

Holiday Faire Schedule

Friday, December 6, 6:00 p.m. - Midnight

6:00	Doors Open
6:30 – 8:30	Festive Dinner: Rustic International Beef Stew, Polenta, Lentils with Spinach and Winter Salad
7:00	YIHS Chamber Ensemble
7:30	Tree-Lighting Ceremony
7:45	The RidgeTones
9:00	Basket Raffle Drawing
9:30	Dance Party with DJ Chris Dunn
	Vendors & Café close for the evening
10:15	Friday Night Silent Auction closes
11:00	Bake Sale & Wassail Nightcap Bar close
12:00	Doors Close – see you in the morning!

Saturday, December 7, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

9:30	Doors Open
10:00/11:15/	Rapper Sword Dancing
1:00	
10:30/noon/	Puppet Show – <i>Lucia and the</i>
1:30	<i>Light</i> by Phyllis Root (25 min)
11:30-1:30	Holiday Luncheon: Hearty Soup, Salad, and Bread. Music provided by Kickapoo Pearls
1:30	Silent Auction closes
3:00	Doors Close – see you next year!

Holiday Faire

Holiday Faire Joyful Wassail for Adults, Friday, December 6, 6:00 p.m.-Midnight

Please join us for a magical evening with artisan vendors, a beautiful meal, decadent desserts and libations, silent auction, live music featuring the RidgeTones, tree lighting, raffle, and dance party featuring DJ Chris Dunn.

General Admission: \$8 advance/\$10 door (includes entry and entertainment)

Golden Wassail Pass: \$25 advance/\$30 door (includes entry, entertainment, festive meal, decadent dessert, and one Holiday Faire raffle ticket). Don your fanciest frocks and attire, or simply come as you are. Just be sure to get here; it's going to be a great night!

Online ticket sales for Friday Evening available [Here](#). No convenience fee, only convenience and savings! Advance tickets may also be purchased at the school's front office. Get yours today!

Spread the Word About the Faire!

The Holiday Faire is December 6 & 7.

The Holiday Faire is such a lovely way to usher in the season. It draws folks of all ages from near and far providing a glimpse into our school and what we hold dear—community, beautiful food, music, fine crafts, and reverence for the season. Be sure to invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers—the faire has something to offer everyone! Here's how:

- A personal invitation goes a long way! Direct folks to our website for more information and to purchase advance tickets for Friday evening's event. <https://pleasantridgewaldorf.org/>
- On Facebook: Indicate that you're going and share the event on your page (or invite folks you know right from the event page) <https://www.facebook.com/events/568171750659880/>

Thank you for spreading the word & Holiday Faire cheer!

Empty Cubbies

Please be sure to have your children bring home everything in their cubbies next Thursday, December 5th, so that the decorating elves can make everything beautiful before the Holiday Faire!

Holiday Faire Class Assignments

The Holiday Faire is a much-anticipated, all-school event that requires the participation of each PRWS parent. Each grade is assigned an area of the Faire to support through setup, staffing, cleanup, etc. Below are the parent assignments by grade. Signup sheets are available [Here](#). Let's fill those shifts! Thank you in advance for your support, and making the magic happen. We couldn't do it without you!

GRADE ASSIGNMENTS FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS:

- Kindergarten—Crystal Boat and Children's Crafts
- 1st and 2nd – Bake Sale and Café (Friday and Saturday shifts)
- 3rd – Friday Night Food Serving and Cleanup
- 4th – Faire Cleanup (Saturday)
- 5th – School Store (Friday and Saturday shifts)
- 6th – Lunch Service and Cleanup
 - Students help with Ice Skating Friday afternoon and lunch on Saturday
- 7th – Friday Afternoon Decorating
 - Students help with setup on Friday and assist with Children's Crafts on Saturday
- 8th – Children's Castle
 - Students help with setup on Friday and Children's Castle on Saturday

If your assigned area won't work for you or is already filled, simply sign up for a shift(s) in another area! Thanks for your support.

