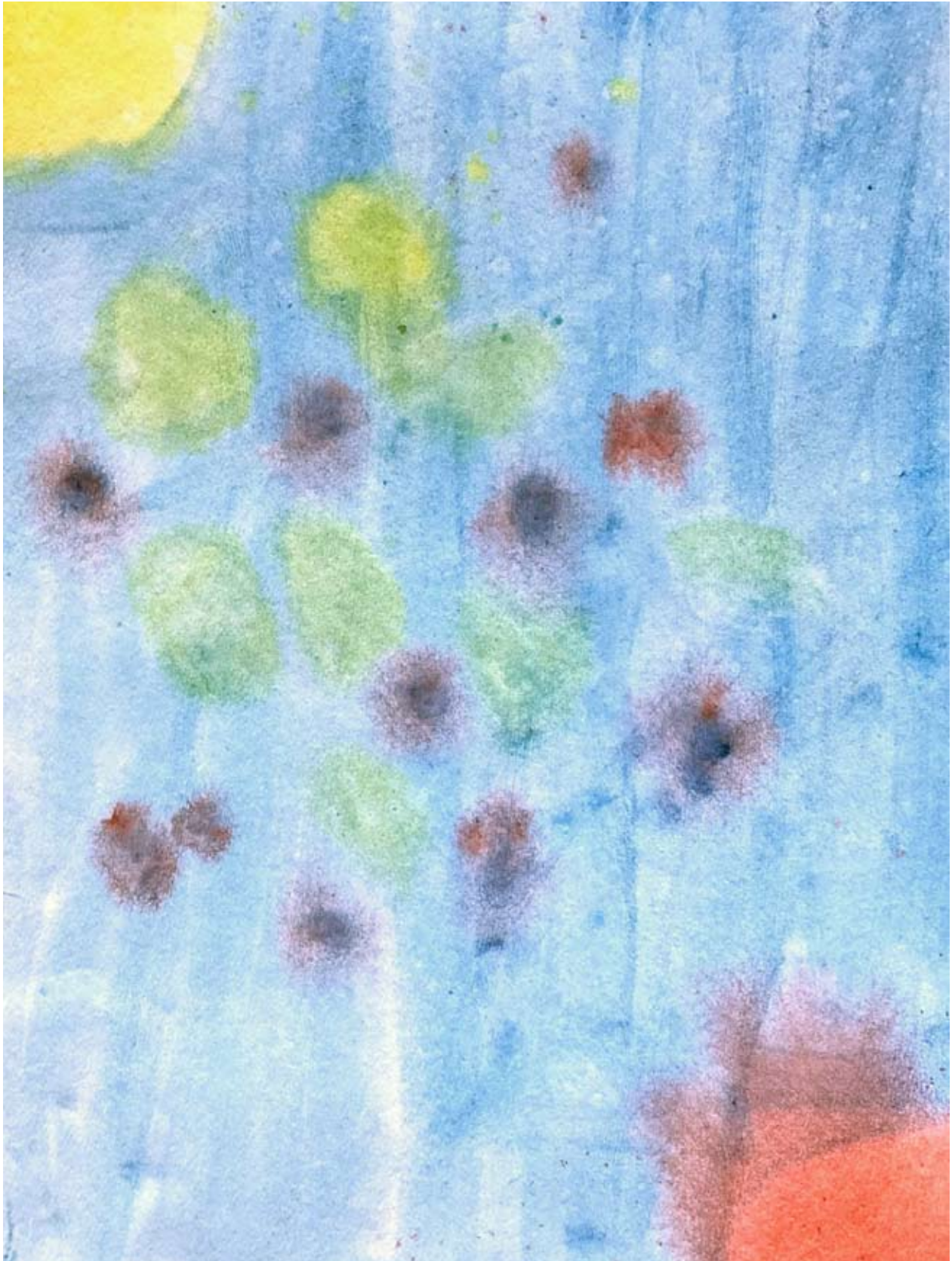


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## COMING EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 22 WOW! Wednesday
- 31 Lunar New Year Celebration

