



Calendar

Fri May 17 5th Grade Play – 9:15 a.m. after the assembly – in the 5th grade classroom

Thu & Fri May 16 & 17 7th Grade Play – 6:00 p.m. – in the Landmark Center Auditorium, 500 E. Jefferson St.

Fri May 24 Last Day of School – Noon dismissal

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

Fri May 24 Graduation – 6:30 p.m. doors open – 7:00 p.m. ceremony begins – in the school gym

Correction

Our apologies to Ruby Hodapp who had two pieces of her artwork incorrectly attributed to Ada Lenarz. Ruby was the creator of the artwork that graces the cover of the most recent Calyx as well as the piece on the cover of the program for the 8th grade play “Les Miserables.”

What’s Cooking!

Delicious Adventure!

Welcome, welcome to the tale of a delicious adventure! You are all welcome to attend the 7th grade performance of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. **There will be 3 performances, all in the Landmark Auditorium: Thursday, May 16th, 8:45 a.m. (school performance) and 6:00 p.m. and Friday, May 17th, at 6:00 p.m.** Friday’s performance will include a Wonka-themed bake sale! All performances are free and open to the public.

- 7th Grade Class

Gratitude Assembly – Friday, May 17

Please join us **this Friday at 8:20 a.m.** as we say thank you to colleagues and volunteers who will be leaving us after this year. All their contributions have made our school strong and healthy.

Please know that we will be thanking and saying goodbye to all 8th grade parent volunteers graduating out of the school at the final assembly!

- The Admin Team

Closing Assembly and Graduation - Friday, May 24

Hooray! Graduation season is upon us. There will be two events on May 24th to honor our graduates and our beloved Mrs Link. **The Closing Assembly on Friday morning at 10:45 a.m.** and the **Commencement Ceremony in the evening at 7:00 p.m.** We encourage everyone from the school community to come and celebrate with us at the assembly Friday morning as the 8th graders journey again over the rainbow bridge. Because this year’s class is so large and space is limited in the gym, we ask that the evening ceremony seating be reserved for family and personal friends of the graduates.

- Graduation Committee

Friday Assembly

May 17—Open Assembly – 8:20 a.m.

May 24—Closing Assembly – **10:45 a.m.**

EVENTS

End-of-Year School Picnic

The last day of school is coming up quickly, and with that comes our annual, end-of-the-year picnic. Yay!

The picnic will be held on our school playground following the assembly the last day of school. School ends at noon, and the picnic will start shortly after, so bring your picnic gear and your appetites. If it rains, we will be in the gym.

Here's what to bring: please, please remember to bring dishes, silverware, and cups for each member of your family, as well as a blanket or chairs to sit on. In addition to potluck gear, you might want to bring balls, Frisbees, other fun things to play with. Please bring food to share with everyone, with a serving utensil (please see food assignment list below). Vegan and gluten-free items are welcome. **All food items should be nut-free and sesame-free.**

Food is assigned by first letter of the children's last name:

A-E: Savory snacks and appetizers

F-P: Main dishes

R-Z: Salads and side dishes

New this year: families do not need to bring dessert; dessert will be provided by the 3rd grade.

Please focus your efforts instead on bringing a generous amount of healthy food to share. We all come hungry to this picnic!

Lastly, it is always a good idea to pack a post-assembly, pre-picnic-starting snack for your kids to help them make it through the setup. We hope to see you all there!

- 3rd Grade Picnic Coordinators

GRATITUDE

Pentathlon Thank You

Although it was very cold, the 2019 Pentathlon was beautiful and meaningful to behold.

Heartfelt gratitude to Alycann Taylor for coordinating the event and to Jordan Brudos, for covering so many details.

Thank you to Joe Lenarz, Marc LeMaire, Franz Funovitz, Brendan Froeschl, and Fred Anderson on the grounds crew for set-up and take-down.

Many thanks to Dani Lind and Allison Sandbeck for the delicious meals feeding the students and families, to Amy Morse and the 6th Grade for the wonderful Greek Feast, and to Brendan Froeschl for willingly washing so many dishes.

Jennifer Wade, Jillian Davis, and Jeff Hoffman did a beautiful job creating the medals, and Shelly Brenneman created fabulous laurel wreaths and the programs.

YIHS, Laurel High School, and Viroqua High School students graced the event with the dedication in being witnesses and workers. And last but not least, many thanks go to the Fifth-Grade students for portraying how beauty and truth can live in respect and endurance in their upright posture of being and with joy in their doing.

- Lerie Alstad van Ells

ADMIN

Parent Library Returns

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, please check through the books in your house to see if you might have a Parent Library book lurking in a pile somewhere. Please try to return them before the end of the school year so they can be inventoried over the summer.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

Summer Office Hours

We will have regular office hours, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., through Thursday, May 30th. Our summer office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon starting June 3rd. The office will be closed in July and then will be open from 9:00 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday through most of August. Have a great summer!

