

## Calendar

**Thu May 9** Pentathlon

**Fri May 10** Plant Sale – 2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Fri May 10 – Sat May 18** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip

**Wed & Fri May 15 & 17** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Play – 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 9:15 a.m. on Friday after the assembly – in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom

**Thu & Fri May 16 & 17** 7<sup>th</sup> 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

## Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

May 10—No Assembly

May 17—Open Assembly

May 24—Closing Assembly – **time TBD**

## What's Cooking!

### 7th Grade Plant Sale Continues!

The 7th graders still have many lovely organic plants for sale, including vegetables, herbs, flowers, and perennials. We will have another sale day on **Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, from 2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** If you would like to shop in the meantime, please feel free to stop by the PRWS greenhouse at your convenience. Pricing will be posted and there will be an honor-system bucket for depositing your payment. Please write checks out to "PRWS Class of 2020." Thank you for your support!

- The 7th Grade

### 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 a.m. (school performance) and 6:00 p.m. and Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.** Friday's performance will include a Wonka-themed bake sale! All performances are free and open to the public.

### Please Help!

We still have several volunteer spots open for the May Hot Lunch Calendar. Please consider signing up for at least one volunteer shift (link is below). It's the last time we'll have to do this...for this school year! Thank you!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zlvuqtlbJHGKHOb4KDYV3bn4VVb6gCuV0mFPoagVLAs/edit#gid=0>

- Therese Laurdan, Hot Lunch Volunteer Coordinator

## EVENTS

### Time to Return Your School Library Books

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

- Chris Leinberger, Volunteer Library Coordinator

### 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.** 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!

## ADMIN

### 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](mailto:jasoncole@gmail.com) to sign up.

- Jason Cole, Facilities Committee

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**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, **7<sup>th</sup> graders should return it during their last class on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, and all other grades should return theirs on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, will be assessed a \$250 late fee.**

Please stop at the Business Office or email [finance@pleasantridgewaldorf.org](mailto:finance@pleasantridgewaldorf.org) to make an appointment to finalize your contract.

- Sofya Hundt, Finance 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@pleasantrydgewaldorf.org](mailto:robin@pleasantrydgewaldorf.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

### Extra! Extra! Calyx Delivery and Opportunity to Share It with Family and Loved Ones

Be on the lookout for the Spring issue of the Calyx, a PRWS print publication, to be delivered to your home this week. Many grandparents and loved ones look forward to

receiving the Calyx, which offers insight into Waldorf Education and good things happening here at PRWS. Please let us know if you have loved ones who may like to be included on our mailing and/or eNews list.

- 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@pleasantrydgewaldorf.org](mailto:robin@pleasantrydgewaldorf.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 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

## TIDBITS

### **Welcome to the Ecklund Baby**

Davina and David welcomed a healthy baby boy to their family on Tuesday, May 7! Mother, father, and babe are all well and, as of Tuesday afternoon, they were still working on finalizing the name. As we know, Davina's family lives in Germany, and although we can never replace their presence, we sure can cook for her! Let's gather round and fill her home with nutritious food. You can sign up for the meal wheel at

<https://mealtrain.com/gww943>.

I am hoping that a couple of families will jump into the first 2-3 slots today. If delivering a meal as soon as tomorrow is a possibility for your family, please sign up soon! Thank you all!

- Julia Ugo

### **State Solo and Ensemble Performances**

Lucia Nannini and Peter Levin received an "Exemplary Performance Recognition" nomination for their cello duet performance at State Solo and Ensemble last weekend. Bravo! This is an honor indeed!

Also, please also congratulate Ada Lenarz and Emma Krings who performed their violin duet at state also.

- Monika Sutherland

### **All-School Workday Gratitude**

Many thanks to those who were able to join us for the workday on Sunday. Many hands made light work of sweeping, raking, wood chip spreading, pruning, mower tuning, and fence decorating. The grounds and shed look so much better! A special thank you to Jon Dehlin for running the day—sadly, this was his last workday as a Pleasant Ridge parent. With gratitude,

- Joe Lenarz, Facilities Committee



## GROWING FOR GOOD

### Shop Growing For Good for Mother's Day!

- Sustainably grown tulip bouquets from local flower farmer and PRWS alumni parent Allison Starn of Petal and Thorn. Wednesday (TODAY) is the last day to order.
- Large geraniums - \$15
- Gift-wrapped houseplants and succulents
- Design-your-own succulent pot for \$5 to \$10 (great for kids)
- In-town delivery available for just \$5!

Contact [info@growingforgood.org](mailto:info@growingforgood.org) or call 608-637-8200 or 608-606-2086 (Angie).

Growing For Good has expanded hours this week:

Wednesday - 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday and Friday – 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

or by appointment

- Angie Bernstein, Growing For Good

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Desperately seeking the return of a large, white apron with the PRWS logo printed on it.** It was in the school kitchen. It was a gift that I treasure. It's been missing since Spring Break. Please return ASAP. Julie Turino.

### **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

### **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](http://yihs.net/summer) — contact [zoe@yihs.net](mailto: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@earthoutdoorskills.com](mailto:wazee@earthoutdoorskills.com) 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@pleasantrydwaldorf.org](mailto:info@pleasantrydwaldorf.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**

**In 2-parent households, second parent votes here**

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