### FEBRUARY

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- 17-21 Winter Break, No School
- 26 WOW! Wednesday

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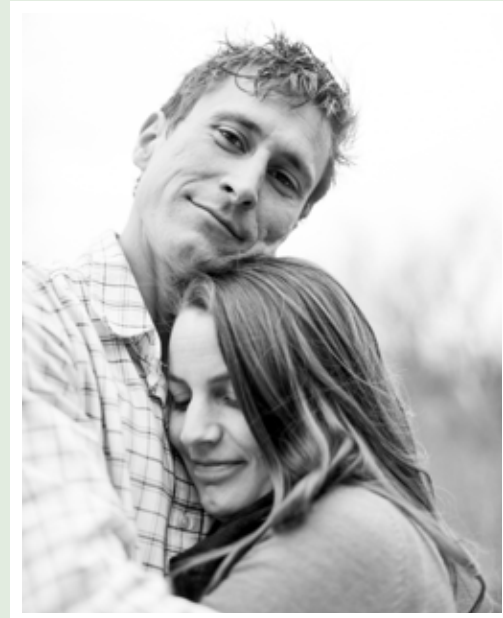
- 17-20 8th Grade Project Presentations
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A Walk Through the Grades
- 29 Raffle Party

### APRIL

- 9 WOW! Wednesday
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- 14-21 Spring Break, No School

### MAY

- 2 May Day Festival
- 15 Pentathlon
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- 30 Kindergarten Early Dismissal at 10:30  
Closing Day, Early Dismissal  
End of Year Picnic  
Graduation



#### In Loving Memory of Dave (Hibbard-Rode) Puig

We are heartbroken by the loss of Dave Puig in a work accident on November 12. Everyone who knew Dave knew they were loved by him. His wife, Feliciano (class of 2000), and their two precious daughters, Alma (5) and Zola (1), have suffered an immeasurable loss.

Dave was a treasured part of all the communities he was a part of, and there were many. He epitomized kindness, generosity, connection, care, and joy. Dave was always, always ready to help others in whatever creative, concrete, unique, and needed ways arose. He will be deeply missed by his family and many friends, whose lives he touched just by being himself.

Dave influenced the lives of many PRWS alumni through his amazing expedition programs offered through Youth Initiative High School and Thoreau College. His ethos as an educator was characterized by an unshakeable belief in the inner capacities and strength of the young people he served, especially in moments when they didn't see it themselves. We offer this GoFundMe link for anyone who feels moved to extend help to his young family.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## WELCOME

This year we have 10 new families joining the school, 4 new siblings of current or former students, and 1 returning student, for a total of 17 new and returning students. Below is a list of our new parents, where they are from, the names and grades of their children, and the parents' occupations and interests. I have included a list of students returning after a year or more away and new siblings of current or former students as well. Welcome, new families and students—we are happy you are here!

—Hannah Hastings, Enrollment and Outreach Coordinator

## New Families

**Lucie & Neal Sawyer – Princeton, IA**  
**Ruben – Grade 5**  
**Iris – Grade 2**

Lucie works as a water resource engineer and enjoys spending time outside and learning and remembering ways of being creative and having fun. Neal works as a farmer and social worker and enjoys playing jazz piano and eliciting a genuine laugh in daily conversation. As a family they enjoy games, gardening, playing music, reading, swimming, biking, and camping. After 18 years spent on their family farm, Lucie said they “recognized the importance of community in raising a family and feel especially grateful to have found so much support here in this amazing school and community.”

**Anna & Ryan Kimm – Hopkins, MN**  
**Andie – Grade 6**

Anna enjoys yoga, dance, and art. Ryan enjoys playing baseball and is a musician—find him at [musicwithryan.com](http://musicwithryan.com)! As a family, Ryan, Anna, and their two children enjoy traveling, playing with their dog, wrestling, music, and games. Ryan and Anna said they wanted to live in a small town and decided on Viroqua because of the community, beautiful land and nature, and good school options.