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

2019-2020 Employment Openings

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

Music Instrument Return and Summer Rentals

Instruments rented from the school need to be returned before the end of the school year. If you will be returning the instrument, **7th graders should return it during their last class on Monday, May 20th, and all other grades should return theirs on Wednesday, May 22nd, during their last class.** No instruments should just be left in the hallway or music room. They must all be checked in.

If you wish to rent your child's instrument over the summer, you will need to fill out the rental paperwork before the instrument-return date. Summer instrument rental forms are available in the front office.

If your instrument is not returned before the end of school, you will be charged the summer rental fee.

- The Music Team

Re-Enrollment - Final Steps

To complete your children's re-enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year, the following items are **due by June 15th, 2019:**

- Your payment plan in the form of either post-dated checks for the entire year or a completed ACH (automatic withdrawal) form. ACH forms are available in the office or by email.
- Any open balances for the 2018-2019 school year or any prior years, including all raffle and instrument rental balances, must be brought current.
- A \$225 supply fee for each grade student and a \$250 grocery fee for each kindergarten student enrolled for 2019-2020.

Please note that your re-enrollment is not finished until these steps have been completed. Contracts finalized after June 15th, 2019, will be assessed a \$250 late fee.

Please stop at the Business Office or email finance@pleasantrydrewaldorf.org to make an appointment to finalize your contract.

- Sofya Hundt, Finance Coordinator

Time to Return Your School Library Books

All Pleasant Ridge library books are due back **ASAP**. Please take a look through your home and round up all our books!

Thank you.

- Chris Leinberger, Volunteer
Library Coordinator

ENROLLMENT

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. **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

Advertise Your Business in the PRWS Directory and Handbook!

Every year, PRWS publishes its annual Directory and Handbook, a treasure trove of information used by all members of our school community. One of the most popular features of the PRWS Directory and Handbook is our **Yellow Pages** Section, featuring listings and ads from businesses who offer products and services of interest to our community. Even more than the 'regular' yellow pages, members of our school community turn to the PRWS yellow pages first because they know that these businesses support our school.

Do you have a business or side gig you would like to promote? We'd love to help you!

Ad Size:

Listing: \$45

Business Card or ¼ Page Ad: \$125

½ Page Ad: \$200

Full Page Ad: \$350

Please contact Robin Kottke in the Development Office to discuss and/or reserve your ad: robin@pleasantridgewaldorf.org or 608-637-8504.

Thank you!

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

Annual Giving 100% Participation Pledge Reminder

Thank you to all who gave or pledged a gift to our Annual Fund (96%)! If you have not yet turned in your pledged gift, please do so by the end of the school year. Remittance envelopes are available in the office. Thanks again, and way to go...together we really can do so much!

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Winding Roads Artist Studio Tour – This June 1st and 2nd, walk through town and then get on the road to take a leisurely drive through our beautiful countryside stopping at the homes and studios of our many talented local artists. The tour runs from **10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days**. Stop by VIVA Gallery throughout the month of May to preview the work of the artists. Several PRWS alumni, parents, and alumni parents are participating artists in this event. Guides showing the location of the artist's studios are located on top of the Parent Library shelf across from the 3rd grade classroom, or pick one up at VIVA Gallery!

Free futon frame - We have a queen-sized, wood futon frame that needs a home. It is solid wood (unsure what type of wood) in a medium-honey brown color in a classic/arts-and-crafts style. We do have the futon mattress that you are welcome to checkout. However, it got wet this past winter, and although it feels dry now, I offer it cautiously. Both frame and mattress are at our cabin near Readstown, and we'd love you to transport but will help if needed. Call, email, or text Amy at 919-618-0794 or amy@ursid.com.

Morning Glory Choir presents: The Earth Opened in the Spring - A Concert and Big Sing! in support of the Viroqua Community Doula Project. Sunday, May 26th, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., in the Old Main Building at 321 E. Decker St., Viroqua. The Morning Glory Choir warmly welcomes friends, family, and the wider community to a very special listening session of the joyous and haunting harmonies of our Spring Season of singing. Come to hear some beautiful songs, sing along to a few if

you so choose, and support your local intergenerational women's choir and the Viroqua Community Doula Project. Homemade treats will be available for purchase at the event as part of our fundraising effort. You can reserve tickets online to ensure you have a space for \$10 or walk-in for \$15. Buy tickets at <https://www.heartlandharmony.net/> or contact Jess Krueger 608-632-0162 or redcloverbirth@gmail.com. Thank you!

