



## Calendar

**Thu Jan 16** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parent Meeting, 5:30 – 7:00

**Fri Jan 17** - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Eurythmy Performance

**Mon Jan 20** – Morning assembly, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Tue Jan 21** – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Pentathlon Parent Meeting

**Wed Jan 29** – Kindergarten Parent Evening, 5:30-6:30

**Mon Feb 3-14** – Re-enrollment period

**Sat Feb 8** – Kindergarten Morning

**Tue Feb 11** – 9:00 a.m., Gr 1-5 Vision & Hearing Testing

**Thu Feb 13** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade play

**Fri Feb 14** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade play.  
Re-enrollment period ends

**Feb 17 -21** – Parent/Teacher Conferences and Winter Break

**Mon Feb 24** – School resumes

## Friday Assembly

Assembly begins at 8:20 AM

Jan 17 – No Assembly

Jan 20 - \*Monday 9:00 a.m., Martin Luther King Jr.

Jan 24 – No Assembly

Jan 31 – Odd Grades/Korean Farewell

## What's Cooking!

**Listen Up! This week on Pleasant Ridge Today, the official Podcast of PRWS:**



**Listen to this week's episode for** news about upcoming school and community events:

<https://pleasantridgewaldorf.org/1-11-20/>

Curious about the origins and evolution of the annual visit by our Korean friends? Check out last year's interview with Loma Huh, Sumi Huh, and Jordan Brudos about this English Language immersion and exchange that has become a much-anticipated tradition. Learn more about this program, its origins, and evolution over the past several years. **Listen to Korean Student Visit Information (encore presentation) from Pleasant Ridge Today here:**

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/pleasant-ridge-today/id1448960566?i=1000460685072>

Thanks for listening! Robin Kottke & David Levin

### **100 in 100 Campaign Update & Gratitude:**

Our second annual 100% participation in 100 days Annual Giving challenge was a great success! Thank you, All, for your gifts and pledges to the school's Annual Giving campaign. **To date, we have reached 100% participation from the board, faculty and staff, and 98% participation from the parent body.** That's amazing. Together we really can do so much! Thank you for helping pay this beautiful education forward. Pledged gifts may be paid through the end of the fiscal year (June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020). Thank you again!

**Congratulations** to the six students who participated in the LAMFA Honors Orchestra on Saturday, January 11! The following students were involved: Reid Brown, Andrew Fassbinder, Owen Froeschl, Zaiyah Manspeaker, Wynne Roberts, Nanuka Schirmer and Gibson Wade. These musicians travelled to Logan Middle School and spent over 5 hours rehearsing with guest conductor, Dr. Spencer Martin who is Professor of Music at Luther College in Decorah, IA. The day concluded with a wonderful concert of the music they had worked on throughout the day. BRAVO to these young musicians!



**Raffle Tickets are IN!**

Please stop by and pick up your raffle packets on the table just outside the Office!

**Need Help Selling Your Raffle Tickets?**

**Let us help you!**

No need to reinvent the wheel when it comes to selling raffle tickets. Consider leveraging your social media accounts if you have them. Visit the Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School page on Facebook and/or Instagram where you'll find a shareable post complete with raffle information and photos of our awesome prizes. Feel free to simply share these with your personal network! Or contact Robin Kottke at [robin@pleasantrydgewaldorf.org](mailto:robin@pleasantrydgewaldorf.org) for an email version you can simply forward to your loved ones.

**Hot Lunch Volunteer Help Needed!**

**HELP!** We still need more volunteers to help prep and serve in the kitchen for January. Please consider signing up for at least one volunteer shift using [the following link](#): Thank you!

**Re-Enrollment Week for School Year 2020-2021**

**February 3 – 14, 2020**

Please look for program changes, additions, re-enrollment forms, tuition information, and adjustment applications beginning February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Registration fee of \$165 per family** is due with your re-enrollment form by **February 14**.

Registration fee **AFTER** February 14 will be \$500. Tuition Adjustment applications will be due **February 14<sup>th</sup>**.

- Admin Team

**Ice Skating this Year**

Each winter, the students in 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades have an opportunity to ice skate at the Park Bowl during their movement class, weather and ice permitting. Given the recent warm weather, going skating may be unpredictable. First through 3<sup>rd</sup> grades will only go once/week. To make this possible, please work with your child at home teaching them to

tie their own skates as we will not have skate tying volunteers this year.

**School skates will be available in the gym after school to try on and sign up to borrow during the first two weeks of school in January.**

The sign up will be self-serve. You can also find used skates at Play it Again Sports in La Crosse, and they also can sharpen them. You can also get skates sharpened at the Viroqua Arena. Anyone with skates to sell, please notify the Lunchbox Express, and we will put an ad for you in the Community News. It is important for all students to have good laces, blade guards, and sharpened skate blades

All students need full winter outdoor gear; snow pants, mittens, warm socks, hats and warm coats.

