

## Calendar

**Thu Oct 17** Photo Retake Day

**Thu Oct 17** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip

**Thu Oct 17** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip

**Fri Oct 18** Book Study – Kickapoo Café – 8:30 a.m.

**Mon Oct 21** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting –  
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Wed Oct 23** Kindergarten Parent Meeting –  
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 pm – in the Kindergarten

**Fri Oct 25** Parent Tea – after assembly – in the  
school lobby

**Wed & Thu Oct 30 & 31** Parent/Teacher  
Conferences – No School

**Thu Oct 31** Enchanted Forest – 3:00 p.m. –  
5:00 p.m. – see details inside

**Fri Nov 1** In-Service – No School

**Fri Nov 8** Martinmas Lantern Walk

**Sat Nov 9** Community Clothing Exchange –  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – in the school gym

**Wed Nov 13** Parents' Night Out

**Thu Nov 14** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parent Evening – 5:30 p.m. –  
7:00 p.m. – in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Classroom

## Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Oct 18—No Assembly

Oct 25—Open Grades Assembly

Nov 1—No Assembly – No School

## What's Cooking!

### Class Photos to Be Redone

For some mysterious reason, the class photos turned out to be very digitized. Drew Shonka will get them all reprinted and will pass out new ones to everyone who ordered them. They should be available when the retake photos are done.

Thank you for your patience!

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

### Photo Retake Day is Thursday, October 17

If you would like your child's photo retaken, please contact Drew Shonka at [droowoowo@hotmail.com](mailto:droowoowo@hotmail.com) in advance. Photo retakes will take place in room 205 of the Landmark Center on Thursday, October 17.

**Drew will be available at 7:50 a.m. for any kindergartener retakes.** Grades students will have their photos retaken during the day.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

### Farewell

Dear Pleasant Ridge Friends,

It is with a sad heart that I write to let you know that tomorrow will be my last day as Office Manager at Pleasant Ridge. I am taking a trip to Japan, and when I return, I will be joining Valley Stewardship Network as their Membership and Communications Coordinator. I have greatly enjoyed being part of the Pleasant Ridge family and having the opportunity to share in all of your lives and those of your children. I will miss watching your children grow up and getting to know them as they pass through the office. Fortunately, there will be many opportunities for me to return and still be part of the school.

The Office Manager position will now be well taken care of by long-time volunteer Amber Knutson (Monday-Wednesday) and Barb Andree (Thursday-Friday) who has already been in the role on Fridays. Thank you all for your kindness and good wishes throughout the years.

- Nan Marshall, Office Manager

### Hot Diggity Dog

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be having another **Hot Dog Friday on October 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please sign up in the office in advance, as day-of sales are challenging. Dogs are \$3.00 each, and there is a veggie dog option. Please send sides to accompany the hot dogs.

- The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

## EVENTS

### Book Study of *Being At Your Best When Your Kids Are At Their Worst*

We are excited to read and study Kim John Payne's newest book together this year. Join us at our first coffee morning at Kickapoo Coffee on **October 18 at 8:30 a.m.** when we will plan our study of this book.

- The Parent Association

### October 25<sup>th</sup>

Please join the Parent Association for coffee and tea in the lobby after the Assembly on **Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.**

- The Parent Association

### October 31<sup>st</sup> Enchanted Forest

The Enchanted Forest will take place at Hubbard Hills located at the west end of Maple St in Viroqua. Concessions will be sold by 8th grade parents. There are no bathroom facilities at the site, so please come prepared! Cost is \$2 per person; \$7 maximum per family. Please call Paula Grenier at 606-3500 with questions.

- Paula Grenier, Enchanted Forest  
Coordinator

### Parent/Teacher Conferences are Scheduled for October 30 & 31

**Class Teachers** will post sign-up sheets on the bulletin board across from the office, outside their classrooms, or electronically.

**Subject Teachers** welcome parents to meet with them as a group for parent/teacher conferences. They will be available on the **afternoon of Wednesday, October 30.** If you are interested, please sign up for a time on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office before the end of the day on Monday, October 28. If you are unable to meet at these times or if these times are full, please contact Stephanie Pedretti at 608-632-2607 to request an alternate time. Thank you!

- The Admin Team

### Come Join the Parent Association!

We are always looking for new members to join the Parent Association. If you are interested in community-building and planning educational and community events in support of parents, please contact Jordan at [jordan@brudos.net](mailto:jordan@brudos.net). Our next meeting is on **November 3 at 11:00 a.m.** at Jordan's house (118 Wisconsin St. in Viroqua), and children are welcome to come along! A light lunch will be provided.