Friday Evening Childcare for Holiday Faire: Online Registration Open Now!

Childcare will once again be provided next door at The Landmark Center by Youth Initiative High School students from 5:45-11pm on Friday, December 6. [Please Click Here](#) for information and to register your child(ren).

Announcing 2019 Holiday Faire Artisan Market Vendors:

- **Amy Arnold:** Carved wood sculptures and earrings
- **Better Way Bags:** Cotton bags to replace single use plastic for produce
- **Connie Minowa Art:** Original art paintings, giclee prints, wearable art pendants and jewelry
- **Daisy Evans:** Mosaics
- **Gem Alchemy Creations:** Elegant hand-crafted necklaces/wrist wraps—silk ribbons & unique stones
- **Good Monday Group:** Hand-woven wool rugs, stained glass, yard art and mosaics
- **Honeypot Beeswax Candles & Busy Lizzy:** Beeswax candles & knitted animals and dolls
- **Jaali's Dollies:** Handmade soft sculpture dolls and creatures
- **Kindred and Nicholas WazeeGale:** Hand carved wooden ware, woven birchbark baskets, deerskin side bags and accessories
- **Lil' World Faerie Gardens:** Faerieish edibles, faeries, faerie scapes
- **Moondance Metals:** Fine metalsmithing, jewelry, enameling, a little wood working and sewn reticule bags
- **Nan Marshall Designs & Hub's Happy Hives Honey:** Metalwork jewelry; Local, raw honey
- **One Eyed Cat Crafts:** Handmade functional ceramic ware with funny pictures on them
- **Paper Scissors Stone:** Waldorf art and craft supplies
- **Pete Sandker Art:** Watercolor paintings, prints, and greeting cards
- **Pierce Hill Pottery:** Pottery
- **Pomegranate:** Handmade whimsical toys and clothing made from recycled fabrics
- **PRWS 6th Grade Class:** Jump ropes
- **PRWS 7th Grade Class:** Citrus blossoms & gift wrapping
- **PRWS 8th Grade Class:** Walking pickle cart, handmade signs

- **PS Pottery:** Pottery, wooden spoons, paper crafts
- **Ravencrafts:** Mythical creature jars, acrylic paintings, bead ornaments
- **Rebecca Felten:** Silverware jewelry & charm earrings
- **Red Lantern Leatherworks:** Custom bridle leather belts while you wait, wristbands & leather earrings
- **Sacred Folkways:** Beeswax candles, body care products, personal & home products
- **Scaly Wings & Things:** Ecology/nature inspired block print/screen printed art
- **Tree Bone Arts:** Earrings and holiday wreaths made from wild harvested and upcycled materials
- **UberDork Designs:** Whimsical fiber arts and kitschy clay ornaments
- **Viewpoint Farm Fibers and Handwovens:** Handwoven scarves, vests, wall hangings, wool and cotton floor rugs, and natural dyed yarns
- **Youth Initiative High School:** Screen printed, up-cycled tee-shirts and sweatshirts

Please extend a warm welcome to this year's artists and vendors! Thank you for supporting local artists and buying local!

Last Call for Silent Auction and Basket Raffle Donations!

It's not too late to donate an item, service, or experience to this year's silent auction/basket raffle. We welcome your ideas! Email donation ideas or suggestions to:

prwsholidayfaire@gmail.com. Thanks so much!

A Note About the Silent Auction & Basket Raffle:

Thanks to the generosity of many individuals and local businesses, we have a spectacular line-up of silent auction and basket raffle items this year. **Come prepared to bid!** The silent auction is one of our biggest Holiday Faire fundraisers. **Debit and credit cards will be accepted** again this year for your convenience.

NOTE: The basket raffle will take place Friday evening only. Bidding for other items will begin on Friday and carry over to Saturday. Another reason to attend both days!

- Kate Holmes and Amber Biver,
Silent Auction Coordinators

Pocket Person Trinkets Needed

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

The Bake Sale Needs You!

