



Calendar

Fri Nov 8 Parent Book Study – after assembly at PRWS

Fri Nov 8 Martinmas Lantern Walk – 4:30 p.m. – Sidie Hollow Park Shelter

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

Wed Nov 13 Parents' Night Out – 6:00 p.m – 8:00 p.m. at Pacifico

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

Sat Nov 16 All School Workday – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Mon Nov 18 4th Grade Parent Meeting – 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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

Nov 27-Nov 29 - Thanksgiving Break

Mon Dec 2 – School resumes

Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Nov 8 – Martinmas

Nov 15 – Odd Grades Assembly

Nov 22 – No Assembly

Nov 29 – No Assembly-Thanksgiving Break

What's Cooking!

Martinmas Lantern Walk – Friday, November 8th, at 4:30 p.m.

At 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 8th, families and children in Kindergarten through 4th grade will **gather in the Main Shelter at Sidie Hollow Park**. When coming from the east on Hwy 56, turning onto XX, this is the 3rd left turn on XX.

- Please keep the children off of the playground equipment before and after the walk to protect the reverence for the occasion.
- Children will have their lanterns lit by their parents or teacher and will stay with their class. Parents who have children in multiple grades can choose with which class the whole family walks or may set up care from a fellow class parent for the unaccompanied student.
- Older siblings are invited to walk as well but are asked to remain with their parent/s.
- At 4:45 p.m., the 4th grade will call us to the lake with song. Once our lanterns are lit, we will walk to our respective stopping places adjacent to the middle of the lake. The 4th grade will lead the 1st/2nd grades across the bridge on the left-hand side. The 3rd grade will lead the kindergartens on the right side of the lake. Then we'll each take turns singing to each other across the lake 5 times. Please save conversation for when we have returned from our walk. Our final song, "Oh How Lovely Is the Evening," we will sing on the walk back to the shelter, the former end of the line now taking over as leader. (A few 4th grade parents trailing can collect the luminaries on the return. There will be a bin for them at the head of the path).
- Please check the weather and **dress extra warmly** as this festival is often windy and cold. We hope you will find this time peaceful and reverent - carrying forth your light into the darkness that winter brings.
- Please reach out to any new class families regarding what to expect during this festival, particularly to be clear about which entrance to Sidie Hollow, as it can be confusing the first few times.
In the event of rain, the walk will be cancelled.
- Martinmas Planners Shannon Landis, Marinella Pro, Carrie Treviranus, with the support of the 4th grade class parents

On the Festival of Martinmas

On November 8th Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School will be celebrating the feast of St. Martin, or Martinmas, with a lantern walk. November 11th is the actual feast day commemorating St. Martin's death, which has also been designated as Veteran's Day. Martin (c. 317-397) was a Roman soldier before he was named Bishop of Tours. As a young soldier, he passed under an archway in the French city of Amiens and discovered a poor beggar huddled there. The man was nearly naked, shivering with cold, and had received no alms to assist him. On seeing him, the young Martin took his own cape from his shoulders, tore the garment in half, and covered the poor man to warm him.

Traditionally, this festival also celebrates the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. It is a time when the poor enjoyed a bountiful harvest and children processed with candle-lit lanterns in the darkened night. When we make a lantern, we too may feel that we are giving protection to our own little "flame" that began to shine at Michaelmas, so that we may carry it safely through the dark world. It may only be a small and fragile light – but every light brings relief to the darkness. During this time we might experience a mist veiling the dying natural world and our gaze being drawn inward. We turn our thoughts toward loved ones who have crossed the threshold. Other feast days at this time, All Souls' Day and All Saints' Day, are also festivals that honor those who have died.

The feast of St. Martin falls between Michaelmas and the Holy Nights and carries us along on a journey of the soul that begins with our human will being awakened through the inner experience of Michaelmas. At Martinmas, the soul qualities of love and compassion manifest in active deeds and until at last spirit light is enkindled at Christmas Eve.

- The Faculty

Announcements

Thank You!

The 8th grade class would like to thank the following local businesses for donating to the Enchanted Forest:

- Viroqua Food Co-op
- The Cakery & Bakery
- Kickapoo Coffee

We would also like to thank Paula Grenier for her amazing guidance on creating the story and working with the class. Thank you to 8th grade class teacher Christina Hotchkiss for her steadfast coordination and holding of our children. Thank you to Cindy Hubbard & Vernon Trails for use of Hubbard Hills. Thank you to all the 8th grade parents who made costumes, cooked food and organized this event. And thank you to our 8th graders who inspire us with their team spirit and creativity; we are so lucky!

- The 8th Grade Parents

CHILI!!

Looking for a warm meal with minimal prep work? The 8th grade is selling frozen quarts of delicious, vegetarian chili for \$5 each! Please stop by the office or the 8th grade classroom to purchase.

- The 8th Grade Class

Library Book Sale-Bring in Your Books!