Northland College Soccer Camp: brought to you by Drifless United Futbol

Take part in this summer's youth soccer camp, new to Viroqua, this June 10th-14th! Camps are available to kids of all ages, genders, and skill level. Northland College soccer players—including PRWS and Drifless United Futbol alumni Jesse Kahn, Jonah Evans, and Coriander Dehlin—will teach the fundamentals of soccer and will strengthen individual skills. Registration can be found at driflessunitedathletics.org.

YIHS is excited to host Cool & Weird: Summer Camps for High Schoolers during June and August this summer! Day camp offerings range from Beginning Korean to a full-length musical and are open to all students entering 9th-12th grades. Enrollment Applications and Brochures are available at YIHS and online at yihs.net/summer — contact zoe@yihs.net with questions!

Garage Sale – Mischel and Friends – 515 S. Rusk Ave., Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19. 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days.

Youth Wild Ways Campout May 18th-19th

An Earth-skills campout for ages 9 to 12. We will set up a camp of tents and tarps in the woods and then play games, explore nature, carve and burn out utensils, forage foods, and cook dinner on the fire, along with other wilderness skills. We will be out for the duration, but there will be support, cooperation, and instruction all along the way. More details at Abundant Earth Outdoor Skills FB page. Contact Nicholas WazeeGale at wazee@earthskills.org or 608-606-9377 for more information.

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.

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.

BOARD ELECTIONS

It is time again for the Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School Board of Director elections!

This year there are three terms coming to an end. Hallie Ashley, Mark Brudos, and Jennifer Wade have served the school community in cooperation and collaboration as Board and Committee members. Their dedicated work on behalf of PRWS students, parents, teachers, and the Viroqua community is deeply appreciated. All three, Hallie, Mark, and Jennifer, have expressed their willingness to continue on as Board members.

If you have questions regarding the work of the PRWS Board or the committees of the Board, please direct them to any of the current members. **Please complete the ballot(s) and bring to the Office by May 22.** Thank you for participating. Aaron Schmidt, Board Vice President

Hallie Ashley - Incumbent

I have been on the board for one year and would be honored to continue to serve and offer my business experience and love of childhood to our flourishing community.

I come from a large family of seven children. Since I was young I've been interested in childhood development. I had been engaged in reading books like Summerhill by A.S. Neill and Touching by Ashley Montagu by the time I was 17. I was introduced to Waldorf education and Pleasant Ridge by the Knapp family back in 2000, and I was deeply touched by seeing the work. In 2005, I moved to Viroqua to help my brother, Caleb, start Kickapoo Coffee. Being involved with a successful company from the early years and doing nearly every job at various times gave me experience and wisdom to move on and start my own company. I co-founded Wisco Pop! with my husband Austin in 2012. I engage in many aspects of my business but focus on organization, financials, logistics, and sales. Austin and I have three children together: Alden 16 (graduated from PRWS in 2017), Fern 6 (1st grade), and Otis 4 (kindergarten). My favorite aspect of the curriculum is the nourishment in the body-center with daily outdoor experiences and movement classes. Our children benefit deeply from this school that upholds not only intellect, but emotional and spiritual well-being.

Mark Brudos - Incumbent

As each year passes, I continue to be amazed by this school and the parents, faculty, and staff who are dedicated to its mission. I feel so fortunate that our family has been part of this community for the past several years. Pleasant Ridge is really unique in that it has been able to uphold the tenets of Waldorf education while striving to be accessible to so many. I believe the school is critical to the vibrant and unique rural community we call home, and I want to see it continue to grow and improve into the future. Most recently, I have served the school's finance and long-range planning committees while serving on the board of directors. I would love to have the opportunity to continue to serve the school and help guide it into the future. Thank you for your consideration.

Jennifer Wade – Incumbent

My husband, Alex, and I are the parents of three children in grades 6, 5, and 3. We have been involved in PRWS since 2010. We were attracted to this school because we wanted to preserve our children's true childhood. We learned how critical it is for them to develop their whole self comprehensively, not just intellectually, but also emotionally and spiritually. The many people who deliver this education share this same vision. This heart-centered education is special! It is intentional and deliberate; introducing all elements in a thoughtful, developmentally appropriate way. Our school is a real gem and I want it to thrive for years to come.

The more I experience our wonderful school, the more determined I am to contribute in any way I can. Proactive involvement is important to me, and serving on the Board is one way to serve. I also

serve on the Development Committee, Growing For Good Board Review, hot lunch service, and in other volunteer capacities. I come from a business background and want to contribute as we grow and encounter new challenges. I would like to serve another term on the PRWS Board and would be honored to receive your vote. Thank you.

Vote for THREE candidates below and place your ballot in the box in the School Office by the end of the day on Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

In single parent households, parent votes here

Hallie Ashley _____

Mark Brudos _____

Jennifer Wade _____

In 2-parent households, second parent votes here

Hallie Ashley _____

Mark Brudos _____

Jennifer Wade _____