**Amanda & Michael Hautanen – Viroqua, WI**  
**Nora – Grade 6**

Amanda is a registered nurse and is interested in environmental health, reading, knitting, outdoor adventures, and traveling. Michael is a fabricator and enjoys biking, skateboarding, and cooking. Together this family enjoys hiking, traveling, and evenings at home with delicious food and great reading materials! When asked what drew them to PRWS, they said it was the sense of community and meeting people with like-minded interests.

**Jessi & Jared Wermager – Montana**  
**Sonora – Grade 7**

Jared works as a mortgage lender and enjoys bow hunting, kayaking, sculpting with plaster, woodworking, passive solar/natural home building, and regenerative farming. Jessi is a professional chicken wrangler with a passion for herbalism, wild crafting, foraging, shoemaking, and baking. Jared and Jessi enjoy hiking, kayaking, exploring/traveling, and gardening with their daughter Sonora and their younger daughter Lumin, who is 4. When asked what brought them to this area, Jared and Jessi said, “We fell in love with the community during our visit last summer. The kind people, community focus, large number of family farms, and especially PRWS stole our hearts.”

**Tina & Ryan Elliott – Madison, WI**  
**Atlas – Kindergarten**  
**Rosalie – Grade 1**

Tina works as a psychotherapist and enjoys gardening, knitting, hiking, reading, nature, spirituality, nutrition, and herbalism. Ryan is a social worker/psychotherapist who enjoys playing music, rock climbing, water sports, nature, and woodworking. As a family, they enjoy going for nature walks to look and listen for animals. They also enjoy games, dancing, traveling, celebrating holidays, and playing music together. Tina and Ryan said, “We were drawn to the Waldorf philosophy because of the focus on teaching according to developmental stages, festivals, sense of sacredness, the slowing down/celebration of childhood, and learning to love the process of learning. We’ve always wanted to live in a community closer to wild lands while also being socially supported and connected, and Viroqua checks those boxes.”

**Heather & Dallas SeEVERS – Viroqua, WI**  
**Charlotte – Kindergarten**

Heather owns and manages the Viroqua Athletic Club in the Landmark Building, and Dallas is a design engineer for S&S Cycle and a PRWS alumnus! Charlotte attended our Parent-Child classes with Ms. Martha before joining the kindergarten this fall. The family enjoys playing games, going for walks, attending community events, and traveling together.

**Elsa & Marcus Macauley – New York**  
**Maira – Kindergarten**

Marcus works in IT and has a love of classical music, carried over from his early career as a pianist. Elsa is a eurythmist and is currently working at PRWS practicing therapeutic eurythmy. Elsa, Marcus and Maira moved to Viroqua from New York State last summer and enjoy hiking, reading, cooking, fermenting, eating meals, doing chores, gardening, and making music together.

**Paul & Sunwoo Lee – Evanston, IL**  
**SooHo – Kindergarten**

Paul is a pastor at the Viroqua United Methodist Church, and Sunwoo is a homemaker, caring for SooHo and their youngest, Sua. Paul and Sunwoo enjoy walking, shopping, reading books, and role-playing with their family.



Josie Porter, Grade 5

**Kim & Ed Anderson – Illinois**  
**Ella – Kindergarten**

Kim works as the Marketing and Events Coordinator for PRWS and enjoys hiking, music, nature, yoga, and volleyball. Ed is a musician with special interest in nature, baseball, reading, writing, and recording. Together their family enjoys hiking, listening to and playing music, making art (drawing, coloring, painting), doing crafts, puzzles and games, and gardening. When asked what drew them to Waldorf education, Kim and Ed said, “It is our hope that Ella’s reverence for nature continues to grow, her creativity is nurtured, that she develops lifelong friendships, and finds true joy in learning through her Waldorf education.”