Lerie Alstad van Ells, Movement Teacher

**Fall Event & Festival Photos on the Parent Portal~ Check Them out Here!**

Check out the gorgeous images of school events and download your favorite via the PRWS Parent Portal here:

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

Special thanks to Bryn and Beck Hawklove, Kate Holmes, Anna Kimm, and Drew Shonka for capturing PRWS events so beautifully!

**Save the Date!**

PRWS 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner & Celebration is scheduled for **Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020**.

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

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Eurythmy Performance**

On February 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym, the eighth graders will present the culmination of their eurythmy curriculum: The Brothers Grimm, 'The Goose Girl.'

- Joshua Ecklund, Eurythmy Teacher

**Thinking about kindergarten for your child next year? If so, join us for an upcoming Kindergarten Morning!**

Saturday, February 8 OR Friday, March 13  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



All parents who are interested in finding out more about our kindergarten program are encouraged to attend one of these mornings with their child. Registration is required, as space is limited. Contact Jordan at 637-7828 or email [enrollment@pleasantrydgewaldorf.org](mailto:enrollment@pleasantrydgewaldorf.org) to register.

-Jordan Brudos, Enrollment & Outreach Coordinator

**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. We will be focusing on Part 2 in January and February. Join us anytime, even if have not been able to be part of earlier meetings!

**January 17 at 8:15 AM** at the Viroqua Food Co-op

**January 31 after the assembly** in the Parent Child room

**February 14 after the assembly** in the Parent Child room

**Summer Camp 2020**

Planning for the PRWS 2020 Summer Camp Program has begun! We are looking for camp leaders who would like to lead a camp (days/times can be flexible). Past camps have included gardening, nature exploration, mask-making, archery, circus arts, movement, drawing, etc. Contact Jordan at

[enrollment@pleasantrydgewaldorf.org](mailto:enrollment@pleasantrydgewaldorf.org) if you are interested in learning more about becoming a camp leader.

-Jordan Brudos, Enrollment & Outreach Coordinator

**Register now for the next session of Parent-Child Classes!**

Parents and their young children (ages 1-4) can join Ms. Martha once a week on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings from 8:45-10:45 a.m. Classes begin the week of March 3. Cost is \$135 for the 9-week session. [Click here](#) for more information and registration form.

Contact Jordan at [enrollment@pleasantrydgewaldorf.org](mailto:enrollment@pleasantrydgewaldorf.org) with questions or to register for the session.

-Jordan Brudos, Enrollment & Outreach Coordinator

## Community News

**Best Seed Prices**

Are you interested in getting the best seed prices of the year? Pick up your Fedco catalog – available by the Parent Library at PRWS or from Arwyn at VFC. Peruse, dream and plan! Fill out the order form with your information, down to the subtotal line. Choose between getting a 5% discount off order or donating all discount to Growing for Good. Let us know by attaching a note to the order. Also state where you would like to pick up seeds – at GFG or via Arwyn. Get an order form to Arwyn by Jan. 18 at Growing for Good greenhouse on Wed. or VFC. Pay when the order comes in in February. Questions? Call or Text Arwyn 632-7217

**Candlemas Dinner**

Now is the time to get tickets for YIHS's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Candlemas Dinner, Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> at Rooted Spoon. Doors open at 6pm for this special evening that will include a four-course dinner with tantalizing appetizers, wine, live music and silent auction – all carefully crafted by students, parents and Rooted



Spoon staff. Join us to celebrate the return of the light and to catch-up with friends. Information [here](#). Sliding scale tickets can be purchased at <https://yih.s.ludus.com/index.php> If you need more information, contact Justina at 608-797-7826.

**Call For Talent!**

Do you have a talent or act that you would like to share? YIHS will be hosting the 3rd Annual Community Talent Show on Saturday, January 25th. This is a fun, community-building event bringing laughter and delight in the dark months of winter. So c'mon and join us! Share your gifts with the world! Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/2Z5cMl6> Deadline January 20th.

**Potluck of Ideas**

Curious about Youth Initiative High School? Please join us for our 2nd Potluck of Ideas, Thursday, January 23 at 5:30. This is an opportunity to meet parents and students in addition to seeing what the students have been working on for the last quarter. We hope to see you there!

**Eggs**

Cassell Hollow Farm has a new batch of pastured laying hens and we will be providing eggs to the kindergarten class each week. Additional multi-colored eggs will be available in a cooler outside the Cherry Blossom classroom for \$4/dozen every Monday. Our birds are fed non-GMO feed.

**Biodynamic Agriculture Study Group**

On Wednesdays, beginning this week, from 3-4pm we will begin to study the Agriculture Lectures of Rudolf Steiner. The group will meet at Growing for Good. It is open to beginners as well as others who have practiced BD. There is no need to have the book to start attending our meetings.

**The Commons**

Regrettably, The Commons has to suspend serving lunches indefinitely. Please spread the word. However, The Free Store and The TeaRoom ARE open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please explore what's available in The Free Store or have a cup of tea, relax, read, etc. in the TeaRoom (café) during those hours.

Thank you for supporting this community and art center!

Go to [www.thecommonsviroqua.org](http://www.thecommonsviroqua.org) for more information about events.

**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.