The school library will be hosting their annual book sale **November 11th-26** out in the hallway. Please bring your book donations to the school library. The proceeds from the sale will go towards new books!

- Diane Banner, Volunteer Library Coordinator

Events

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

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 on **Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m.** Students in grades 5-8 will be performing.

- Stephanie Pedretti and Melissa Madura,
Music Teachers

Parent's Night Out!

The Parent Association invites all PRWS parents to join us for great food and lively conversation on **Wednesday, November 13, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** at Pacifico. This is a great opportunity to connect with other parents at the school. Please RSVP to Michelle Thomas at chellelthomas@gmail.com if you would like to join us, so that we may make a reservation.

- The Parent Association

Come Craft for the Holiday Faire!

There will be a crafting night on **Friday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m.** We'll work on a few different items to stock the shelves of the Children's Castle. It's a nice chance to visit, enjoy some snacks and warming beverages. Located at Margret Lenarz's home, 510 S Rusk. Adults only. No crafting experience necessary!

- Holiday Faire Committee

Admin

Attendance

Just a friendly reminder to please let the office staff know when your child will be absent, late or out for an appointment. You may also inform your student's teacher if you choose, but the office staff maintains the official record and needs to know who is in the building at all times. **If your student arrives late or is returning from an appointment, please have them check in at the office before going to class.** You can leave a voicemail at all hours or send an email to info@pleasantrydorg. Thanks!

- Amber and Barb, Office Managers

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

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

Got 45 Minutes? Sign up for a November 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 November Lunch Shifts here:

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

- The Admin Team

Lost and Found

Please stop in the hallway and check through the lost and found for any items that may belong to you. Any items remaining by end of the day on **Friday, November 8** will be added to the Clothing Swap.

- The Admin Team

Development

PRWS Directory/ Handbooks are hot off the press and in your School Mailboxes! Extra Copies also available.

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 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 and Nan Marshall for the great work they contributed to this project. If you have any feedback or questions about content, please contact Robin at robin@pleasantridgewaldorf.org. There is a limited quantity of extra copies available. If you'd like an extra directory for your family, they are \$5 each.

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

School Directory Updates/ Corrections

Please note the following corrections:

1. 6th Grade Parent Jillian Davis's name was listed incorrectly in the directory. Peterson is the student's last name; Jillian's last name is Davis.
2. Kindergarten and 1st Grade Parent Ashely Kiehna's cell phone number was listed incorrectly. Please note her correct phone number: (608) 606-6474

We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you for notifying us of any additional updates/corrections.

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

Save the Date!

PRWS 40th Anniversary Dinner & Celebration is scheduled for **Saturday, March 28th, 2020**

We look forward to a beautiful event and hope you will join us. More information is forthcoming as the event nears.

- PRWS Development Committee

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. 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://pleasantridgewaldorf.org/our-school/holiday-faire/>. Please see the webpage for contact and application information or contact Nan Marshall at 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! Follow this link to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/m31SDnQmocGCr57m7>

- 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 or 608-637-7828.

- School Store Coordinators

It's Time for Trinkets!

Please consider donating any little doodads, special gifts from nature, unwanted jewelry, etc. to fill the cape of the Pocket Person and the shelves of the Children's Castle for the Holiday Faire. There will be a box in the office to drop off your items starting November 4th. No plastic please. Thank you!

- Holiday Faire Committee

Let Them Eat Cake!

It's baking season! Please help us create a rich spread of special delights for the Holiday Faire Bake Sale table. Bake and freeze now - thaw and cook the day before the Faire.

There will be a large sign-up sheet available outside the main office by the start of next week. Please sign up early for a slot that inspires you. Prefer to bake savory items or special candies? Even better! Looking forward to seeing your new ideas.

Please contact Julia Ugo (606-9125 and juliahundt@gmail.com) if you have questions or ideas for how to improve the faire bake sale.

- Julia Ugo and Martha Karlstad, Bake Sale Co-coordinators

Community News

Potluck of Ideas--Thursday November 7th

YIHS students will showcase their classwork from this first quarter. Visual and performance art along with projects from math, science and humanities classes will be on display. Potluck begins at 5:30 p.m. with stage performances at 6:30 p.m. and the classrooms open until 8:00 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Truth Be Told

On **Saturday, November 9th**, Youth Initiative High School will be hosting "**Truth be Told**" in the Landmark Building Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. This annual storytelling event is a beloved and time-honored tradition during which audience members laugh, cry and are given the opportunity to get more deeply acquainted with members of our community. This year's theme is "On the Road." Speakers are: Paul and Paula Grenier, Steve Lawless, Charlie Hudnall, Alex Stoffregen, Cathie Gotthardt, Duane Koons, Bevo Buhr, and Jane Benton. Tickets can be purchased at the door (limited) or at: <https://yih.s.ludus.com/index.php>

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