## Returning Students

**Griffin – Grade 2**, son of Alyson & AJ Morgan

## New Siblings

**Sylvi – Kindergarten**, daughter of Emily & Chris Grantham

**Charlee – Kindergarten**, daughter of Mark Bancroft & Alyssa Fletcher

**Gwenyth – Kindergarten**, daughter of Zoe & Joe Ellerbusch

**Frederick – Grade 1**, son of Mike & Samantha Severson

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## New Faculty & Staff for 2024-25 School Year

Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School warmly welcomes our new hires for the 2024–25 school year! We are excited to introduce the following staff and faculty members, some new to our community and others stepping into new roles within the school:

**Mandy Palen:** Kindergarten Guest Lead Teacher, *Cherry Blossom*

**Annah Brown:** Morning Kindergarten Assistant, *Cherry Blossom*

**Cheyenne Nash:** Afternoon Kindergarten Assistant, *Cherry Blossom*

**Susana Ruder:** Kindergarten Lead Teacher, *Violet*

**Sarah Rowe:** Morning Kindergarten Assistant, *Violet*

**Sabina Myzka:** Afternoon Kindergarten Assistant, *Violet*

**Shannon Landis:** Kindergarten Program Director

**Carrie Treviranus:** Grade 1 Class Teacher

**Mark John:** Student Support Coordinator

**Elsa Macauley:** Therapeutic Eurythmy & Eurythmy Guest Teacher, *Grade 7*

**Joe Ellerbusch:** Movement/Games Teacher, *Grades 4, 6-8 & Student Support*

**AnnaJo Doerr:** Movement/Games Teacher, *Grades 1-3, 5*

**Kelly Slentz:** Development Director

**Kim Anderson:** Marketing & Events Coordinator

**Whitney Hansel:** Office Manager, *5 days*

**Mike Severson:** Custodial & Maintenance

## Spring Valley Ensemble

The Eurythmy Spring Valley Ensemble offered two public workshops on Saturday afternoon, October 19, before performing for the community that evening at The Commons. They also shared programs for all the children at PRWS on Monday, October 21.

Based in Spring Valley, New York, and the ensemble is composed of some of the finest eurythmists in the world, including teachers in the Eurythmy Spring Valley School of Eurythmy. The ensemble has performed all over North America as well as in Europe and Asia. We are very lucky to have them come to our school! It was especially exciting that our former student, Carly Horan (class of 2014) accompanied the ensemble as the speech artist as she graduated from the Speech Formation course at Eurythmy Spring Valley, and this was her debut performance with the traveling troupe.

## Enchanted Forest

The Enchanted Forest is a much-anticipated annual Halloween tradition for the whole family. This year's magical, guided walk through the woods with the eighth grade class was based on "Winnie the Pooh and Friends in the Hundred Acre Wood". It was a search for Pooh's honey. Rabbit gave out seeds to the children and everyone got a honey stick in the end.

Special thanks to Paula Grenier and PRWS Class of 2025 families for coordinating this event, and to Cindy and Joy Hubbard for use of their land.



## Martinmas Lantern Walk



Families and children in Kindergarten through fourth grade gathered by the picnic shelter at Sidie Hollow Park for our annual Martinmas Lantern Walk on Friday, November 8. This peaceful and reverent event encourages us to carry forth our light into the darkness that winter brings.

## Fall Concert

PRWS students in grades 5 through 8 offered a concert of choral and instrumental music on Monday, November 18. This concert, free and open to the public, featured Grade 5 strings, Grade 5 recorders, Grades 5/6 and 7/8 choruses, the 6/7/8 recorder ensemble, and the 6/7/8 string orchestra. We are grateful to Ms. Madura and Ms. Pedretti for their expert guidance!

## PRWS Student Support

### Mark John

This year Mark John is piloting the new role of Integrated Student Support Coordinator. He is continuing the foundational work that has been done over the last couple of years and formalizing the roles for supporting students with academic, behavioral or social issues. Over the past couple of decades, he has worked with Kim John Payne in two other schools, Minnesota Waldorf School in Saint Paul, Minnesota, and Haleakala Waldorf School in Kula, Maui, Hawaii. Kim's work has grown and deepened over this time, and we are grateful that he is our mentor and guide as we integrate this work into our school culture. This year we will periodically post articles for parents to read to see what we are doing and references that they can use for parenting.

