

Calendar

Weds Dec 11 – 5th Grade Parent Meeting -
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Fri Dec 13 – Parent Book Study - 8:15 a.m. at
Kickapoo Coffee

Fri Dec 13 – Santa Lucia

Fri Dec 20 – Festival of Light - 10:45 a.m.

Fri Dec 20 – Noon Dismissal for the Grades;
10:30 a.m. Dismissal for the Kindergartens

Mon Dec 23 – PRWS Alumni Reunion – 6:00
p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Driftless Cafe

Dec 23-Jan 3 – Holiday Break

Mon Jan 6 - School Resumes

Fri Dec 17 - *date change – 8th Grade
Eurythmy Performance

January Hot Lunch Forms

Please turn your January Hot Lunch forms
in as soon as possible. Due to the
upcoming break, there is only a limited
time available for processing the forms
before the New Year. Many Thanks!

Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Dec 13 – No Assembly

Dec 20 – **Festival of Light- 10:45 a.m.**

What's Cooking!

January Hot Lunch-UPDATE! It is important for both
the kitchen and office staff to have a clear idea of who
will be eating **PRIOR** to the start of the month. Last week
we ended up **running short of food** with too many last
minute/day-of sign ups! In order to keep costs down
and to minimize food waste, our cook needs accurate
numbers for each meal in advance. **Please fill out your
January form before the Holiday break.** As January will
be upon us directly after a break, this is even more
imperative this month. The menu is attached and forms
are also available in the hallway, in the office, and on
the school website.

Also, please note: **We will no longer be accepting Hot
Lunch forms without payment attached.** If you know
your child likes to eat all the meals offered consistently,
please consider signing up for Automatic Withdrawal.

- The Admin Team

Santa Lucia Celebration

On Friday December 13th, Pleasant Ridge will
celebrate St. Lucia Day. Lucia is the saint of vision,
particularly inner vision. Her celebration comes at the
time of winter solstice, honoring the change from
increasing darkness to increasing daylight. Lucia
represents hope and light in the time of darkness, and
she brings warmth and sustenance in times of need.
On the morning of Lucia Day, the 8th grade students,
dressed all in white, will visit each classroom, bringing
song and light. Their procession is led by *Lucia*, who
wears a crown of light. You can find us in the hallway
on Friday morning between 8:30 and 10:00.

- Catherine Young & Julee Capers Agar

Shop Local this Holiday Season

Be sure to check out the **Natural Toy Shop, located
inside Ewetopia Fiber Shop** in downtown Viroqua, as
you do your holiday shopping this season. There you
will find: cooperative games, art supplies, baby items,
books, silks, handmade dolls, wooden toys, stocking
stuffers, and much more! Sales support Pleasant Ridge
Waldorf School and your local community.

- Jordan Brudos and Kathryn Ashley-Wright,
School Store Coordinators

Annual Giving: 100% Participation in 100 Days Update

Only 10 days remain to reach 100% participation in our Annual Fund!

Our 'flock' is really growing! If you haven't stopped by the lobby recently, please do so, the birds gracing the windows is really lovely to behold. Our flock will continue to grow, and become more beautiful, with every contribution. Here's where we're at as of December 10th, with 10 days to go:

Board: 100% participation

Faculty & Staff: 72% participation

Parent Body: 51% participation

A letter with an invitation to participate was sent out earlier this fall. Thank you to those of you who have already sent or pledged your gift. We simply ask that your gift comes from the heart in an amount that makes sense for your family. **Whether that's \$5 or \$5,000, all gifts count and go a long way to ensure this beautiful education is accessible to all families.** We appreciate that this may require further conversation. To that end, members of the board of directors will be reaching out to individual families over the next week to ensure we reach the 100% participation goal we have set for ourselves.

Please return your envelope indicating your gift or pledge by December 20, 2019 (pledged gifts can be paid through June 30th, 2020).

You may also pick up a remittance envelope in the office or make your gift online at

www.pleasantridgewaldorf.org/donate

Thank you for your support! Together we can do so much!

