

## Calendar

**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

**Sun Nov 3** Parent Association Meeting -11:00 a.m.

**Fri Nov 8** Parent Book Study – after assembly at PRWS

**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

**Mon Nov 18** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting – 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Thurs Nov 21** Fall Concert – 6:30 p.m. – in the school gym

## Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Oct 25—Open Grades Assembly

Nov 1—No Assembly – No School

Nov 8 – Martinmas

Nov 15 – Odd Grades Assembly

## What's Cooking!

### PRWS Directory/Handbooks are hot off the press! Pick yours up today!

The 2019/20 PRWS Parent Handbook and Directory may be found in your parent mailbox right outside the main office.

Here you will find contact Robin Kottke, Development Director

information for all members of our school community, the parent handbook, and a local business directory.

Thank you for supporting businesses that support PRWS!

Special thanks to Brendan Froeschl for stepping up to coordinate this project—no small feat! If you have any feedback or questions about content, please contact Robin at [robin@pleasantrydgesdorf.org](mailto:robin@pleasantrydgesdorf.org)

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

### Parent Tea

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

- 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

### The PRWS Book Sale is Coming

We are now collecting books for the book sale, which will **start in November.** Money from the sale is used to purchase new books for the school library. If you have books to donate, they can be placed in the front office or in the library. Thanks to all who have donated and supported the sale in the past. Please continue to support this great cause.

- Diane Banner, Library Volunteer Coordinator

### Parent-Child Class Break

Just a reminder that there will be no Parent-Child classes from **October 22<sup>nd</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

- Martha Buche, Parent-Child Teacher

## Events

### 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

### PRWS Parent Book Study

The Parent Association will be hosting a book study of Kim John Payne's new book, *Being at Your Best When you Kids are at Their Worst*. The book is divided into three parts, so the plan will be to tackle the reading in three parts and meet three times per part for discussion. We are beginning to read part one right now and will meet on the following dates:

**November 8** at 9:00am (after assembly) at PRWS

**November 22** at 8:15am - location TBD

**December 13** at 9:00am (after assembly) at PRWS

The PRWS School Store has copies available for purchase in the cabinet in the front lobby.

- The Parent Association

### 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 Outreach Director

### 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

### Thank You Bill Brooke

Thank you to Bill Brooke, who has been plowing the vehicle path from the Jefferson Street playground entrance to the kitchen door area for many, many winters. We are so grateful for his generosity. But alas, he is retiring his plow, so...**Do You Plow Snow?** If you plow snow or know someone else who might be interested in following in Bill's tracks, please call Joe Lenarz at 720.636.0187

- Joe Lenarz, Facilities Committee

### 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

### **Board Meeting Agenda Postings**

In response to a question posed at the All School Meeting about access to committee and board meeting information, and in an effort to provide more transparency regarding the work of the board, we will be posting BOD agendas in the LBE in advance of meetings. Please see the attached October agenda.

Questions? Ask a board member.

Board meetings are usually the fourth Thursday of every month and are open to the public.

- Joe Lenarz, Board President

## Development

### **Listen Up! Grandparents & Special Friends Day Reception Address from PRWS**

### **Alumnus Eli Mandel available now via the Pleasant Ridge Today Podcast!**

This is one episode you don't want to miss!

Listen here: <https://pleasantrydgewaldorf.org/10-18-19-eli-mandel/>

If your folks weren't able to make it, please share with them as well. We're so glad Eli was able to join us and speak about his experience as a PRW student and the role Waldorf Education continues to play in his life.

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

### **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

## Holiday Faire

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **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 online at:

<https://pleasantrydgewaldorf.org/our-school/holiday-faire/>. Please see the webpage for contact and application information or contact Nan Marshall 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@pleasantridgewaldorf.org](mailto:enrollment@pleasantridgewaldorf.org) or 608-637-7828.

- School Store Coordinators

## **Community News**

### **Rummage**

Multiple Family Rummage Sale: furniture, clothes, washer and dryer, baby gear and much more! Friday the 25th in the afternoon and Saturday the 26th beginning at 8am. 324 Hillyer Avenue (on the corner of Hillyer and Broadway).

### **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](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.