### Joe Ellerbusch

This marks the second year Mr. Joe has been a part of the PRWS community. After spending the 2023–2024 school year as an assistant and guest teacher for the Movement and Games classes, he is filling a dual role as the Movement and Games teacher for grades 4 and 6 through 8 as well as part-time Student Support Coordinator. Joe hopes to bring the experience and knowledge he gained over 10-plus years as a special education teacher to support students socially, emotionally and academically. Joe is excited and grateful to be able to contribute to the PRWS community.

### Elsa Macauley

Elsa's interest in Waldorf education began as a young adult and was kindled as she went through Arcturus Waldorf Teacher Training in Chicago. After graduating, she continued to deepen her understanding of the nature of the human being through movement at Eurythmy Spring Valley and has spent 12 years performing with the Eurythmy Spring Valley Ensemble as well as teaching eurythmy to adults (Eurythmy Spring Valley) and children (the Otto Specht School). Concurrently, she completed her MA in Eurythmy Therapy and worked therapeutically supporting children with learning challenges and developmental disabilities as well as adults needing support.

## WOW! Days



Waldorf Open Wednesdays offer a window into the classrooms and the magic of Waldorf education. Parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors (adults only please) are warmly invited to these monthly open houses. Here, participants will have the opportunity to observe a portion of the morning's Main Lesson in both lower and upper grades.

Please call Hannah Hastings at 608-638-0802 for more information or to sign up! Space is limited and RSVPs are required. We hope to see you there!

### Upcoming WOW! Dates:

January 22 | 8:15–10:00am  
February 26 | 8:15–10:00am  
April 9 | 8:15–10:00am

## Introduction to Waldorf Education: A Walk Through the Grades

March 26, 2025 | 5:30 – 7:00 pm

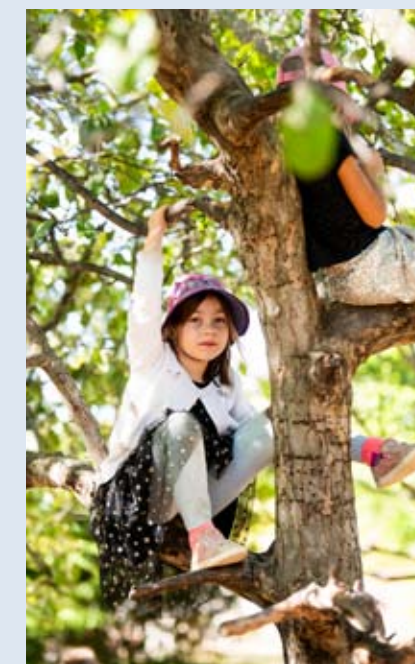
Want to learn more about Waldorf Education?!

Join us for a window onto the Waldorf classroom and experience the magic of Waldorf education! Parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors are warmly invited to join us for an Introduction to Waldorf Education. This event is for adults only, please.

Beloved teachers Mr. Schmidt (grade 3) and Mr. Schirmer (grade 7) will guide us on a journey through the grades that PRWS students (and students at Waldorf schools across the globe) experience. Here participants will gain a deeper understanding of how Waldorf philosophy and curriculum meet the child where they are at every stage of development. Join us to learn more about this inspired, joyful education and how it prepares children for a world that needs them.

PRWS Enrollment Coordinator Hannah Hastings will also be available before and after the event to answer any questions on enrollment or the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program.

Registration is required for this free event. Please call Hannah Hastings at 608-638-0802 with any questions or to register.



# Donor Spotlight: Diane and David Banner

by Kelly Slentz

Diane and David Banner moved to the Viroqua area in 1995. Their youngest child, Katelyn, joined the third grade that year with teacher Anne-Marie Fryer. Since then, the Banners have been an integral part of the Pleasant Ridge Waldorf Community. I recently asked Diane about her family's experience with PRWS.



## How did you first connect with Pleasant Ridge? What drew you to the school?

When I was doing my own teacher training, I took advantage of the opportunity to visit the Chicago Waldorf schools, and this educational approach really resonated with me. Some years later, my daughter attended the Waldorf school in Sacramento for second and third grade. Katelyn immediately took to this education style and asked that we never send her to any other type of school! Meanwhile, David and I were on a search for a permanent place to settle down—we visited friends and family in cities and countryside in about 12 different states during the search. On a visit to Spring Green, Wisconsin, we fell in love with the area. Friends had told us about Pleasant Ridge. Upon contacting the school, we appreciated the welcoming tone of their correspondence. Our daughter's soon-to-be teacher, Anne-Marie Fryer, was warm and friendly.