- The Parent Association

### Community Clothing Exchange

PRWS will be hosting a Community Clothing Exchange on **November 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Start gathering your gently used clothing and outerwear that you are ready to pass on. Donations can be dropped off at the PRWS office starting on November 4 - **please, no day-of donations.** If you don't have any clothes to pass along, no worries! Instead, you can make a cash donation or bring non-perishable food items that will be donated, along with left-over clothing, to Bethel Butik. Please [click here](#) to sign up to help out with the clothing exchange - those who help on Friday night do get first picks!

- The Parent Association

### Save the Date for the Fall Concert!

Please add the date for the Fall Concert to your school-year calendars. The concert will take place in the gym at **6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 21.** Students in grades 5-8 will be performing.

- Stephanie Pedretti and Melissa Madura,  
Music Teachers

### Save the Date!

#### **Parent's Night Out on November 13**

Stay tuned for details.

- The Parent Association

## ADMIN

### Parent Feedback

As a PRWS parent, you are annually called upon to provide feedback to our faculty. Parent Feedback forms are in the office. Please take the time to thoughtfully provide your comments and suggestions to all of your children's teachers. We ask that these forms be returned to the front office before the Thanksgiving break.

- Personnel Committee

### We Welcome Your Ideas

We are in the process of scheduling some Parent Educational events for the year and are curious about what topics you would like to learn more about? Please send your ideas to Jordan at [enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org](mailto:enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org).

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and

### Seeking Substitute Teachers

We are looking to add to our list of substitute teachers for the school year. We're planning to hold a substitute teacher orientation in October – date still TBD. If you are interested, please contact Jordan at 637-7828 or [enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org](mailto:enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org).

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Director

### Got 45 Minutes? Sign up for an October Lunch Server Shift!

Two volunteers are needed to serve lunch from 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. It's a fun and delicious way to help out at the school, and your lunch is free!

Thank you for signing up for October Lunch Shifts here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UpnErjLgE7QYFCWrXk7aYdJ5QL98FyEdvZ6YpYTjEjk/edit?usp=sharing>

- The Admin Team

### Employment Opportunity

Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School is seeking a Snow Removal Laborer who will maintain the school's sidewalks and entryways throughout the 2019- 2020 winter season. Candidate must be self-motivated, highly reliable, able to keep a flexible schedule, and capable of operating a large, 2-stage snowblower. All required equipment and supplies are provided.

Application and resume may be submitted to [enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org](mailto:enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org) or delivered in person to the school office.

- Personnel Committee

### Interested in Being a Host Family?

Is your family interested in hosting a student from South Korea this coming January? We have 7 students, in grades 4 through 8, that are in need of a host family while they are here to visit Viroqua and PRWS. It's a wonderful experience to be a part of, and your family will be compensated for hosting. Please see Jordan in the front office if you are interested or would like more information.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

## DEVELOPMENT

### Vote for PRWS at the Viroqua Food Co-op!

Calling all Viroqua Food Co-op Members! It's time to vote for the VFC's 2020 Give Where You Live Recipients, and PRWS needs your vote!

Each VFC Member may choose up to five local nonprofit organizations listed on the ballot, and the twelve that receive the most votes will be named the 2020 Give Where You Live Recipients. For a whole month, these organizations will receive funds raised at the register when folks choose to round up their purchase to the nearest dollar. This really adds up fast! Pick up to 5 favorite nonprofit organizations from the online ballot at [www.viroquafood.coop/community-outreach](http://www.viroquafood.coop/community-outreach).

**Cast your ballot any time before October 31st.**

- Robin Kottke, Development Director



**2019 Grandparents and Special Friends  
Day Appreciation**

Another successful Grandparents and Special Friends Day!

We welcomed around 80 grandparents and special elders on Friday, October 11, to our annual Grandparents and Special Friends Day program. This event is a favorite opportunity for the elders in our children's lives to learn more about PRWS, Waldorf education, and experience for themselves our school's unique culture. Indeed, many return every year! We started the day with a student assembly, followed by visits to grades classrooms for main lesson, a reception featuring an alumni speaker, visits to special subject classrooms, a screening of the Waldorf 100 films, and a luncheon.

PRWS alumnus, Eli Mandel, was the featured speaker at the reception. He spoke eloquently about his experience as a student and the many ways in which Waldorf education has continued to shape his life and career. The alumni speaker is always a favorite part of the day, and many folks (especially parents and loved ones who can't make the event) wish they could experience it. Fortunately, David Levin was on hand to record the audio of Eli's address, and it will be available shortly via the Pleasant Ridge Today podcast. You don't want to miss this! Also, be sure to check out the beautiful photos Kate Holmes captured of the event. They are available via our website on the Parent Portal:

<https://pleasantridgewaldorf.org/wp-login.php>.

