

## Calendar

**Thu Sept 5** First day of school for Kindergartners

**Fri Sept 6** Back-to-School Picnic – 5:00 p.m. – on the school playground - look to right for more details

**Fri Sept 13** In-Service – **No Classes**

**Mon Sept 16** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – 10:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

**Mon Sept 16** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting – 5:00 p.m. – in the classroom

**Tue Sept 17** 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Parent Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – in the classroom

**Thu & Fri Sept 19 & 20** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip

**Sun Sept 22** New Family Brunch – 10:00 a.m.

**Tue Sept 24** All-School Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Wed Sept 25** Kindergarten Photo Day – 7:30 a.m.

**Thu Sept 26** Grades Photo Day

**Thu Sept 26** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parent Meeting – 5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom

**Fri Sept 27** Michaelmas Festival

**Fri Oct 11** Grandparent & Special Friends Day

## Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Sept 6—No Assembly – **Back-to-School Picnic at 5:00 p.m.**

Sept 13—Faculty In-Service – **No School**

Sept 20—No Assembly

## What's Cooking!

### School Food Considerations

Our Lunch Program and Back-to-School Potluck Picnic are **nut-, sunflower-, and sesame-free** as well as the FOURTH GRADE Class to support a student with severe allergies to both these foods.

All other classes are permitted to bring those foods in their snacks and lunches; however, staff and students will be mindful to wash hands and desks with soap and water after eating. We appreciate your observance of this request.

- The Admin Team

### Back-to-School Picnic

**Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.**

We hope everyone can make it and ring in the new school year right here in our own backyard. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class will serve as hosts along with the Board of Directors, Faculty, and Staff at this potluck event. We ask all families to contribute a dish to share to make our potluck picnic a feast. Please bring dishes, silverware, and cups for your family, as well as chairs or blankets to sit on. If you are so inclined, a vegan dish would be much appreciated by the vegans in our group.

Food assignments are by first letter of the children's last name:

- **A-M:** Main dishes
- **N-Z:** Salads/sides/appetizers
- Everyone should bring a small dessert.

**Again, we ask that all food be nut-, sunflower-, and sesame-free.**

Faculty and staff ask that families remain outside for the picnic. When bathroom needs arise, please accompany your child inside.

In the event of inclement weather, our picnic will move to the gym. Thank you, and Welcome Back to School!

- The Admin Team

### Hot Lunch Automatic Withdrawal

#### Payment Option

Does your child **eat lunch every day every month?** Tired of filling out the forms every, single month? Why not just have the money deducted from your account automatically? **If you are interested in this option, stop by the office for details ASAP!**

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

## All-School Workday Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who showed up for the All-School Workday on August 24th. The day was a great success. It was the best-attended workday in my time at the school. It was heart-warming to see faculty, returning families, new families, even alumni families, working together to get the school yards ready for the new year. And hats off to the pizza makers—delicious! Job well done all.

- Joe Lenarz, Facilities Committee

## Welcome Back to Aftercare!

I am back from maternity leave, so that means Aftercare is back! Aftercare will be available daily until 5:30 p.m., with pickups every half hour starting at 3:30 p.m. We will be providing a healthy, organic snack.

Forms are available online and right outside the office. **Credits will only be issued for days that school is cancelled**, so please take note of that when registering.

Punch cards are again available for purchase (\$40 - which is a 20% discount from the drop-in rate), if you need drop-in care. You can purchase those from Nan in the office or from me directly. My phone number is 608-769-5525, so feel free to text or call with questions or changes to your schedule. My email is [courtney.maatouk@gmail.com](mailto:courtney.maatouk@gmail.com) if you prefer email. I am excited for a great year and to watch your children after school!

- Courtney Maatouk, Aftercare Director

## All-School Meeting, September 24<sup>th</sup>

We welcome everyone to join us for the first of two All-School Meetings this **September 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Topics will include a state-of-the-school address, questions and answers with the Board of Directors, and facilitated roundtable discussions. We would encourage both parents to attend the meeting. Childcare, including hearty snacks, will be available. **Please RSVP to [Jordan Brudos at enrollment@pleasantrydrewaldorf.org](mailto:Jordan.Brudos@pleasantrydrewaldorf.org) by Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, if you need childcare.**

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

## School Photo Day

This year school photos will be taken on two days, beginning with **kindergarteners being photographed on Wednesday, September 25, at 7:30 a.m. in Drew Shonka's photography studio in room 205 of the Landmark Center.**

The students in the grades (1-8) will be photographed on **Thursday, September 26.** School photos will be taken by Drew Shonka. Details will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

# ADMIN UPDATES

## Morning Routine

This is a reminder to all students and families that we begin each school day outside on the playground. Students will gather each morning on the playground and remain outside until school begins at 8:10 a.m. The exceptions to our Morning Routine are when students need to bring their instruments inside (using the Court St. entrance) or when there is heavy rain or extremely cold weather conditions. *(We will post a sign to let students and families know when we have indoor morning recess.)* When students bring in their instruments, they may do so quickly and then exit immediately through the Court St. door to rejoin the other students on the playground. Backpacks and other items will remain outside until the school day begins. Thank you for your cooperation in this important Morning Routine!

## Student Check-In/Out Procedures

When your **kindergarten or grades** child is going to be absent from school, please call the office before 8:10 a.m. to let us know – even if you have already notified the teacher. If your student is signed up for hot lunch that day, ask Nan for a hot lunch credit. Also, if a student comes in late or leaves early during the school day, please have them check in or out at the office. Doing these simple practices each and every time helps ensure that the children are accounted for throughout the day.

## **Playground Reminders**

- The bell tower will call students in from recess. Please note: Adults will be responsible for ringing the bell.
- No bicycles/riding on the playground or grassy mounds.
- No climbing on the play structure roofs.
- Play is not allowed by the greenhouse, outside freezer, or storage shed by kitchen door. A painted line on the concrete will soon mark the safe-play boundary.
- Lock bicycles in back of school in bike racks.

## **No Parking Out Front**

Be sure to pay heed to the yellow no-parking stripe out in front of the school. If you park there you will very likely be ticketed!

## **Healthy and Wholesome!**

Eating healthy helps us learn and grow! Remember to pack only healthy and wholesome snacks and lunches for your child. Refrain from sending candy or sugary drinks. Children will carry home any food packaging they bring.

## **What is Michaelmas?**

Michaelmas is an autumn festival that prepares us for the inner awakening of our souls during the winter months. As the weather gets colder and the light recedes, we begin to look toward strengthening our inner forces as a light in the darkness.

**Join us for our Michaelmas Pageant Friday, September 27th, 2019, at 8:20 a.m. in the Gym.**

## **LUNCHBOX EXPRESS COMMUNITY NEWS POLICY**

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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 8:30am. There may be occasions, due to unforeseen circumstances or space restrictions, that the Community section will not be printed. Thank you.