In addition to being a PRWS parent, I also became a faculty and staff member. I spent a couple summers training in Waldorf education. After some substitute teaching, I took over as lead teacher for a class in their second and third grades. I then worked as the Enrollment Director for about seven years. I knew every student, family, grandparent, aunt and uncle and really enjoyed being so deeply immersed in the community.

## What are your favorite memories from that time?

I always loved the assemblies. There were so many times where I felt a welling up in myself, bringing me to the edge of tears, because I was so moved by the beauty of what was offered—the songs, the movement, the recitations.

## How has PRWS impacted your child and family?

My daughter learned a love for working with her hands that serves as a great balance to her computer-based job. Though she now has a little one of her own, which has cut down on her handwork time, she enjoys crocheting animals and has made many adorable gifts for nieces, nephews, and friends' children, including a duck with a beret who goes by Professor Quack. If it were not for her Waldorf education, she likely never would have learned to knit or crochet.

Our family as a whole has really come to appreciate Waldorf education. Even our sons, who were too old to attend PRWS when we moved to Viroqua, developed a deep appreciation through watching Kate's experience and development.

## What do you appreciate most about PRWS?

I have had so much appreciation and respect for the passionate and talented faculty. Anne-Marie was a wonderful teacher and tremendous mentor. She loved her students as if they were her own children.

I also love how music, movement and arts are woven into everything. It makes the education so soulful, which unfortunately seems lacking in a lot of public and private education. Even mathematics is taught through movement! Another thing I really appreciate is the emphasis on balance and the rhythm of out-breaths and in-breaths, of bigger, louder activities followed by quieter, focused activities. This is healthy for all of us in life.

I value the sense of community in the school. The older children really know the younger children, and vice versa. They care about each other like a big extended family. The opportunities to volunteer side by side with other parents have also made me feel more connected.

## How are you involved with the school today?

I've been volunteering to substitute teach, mostly in the Kindergarten, as needed. This year I'm excited to be reading to the first grade every day during their rest time. I also enjoy volunteering at the school library, helping to shelve books and keep things organized.

## What hopes do you have for the school going forward?

I hope the school continues to attract outstanding teachers and new families both from outside of the area and from within. I hope the school continues to be flexible and maintains somewhat of a beginner's mind so that it is open to changing and evolving. Ultimately, I hope the school continues to thrive and provide a healthy education that helps young people become creative thinkers and doers.

## Why do you choose to support PRWS financially?

My husband and I both are so appreciative of Waldorf education, this school and what it provides for the larger community. We truly want to see it continue to thrive, so every year we have given something. Some years we've been able to give more than others, but it's always been top of the list of what we want to support.

One year, we chose to donate in the form of trees planted in and around the school play yard. There was only one tree when we moved here! A few others were also inspired to supplement our donation with additional trees. This really transformed the environment for the children and community to better enjoy the space. I really enjoy the bursting of color from the autumn blaze maples in the fall!

## Why do you think it's important for the whole community to support PRWS?

PRWS attracts and keeps families in the area, enriching our small town and making it more diverse and open. Many creative endeavors that have come out of families that have moved here have enriched the quality of life, whether they are contributing as a business owner, a musician or an artist. This infusion of creativity has made this community a healthier and more fulfilling place to live.



# Therapeutic Eurythmy

by Mary Christenson



Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School has hired Elsa Macauley, a therapeutic eurythmist, in a guest teacher capacity as we strive to build and fully fund our new therapeutic eurythmy program. Elsa comes to us from New York, where she worked with the Eurythmy Spring Valley Ensemble and offered therapeutic eurythmy to children at the Otto Specht School. During the summer Elsa moved to Viroqua with her husband, Marcus, and their daughter, Moira, and began working to find funding and support for the program.