Get those cookies out of your house and bring them to the bake sale! Our Bake Sale needs your delicious contributions for the Holiday Faire! Let some last minute inspiration sweep over you and make some Christmas treats that you love to make but don't actually want in your house because your children will sneakily eat all of them. Please plan to bring your labeled baked goods (your name and all ingredients appreciated!!) to the Parent-Child Classroom (across from the 1st grade room) on Thursday after 3:00 p.m. or Friday before 2:00 p.m. Be sure to put your name your trays/containers. Have questions? Call or text Julia Ugo at 606-9125 or email juliahundt@gmail.com

Holiday Faire Ice Skating

As in the past, the Viroqua Community Arena has been reserved and is open for Pleasant Ridge children in grades 1-6 on **Friday, December 6th**, during the Holiday Faire setup. If your child wishes to skate, please make sure he/she brings a sack lunch to eat at school before walking or being driven to the arena. The cost for this activity is \$5. **Please pay in the office by Wednesday, December 4th.** Skates are available for rent at the arena for \$2 per child, which is paid for at the rink. All children must have a signed permission form to participate in skating. Forms are available in the office.

We are seeking parent drivers who are able to help transport children to the arena and also to help tie laces. Please see the signup sheet outside of the office. **If you sign up to drive, make sure that the office has a copy of your current driver's license and car insurance.**

One more thing to note is that the concession stand at the arena will be open during skating. While there are some healthier items available for purchase, there are also many sweets and soda. Please check-in with your child about what you feel is appropriate for them to purchase and how much spending money they are bringing.

- Mike Moon and Steven Kottke,
Skating Coordinators

Advent Spiral

Advent Spiral – Monday and Tuesday, December 9 & 10

Advent Sunday is the first of the four Sundays preceding Christmas (and if Christmas falls on a Sunday, that would be the fifth Sunday, not the fourth). Advent, then, is a period of time, not a single day or moment. It is a time of quiet preparation, of readying oneself to go without fear into the darkest time of year. Here, at Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School, each class will take turns walking through a spiral, lighting a candle, and placing the candle somewhere on the spiral. Parents are invited to attend their child's walk. They should arrive at the Old Main Building, 321 E. Decker, entering through the north door on Decker St., and be seated quietly before the walk begins. Doors will be locked once the walk begins. Times for each class are listed below:

Monday, December 9

8:30 a.m. – 4th grade
10:50 a.m. – 3rd grade
12:50 p.m. – 6th grade
1:50 p.m. – 1st & 2nd grade

Tuesday, December 10

8:30 a.m. – Kindergartens
11:15 a.m. – 7th grade
12:50 p.m. – 5th grade
1:50 p.m. – 8th grade

What is the Tradition of the Advent Spiral About?

The days are growing shorter, the mornings are darker when we get up, and in the absence of the sun, it is time to turn inward and create a little light of our own. Pleasant Ridge holds an Advent Garden spiral walk for all the students and for the community at large. We have a wonderfully diverse school community, so our celebration of the Advent Season means different things to different folks. The intention for this event is to invite a reverent experience in a world where reverence can be difficult to find. The Advent Garden is a world-wide Waldorf school tradition, but for anyone who has ever participated in or completed a meditative labyrinth walk, it can be a similar experience. It sets the mood for a holiday season filled with more stillness, reverence, contemplation and beauty amidst the prevailing hustle and bustle of shopping, parties, and general business that surround us in November and December.

Here is a little bit of history regarding the origins of the Advent Garden: It came about in 1926, when Dr. Karl Schubert, a remedial teacher from the Stuttgart Waldorf School, became familiar with the spiral movement as a curative form for the rhythmic and sensory system. Later, he was inspired by a Bavarian custom of creating a moss garden with fir twigs that was then lit up by candles mounted in apples. Dr. Schubert created a big spiral out of moss and fir branches onto which each person walked to light their own apple candle from the center and then placed it along the path, until the whole spiral garden was illuminated. The movement included going into and going out of the spiral. As each person walks in darkness into the center of the spiral, they find the eternal light that is always present to enlighten every human being.

- Advent Spiral Committee