It takes the efforts of many for this day to turn out so well. Bountiful thanks to all the teachers and students who prepared assembly presentations and welcomed guests in their classrooms throughout the morning, and thanks to the Admin team who pitched in to make it such a seamless event.

Special thanks to the following volunteers, many of whom worked behind the scenes to make it all flow so beautifully. They did this in the form of soup-making, food prep and presentation, heavy lifting, table setting, coffee hauling, and clean-up, really anything and

everything that needed doing. It was beautiful to behold!

- Lisa Anderson
- Amy Belling-Dunn
- Jenelle Boyer
- Jordan Brudos
- Mark Brudos
- Mary Christenson
- Brendan Froeschl
- Kate Holmes
- Sofya Hundt
- Jonel Kiesau
- Janna Kottke
- Beth Krieger-Fritsch
- Marc LeMaire
- Joe Lenarz
- Margret Lenarz
- Eric Levermann
- David Levin
- Justina Manspeaker
- Renate Markle
- Cree Max
- Mike Moon
- Eva Schulte
- Diane Splinter
- Jennifer Wade
- Dodie Whitaker

Special thanks, too, to Kickapoo Coffee and Organic Valley for sponsoring the event with delicious food and beverage.

We hope your loved ones enjoyed themselves. If you think they would like to receive school news and updates from us (Calyx, eNews), please send their contact information my way along with any feedback you may have for the event. Please contact Robin at [robin@pleasantridgewaldorf.org](mailto:robin@pleasantridgewaldorf.org) or call 637-8504 to share.

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

## Holiday Faire

### **The Holiday Faire is Friday, December 6, and Saturday, December 7.**

**Friday Evening:** A Joyful Wassail and Dance Party (adults only). Childcare will be available, and advance tickets are encouraged. Additional details to come!

**Saturday:** A Holiday Faire celebration for the entire family.

The magic and joy of the Holiday Faire will soon be upon us! Each year, this all-school endeavor is made possible by each family's participation. It is truly a gift to our children, community, and ourselves. **Each class is responsible for a designated activity at the Faire. Please mark your calendars and plan to sign up for shifts to ensure a successful Holiday Faire.** Don't forget to invite your loved ones to share in the Holiday Faire festivities!

- Holiday Faire Committee

### **Seeking Artisans and Vendors for the Faire**

We are seeking vendors of artisan, handmade items for our Holiday Faire! Vendor applications for the Faire are now available at: <https://pleasantrydgewaldorf.org/our-school/holiday-faire/>. Please see the webpage for contact and application information or contact Robin Kottke at [holidayfairevending@gmail.com](mailto:holidayfairevending@gmail.com).

- Holiday Faire Committee

### **Seeking Silent Auction Donations!**

Please consider a donation to the Silent Auction for Holiday Faire. Goods and services (bodywork, basket of canned preserves, yoga classes...), practical and/or beautiful home wares (artwork, furniture, jewelry...), and unique and adventurous experiences (family cabin up north for a weekend, unicycle lessons, wild food walk...) are all encouraged and welcome! Email donation ideas or suggestions to: [prwsholidayfaire@gmail.com](mailto:prwsholidayfaire@gmail.com). Thanks so much!

- Kate Holmes and Amber Biver, Silent Auction Coordinators

### **School Store Resale Shoppe: Call for Donations!**

We're excited to bring back the School Store Resale Shoppe to this year's Holiday Faire! The Resale Shoppe, an expansion of our School Store, offers gently used wooden and natural toys for sale. This is a great opportunity help raise funds for PRWS by donating items your children no longer use and also to shop for beautiful, quality toys for less than retail prices. Donations of wooden and natural toys in good, resale condition may be dropped off at the school office through November 22. Thanks for your help! Contact Jordan with questions at [enrollment@pleasantrydgewaldorf.org](mailto:enrollment@pleasantrydgewaldorf.org) or 608-637-7828.

- School Store Coordinators

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Driftless Gymnastics...A Tumbling Good Time**

6-week Saturday session to begin October 26th.  
8-week Monday and Thursday classes to begin October 10th.

Driftless Gymnastics provides a fun and safe, non-competitive environment for young people to learn the sport of gymnastics. Classes offer professional instruction with experienced and dedicated coaching. Students work on strength, flexibility, coordination, and self-confidence. Co-ed classes for children ages 2 and up!

To register contact Alycann Taylor 632-3527 or [Alycann.taylor@gmail.com](mailto:Alycann.taylor@gmail.com)

### **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@pleasantrydgewaldorf.org](mailto:info@pleasantrydgewaldorf.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.