As a trained therapeutic eurythmist employed by the school, she applied to ATHENA (the Association for Therapeutic Eurythmy in North America) and received a small grant to initiate the program, which PRWS matched. Elsa will work with the faculty as well as parents to help them understand the role of therapeutic eurythmy in child development for specific children and how it can help strengthen a whole class, in the context of our overall Integrated Student Support Program.

Through the development office, the school has been granted additional resources from the Waldorf School Fund and the Rudolf Steiner Charitable Trust to guarantee the program for this school year. The full cost of the therapy will be covered by the school to ensure that all children are able to participate.

The goals of the program are:

- (1) to experience how therapeutic eurythmy brings harmony and balance to students who are struggling.
- (2) that the program will continue to expand in relation to the needs of the school in support of the health of the students. The creation and expansion of therapeutic eurythmy is a perfect way to ensure that we work in an anthroposophically informed way in serving a diverse group of students.

In taking this step, Pleasant Ridge honors the pioneering work of Diane Mamroe and Annette Conlon, two former therapeutic eurythmists who taught pedagogical eurythmy at PRWS and organized weekend appointments for students twice a year. This feels like both a full-circle return and a giant step forward!

# DEVELOPMENT

## Greetings from the Development Office!

I returned from maternity leave mid-November and am happy to be jumping back into the thick of things. I'm also excited to share that we have a new Marketing and Events Coordinator: Kim Anderson. We are so thankful that Kim, with her extensive experience in events and fundraising, has joined the team. She has already done a lot of great work, including putting on a successful Grandparents and Special Friends Day and playing a critical role in the Holiday Faire!

**Our Annual Appeal** is underway. We are grateful to everyone who participates in this way as it is a major part of our funding. We are especially blessed to receive gifts from so many former parents, students, and friends who lovingly hold Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School in their hearts. We are still working toward our annual goal of \$55,000 and are about two-thirds of the way there. We invite you to invest in the long-term health of our school with a gift to PRWS. You may use the gift envelope enclosed in this issue or visit our Donate page for other options: <https://pleasantridgewaldorf.org/giving/donate/> Thank you to all!

**Grandparents and Special Friends Day** is our biggest autumn event led by the Development Office. This year more than 100 guests came to experience an all-school assembly, observe Main Lesson, tour the school and subject classes, and socialize over a delicious lunch. Alumna Zoe (Coleman) Ellerbusch, class of 2001, was our guest speaker. Thanks to a grant awarded to the school, Zoe was able to work with PRWS as a school counselor one day per week in the 2023–2024 school year. She also led several trainings for the teachers to better support their own mental health and that of their students, in order to create the optimal environment for learning. Zoe is a licensed professional counselor (LPC) and works as a therapist through Stonehouse Counseling. Her husband, Joe, teaches Movement (Grades 4 and 6 through 8) and serves as a co-coordinator for Integrated Student Support at PRWS.

Zoe gave a wonderful presentation about our skilled teachers and the enthusiasm they put into meeting the children's needs. She specifically noted the high level of professionalism and passion with which the teachers approach each day, and her immense gratitude for the education her daughters (Everly, grade 2, and Gwenyth, Kindergarten) are receiving. As an example, she admired Ms. Beth's creativity in teaching multiplication to the second grade. Instead of the typical flashcards, the students traced the geometric pattern of the numbers by walking the form, they learned relation to each other through cooperative group achievement, and a sense of front brain mastery when all the pieces fit together. A Waldorf education continuously creates positive muscle memory through exploring movement and patterns with friends, which also instills a love for learning.

Zoe also engaged the audience in a fruitful discussion about specific ways we can better support our teachers and their classes. Some attendees asked questions about projects, classroom items, and/or training opportunities for teachers that could be funded in the future. This feedback supports our ongoing



Grandparents and Special Friends Day, October 18, 2024.

efforts to bring transparency to the giving process and helps grandparents and special friends feel a part of the powerful education we are providing.

