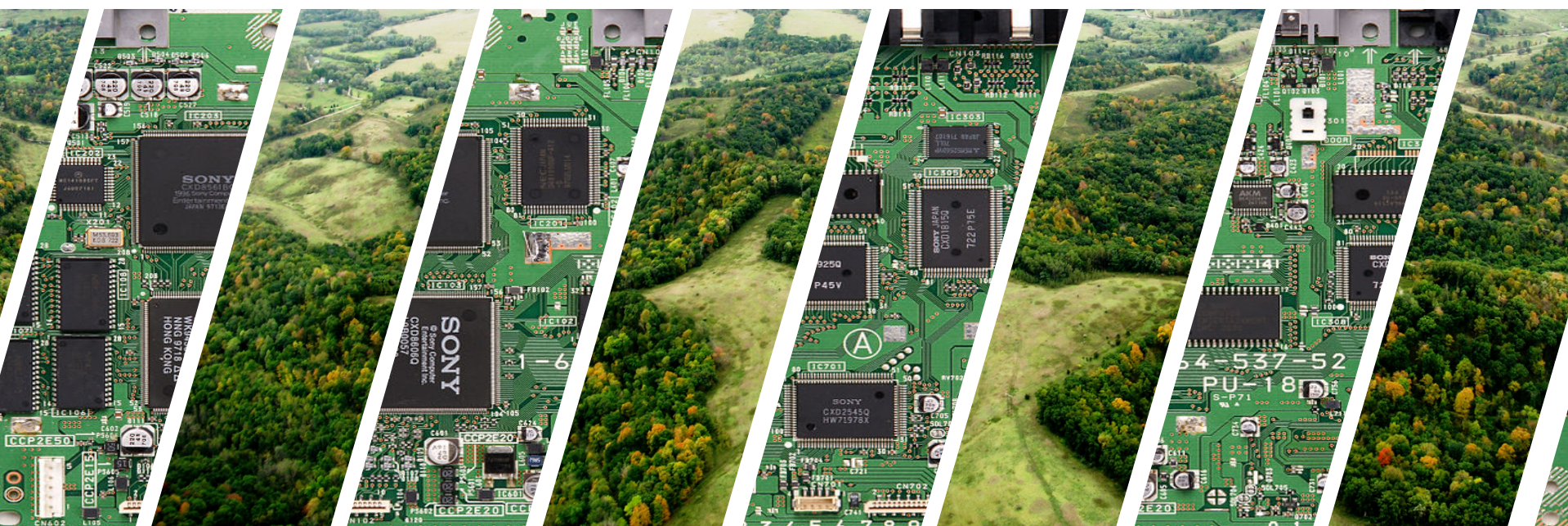
**YIHS Hand-Crafted Playhouse Raffle** – Please support the YIHS students by buying a raffle ticket to win an adorable 6' x 8' playhouse! Tickets are available at Youth Initiative High School, Quality of Life Chiropractic, or by calling YIHS at 608-637-6445. Raffle drawing to be held on May 30, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at YIHS. You need not be present to win. Tickets are \$10.

**Looking for a space to rest during Pentathlon?** Do you know of attendees looking for a space near the Pentathlon grounds to call home for the weekend? Just 2.5 miles from the Pentathlon grounds, a gorgeous, off-grid, Amish-built cabin is available for rent! To view the space and reserve please visit: <https://abnb.me/WwluXNPMV>.

## **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](mailto: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.



## Technology, Society, and Human Development

Presentations by **Gary Lamb**

### The Prophetic Future is Now: Rudolf Steiner's Perspectives on Technology and Human Evolution

Suggested Donation: \$15

**PRESENTATION:** Friday, April 26, 7:00-8:30pm

**CONVERSATION:** Saturday, April 27, 10:15-12:00pm

### From Egoism to Love: Doing the Good with the Guidance of the Fundamental Social Law, Social Threefolding, and the Reverse Ritual

Suggested Donation: \$15

**PRESENTATION:** Saturday, April 27, 1:30-3:00pm

**CONVERSATION:** Saturday, April 27, 3:30-5:00pm

**Gary Lamb** is co-director of Hawthorne Valley's Center for Social Research in Ghent, NY. The Center acts as a "think and do" tank that combines research and practical initiatives to identify solutions to modern day social problems. Gary's a published author, frequent lecturer, and workshop leader. In 2017 he launched the Ethical Technology Initiative.



**Please R.S.V.P. by email  
or phone to the events  
you would like to attend.**

*Lunch available for purchase.*

**events + info at :**

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