- Robin Kottke, Development Director, and Joe Lenarz, PRWS Board President

Host a Student from South Korea

On January 4, PRWS will be welcoming 9 visiting students from South Korea, and we are still looking for a few more homes for them to stay at during the four weeks that they are here. This is an amazing cultural opportunity for both the students and the host families alike! These students are coming to experience what the typical American life is like, and they look forward to being immersed into your family life-

from meals to family outings! As a host family you will also be compensated. Please see Jordan if you are interested in hosting or would like more information.

- Jordan Brudos, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

Citrus Blossoms!

The 7th Grade will be selling citrus blossoms on the following days after school until 3:15:

- **Friday, December 13th**
- **Tuesday, December 17th**
- **Wednesday, December 18th**

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!

- The 7th Grade Class

Holiday Décor at Growing for Good

The trees, wreaths and garland have arrived! Growing for Good will be open this Wednesday from 9am to 6pm. Please come pick up your holiday decor. We have a few extra trees as well as lovely poinsettias, beautiful lavender trees and stunning succulent wreaths left from the Holiday Faire. If you would like to purchase any of these items please contact Stephanie Brown at stephanie@growingforgood.org or stop by on Wednesday between 9am and 6pm. Thank you for your support of Growing for Good and the 7th grade.

Library Book Sale Proceeds

The PRWS Library book sale brought in \$50.00 which will be used to purchase new books. Thanks to all who bought or contributed books!

- Diane Banner, Volunteer Library Coordinator

Events

PRWS Parent Book Study

The Parent Association is hosting a book study of Kim John Payne's new book, *Being at Your Best When Your Kids are at Their Worst*. The book is divided into three sections. Our plan is to meet and discuss each section over the course of three meetings since there is a lot to



digest and put into practice in each. Join us anytime!

Please note the change of time and location for our final meeting about the first section of the book: December 13 at 8:15 am at Kickapoo Coffee. We will be scheduling meetings for the next parts of the book after the holidays.

- The Parent Association

Festival of Light – Friday, December 20
10:45 a.m. in the PRWS Gym

To honor the season, we will celebrate the Festival of Light with all students in grades 1-8 performing. Please join us for this reverent, joyful, and candle-lit festival. Please have students in grades 5-8 dress in concert attire (white tops, black bottoms) and students in grades 1-4 dress in festive attire. Performers will have time to change before the festival if they would like.

Girls: White top which covers the shoulders, preferably long-sleeved. Black dress pants or skirt (mid-thigh or longer). Black shoes with a flat bottom or very conservative heel. Black tights if wearing a skirt. No jeans.

Boys: White shirt with collar, tucked in, dark pants, dark shoes. No jeans. All concert clothes must follow the PRWS dress code. Concert clothes that have been donated over the years are available for borrowing from the front office. Please call the office if you have any further questions.

- Stephanie Pedretti and Melissa Madura, Festival of Light Coordinators

PRWS Alumni Reunion

Monday, December 23rd, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., at The Driftless Café

Please stop in at the Driftless Cafe, 118 W. Court Street, Viroqua to catch up with past teachers, students, and friends of PRWS.

Alumni from all classes are welcome and encouraged to attend! Weigh-in on plans for Alumni events and initiatives as we gear up for our 40th Anniversary celebration this spring and the worldwide centennial anniversary celebration of Waldorf education. Dinner will be served and the bar will be open for drink

purchases. A \$10 donation is requested. **Thank you for helping spread the word to your PRWS pals!**

RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/570594990384929/Contact> or contact

Robin: robin@pleasantrydgewaldorf.org or 608.637.8504.

- Robin Kottke, Development Director

Admin

Got 45 Minutes? Sign up for a December 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! Sign up for December Lunch Shifts [Here](#).