Not only is this annual event a fun day for the children to show off what they are doing at school, but it is a major tool in building and engaging our community. It's a chance to show how our school is nurturing and supporting children in their development toward becoming confident, compassionate problem-solvers for a world that needs them. Grandparents and special friends are important supporters of our school and are particularly dedicated to seeing our students thrive. This event inspired many guests to make a financial gift to the school, for which we are deeply grateful.

Many volunteers made this a great experience for all. Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen!

**Our Annual Raffle** has been kicked off by our Raffle Committee: Simon Stumpf, Kim Anderson, Erica Gerrity, and Kelly Slentz. Jordan Brudos also stepped in as a temporary member and has been a great help. The theme this year is "The Great Outdoors." The PRWS community has a deep respect and love for nature, which is cultivated in our students through our outdoor education programs. Our students appreciate experiencing the natural world directly, and we are thrilled to share with all of you the chance to enjoy the outdoors. Prizes include an electric cargo bike, paddleboards, and camping gear. For a \$20 ticket, you can support our school and get a chance to win one of these great prizes. (Winners may choose to take the cash alternative instead.) The drawing is on March 29 and you need not be present to win. You can purchase tickets from any PRWS parents or from the school office.

Kelly Slentz, Development Director

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Many thanks to all who have supported the work of our school May 15 – December 13, 2024.

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## Holiday Faire

Another joyful Holiday Faire has come and gone! The Holiday Faire Committee would like to thank all the folks who made it possible. The decorations were magical and beautiful. Several musicians and singers provided lovely music and entertainment. We had a rich group of vendors and goods for shoppers. The food was delicious and the children were delighted with all the activities available for them, including a puppet play, the Crystal Boat experience, candle dipping, and much more. We also raised essential funds to support the well-being of our school and the beautiful education it provides to our children. It took many, many hands to make this event a success, and we are deeply grateful for all the effort.

We would also like to extend a special thanks to our Silent Auction donors:

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| County Seat Laundry          | Ridge to Rivers Animal Clinic |
| Dave's Pizza                 | Sabina Myszka/Oily Temple     |
| Ellen Arndorfer/Come Home    | & Healing Arts                |
| to Health Acupuncture        | Sarah Rowe                    |
| Enchanted Roots Massage      | Shereen Baird                 |
| by Shawna                    | Singing Trees Farm            |
| Ewetopia                     | Substrate Arts Consulting     |
| Firefly Farm and Mercantile  | Temple Theatre                |
| Fizzleology Foods            | Theo Parrish                  |
| Gary's Rock Shop             | Triple B's Custom Processing  |
| Joel Turino/Soulful Saunas   | Viroqua Athletic Club         |
| Justin Daniels/Garden Ridge  | Viroqua Hills Golf Course     |
| Ranch & Retreat              | Viroqua Public Market         |
| Kathy Neidert                | Watershed Chiropractic &      |
| Kelly Slentz                 | Wellness                      |
| Kwik Trip                    | WDRT                          |
| Mandy Herrick/Bodies of      | Wonderstate Coffee            |
| Water Movement Arts          | Woolly Bear Taphouse          |
| Mary Christenson             | Zoe Craig                     |

## PRWS RAFFLE TICKETS!



Poster art by Omosh Kiehnau-Stumpf, Grade 6



PRWS faculty and staff— Front row (left to right): Carrie Treviranus, Susana Ruder, Elsa Macauley, Hannah Hastings, Geri Shonka, Shawn Neary, Elaine Schmid. Second row: Beth Krieger-Fritsch, Whitney Hansel, Kate Froeschl, Christina Hotchkiss, Shihhan Chou, Mandy Palen, Erin Erkelens, Jordan Brudos, Julie Turino. Third row: Aaron Schmidt, Kim Anderson, Susan Beck. Fourth row: Martha Buche, Annah Brown, AnnaJo Doerr. Back row: Kate Bergan, Melissa Madura, Ronald Schirmer, Stephanie Pedretti, Joe Ellerbusch, Cheyanne Nash. Not pictured: Shannon Landis, Sarah Rowe, Sabina Myzska, Mark John, Kelly Slentz, Sofya Hundt, Marc LeMaire, Mike Severson.

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