

Calendar

Fri May 3 May Day Celebration – procession starts at 12:50 p.m.

Fri May 3 7th Grade Plant Sale

Sun May 5 **Yet Another NEW DATE** – All-School Workday – 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thu May 9 Pentathlon

Fri May 10 – Sat May 18 8th Grade Trip

Thu & Fri May 16 & 17 7th Grade Play

Fri May 24 Last Day of School – Noon dismissal

Fri May 24 End-of-Year Picnic – 12:00 p.m.

Fri May 24 Graduation

Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

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

May 10—No Assembly

May 17—Open Assembly

What's Cooking!

May Day Celebration – Friday, May 3rd

This Friday is our May Day celebration! Students should dress festively for the occasion. Join us at 12:50 p.m. when 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, dance, and play games. There will be an opportunity for parents and community members to dance around the May Pole while the children play games. Shop the 7th Grade Plant Sale throughout and after the festivities. **UPDATE:** Students will be dismissed by their class teacher **AT THEIR CLASSROOMS** 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

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

7th Grade Plant Sale is Here This Friday!

In addition to the May Day festivities, please stop by the greenhouse to see what the 7th graders have been up to these past two months! We have many beautiful four-packs of flowers for sale: zinnias, marigolds, and sunflowers, to name a few! We will also feature many varieties of organic vegetable starts from your favorite local farms and some lovely perennials. If you have any plants to donate, please bring them to the greenhouse at Pleasant Ridge by May 3rd. We will have an index card for you to fill out with the name of what you are donating and a few descriptors about the plant. Proceeds go towards the Class of 2020 8th grade trip. Thank you and we will see you at the sale on May 3rd!

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

EVENTS

ANOTHER NEW DATE

The All-School Workday Has Moved to THIS Sunday, May 5, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The spring All-School Workday has been moved to this **Sunday (5/5), from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Please join us for some or all of this gathering as we work to clear off that winter smudge and get the grounds looking beautiful. Please bring lawn and garden rakes and loppers if you have them. We had to reschedule twice due to cold and snow, but this date is rain or shine! Hoping for shine!

- Joe Lenarz, Facilities Committee

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 to sign up.

- Jason Cole, Facilities Committee

Time to Return Your School Library Books

All Pleasant Ridge library books are due back by **Friday, May 10th**. Please take a look through your home and round up all our books!

Thank you.

- Chris Leinberger, Volunteer
Library Coordinator

ENROLLMENT

Kindergarten Morning

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, 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 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	INSTRUCTORS
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

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 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

Library Volunteer Coordinator Sought

For the past six years, I have been the volunteer coordinator for Pleasant Ridge Library. Many friends have also volunteered their time to read and teach students in grades 1 through 6. It has been a truly wonderful experience getting to know the students and teachers at PRWS, but now I would like to

move on and "graduate" along with my youngest grandchild. If you would like to be involved with your child OR grandchild, meeting their classmates and teachers, this is a perfect way to do that. I will be happy to work with the new coordinator and help him or her become acclimated to the job. If you are interested, please contact Robin Kottke.

- Christine Leinberger, PRWS Library
Volunteer Coordinator

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/e/dit#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 8th 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

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 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 or contact Angie Bernstein at 608-606-2086 for details.

IN GRATITUDE

Thank You!

We had an inspiring weekend with Gary Lamb last week. He met with the board and faculty on Thursday night and gave presentations to the community on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. I want to thank everyone who attended any of these enrichment opportunities, taking the time to deepen their understanding of the roots to the mission of Waldorf education.

I wish to appreciate those people who helped with set-up, clean-up, food, registration, publicity, and donations: Simon Stumpf, Brian Wickert, Justina Manspeaker, Robin Kottke, Joen Dealande, and Kickapoo Coffee. We are grateful to the Mid-States Shared Gifting program for the supporting funds to make this possible.

- Mary Christenson

COMMUNITY NEWS

Yellowcello Youth Orchestra, directed by Monika Sutherland, will perform Thursday, May 2nd, at 7:00 PM at the ARK. All are welcome.

RIDGETONES SPRING CONCERT

Saturday May 11. 4:00 p.m.
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
504 S Main St. Viroqua
Adults: \$12 Seniors: \$8 Students: \$5

WI Humanities Council

Thursday, May 2, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join us at the McIntosh Memorial Library for an evening program sponsored by the Wisconsin Humanities Council titled, "**This is a Real Job:**

Insights into Arts Work." The speakers for the event will talk about how they turned their passion for art into a business.

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/WwljuXNPMV>.

Size 8-9 Women's Boots

We have 3 pairs of hiking boots, 1 pair of rubber boots, and 1 pair of fake "Uggs" (dark grey) that we have outgrown. All have more wear in them and a bit of bonus Driftless dirt. :)
The hiking boots all have ankle support, are a mix of fabric and leather, and are brownish with some other subtle colors mixed in (like purple and green). Take one or all. Call or text Amy at 919-618-0794.

Ms. Lori still has openings for summer child care.

There is one more opening Monday through Wednesdays, and Thursdays and Fridays are all open. Email her at lorid2@frontiernet.net for more information.