Development

Holiday Faire: A Spectacular Success - So Much Gratitude to All

Bountiful thanks to all who co-created a truly magical Holiday Faire this past weekend. The school was transformed into a gorgeous winter wonderland by parents and students in just a few short hours! The Holiday Faire is an incredible gift to our children, ourselves, and the greater community. It provides a glimpse into and an invitation to partake in what we hold dear: the season's many gifts, beautiful food and drink, music, beauty, art, and, most importantly, community. How lovely it was to sing together around Friday's tree lighting, listen to the RidgeTones, share a beautiful meal, support local artisans, and boogie down at the dance party! Saturday, too, was a joy-filled day of music, delicious food and treats, crafts, a sweet puppet play, and scores of merry folks enjoying themselves. The turn-out both days was spectacular, and many a folk commented on how they were moved by, inspired, and grateful for our collective effort. Holiday Faire is a labor of love that really does require our entire PRWS village. Some of the

best connections and community-building happens while doing this work! Thank you much for signing up for shifts and filling in on-the-fly as needed. Every volunteer is vital to the joy and success of our Holiday Faire.

Special thanks to those who coordinated the following areas:

Artisan Market: Robin Kottke

Bake Sale: Julia Ugo & Martha Karlstad

Basket Raffle: Amber Biver, Kate Holmes, & Susan Holmes

Childcare: Jordan Brudos & YIHS students

Children's Activities Chair: Margret Lenarz

Children's Castle: Margret Lenarz & Monica DeClercq

Children's Crafts: Eva Schulte & Mandy Palen

Communications/Marketing: Jordan Brudos & Robin Kottke

Crystal Boat: Shelly Brenneman & Lisa Anderson

Dance Party & Sound: Chris Dunn

Entertainment: Dodie Whitaker

Faire Clean-Up: Mark LeMaire

Faire Decorating: Amber Knutson, Jillian Davis, Gail Doesken, Beck Hawklove, & Anna Kimm

Faire Treasurers: Mark Brudos & Dan Brown

Facilities Set-Up: Joe Lenarz

Friday Dinner: Lars Bergan & YIHS students

Friday Front Door: PRWS Board of Directors

Ice Skating: Mike Moon & Steven Kottke

Puppet Play: Vicki Ramsay

Saturday Lunch: Justina Manspeaker

Silent Auction: Amber Biver, Kate Holmes, & Susan Holmes

School Store: Jordan Brudos and Kathryn Ashley-Wright

Ticket Sales and at least one thousand other helpful things: Amber Knutson & Barb Andree

Tree Lighting: Julee Agar

Wassail Nightcap Bar: Aja Neidel & Caleb Nicholes

Website: Mark Brudos

Yuletide Café: Denise and TJ Semanchin/
Kicapoo Coffee

As always, we will be evaluating everything Holiday Faire in the coming few weeks. Your feedback is most appreciated. Please take the online survey that will be sent out shortly. Jot down your thoughts while they are fresh – what

you enjoyed, what you'd like to see in the future, and how or where you would like to be more involved. Our hearts are so very full. Thank you All!

Community News

YellowCello Youth Orchestra Performance


Thursday, Dec 12th at 7:00 PM at The Commons directed by Monika Sutherland. All are welcome to attend! PRWS students August Bieser, Anna Lena Derocher, Maya Fassbinder, Josiah Mangold, Wynne Roberts, Kyle Sleep, and Gibson Wade are participating along with VHS, Laurel, YIHS and homeschooled students.

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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@pleasantrydewaldorf.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.

January Lunch Menu

*One Form Per Person, Please. and down.		*Please circle the dates you want to have lunch.			*Add \$ totals across	
NAME _____ _____	6 Pizza With Salad	7 Burritos With Fruit	8 Soup With Bread	9 Shepherds Pie With Fruit	GF	
GRADE _____	13 Pasta Marinara With Coleslaw	14 Tostadas With Fruit	15 Chili With Cinnamon Rolls	16 Creamy Sweet Potato Lentils With Fruit	GF	
	20 Pizza With Salad	21 Black Bean Taco Bar With Fruit	22 Stew & Cornbread With Fruit	23 Rice & Veggies With Tofu and Fruit	GF	
	27 Baked Ziti With Salad	28 Enchiladas With Beans & Fruit	29 Soup With Bread	30 Baked Potatoes With Cheese & Fruit	GF	
	Monthly plan due by				Subtotal	
	All meals are \$3.50 each.				Credits	-
Monthly menu due by				Total		