

School Calendar

Jan 29 Grade 4 Parent Meeting 6:30

Jan 30 Grade 7 Play 9am and 7pm

Jan 31 Grade 7 Play 7pm
Board Retreat

Feb 1 Grade 7 Play 2pm

Feb 2-6 Re-enrollment week

Feb 6 All School Pot-luck 5:15

Feb 3 Grade 2 Parent Meeting 6:30

Feb 5 Health Committee Meeting 7pm

Feb 10 Finance Meeting 7pm

Feb 12 Executive Meeting 7pm

Feb 16 -20 Parent/Teacher Conferences. No classes this week.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY for 1/30

This Friday Grade 7 will be performing the play "The Tempest" for grades 4-8 at 8:45am.

News from the Office:

Phone number change for your school phone list and directory: Meg and Rob Hoversten can now be reached at: 638-0138.

Re-enrollment starts next week. Please read the page of re-enrollment details included with this Lunchbox.

7th & 8th Graders, Spring Sports Sign-up VAS Sports Co-op is offering Track for boys and girls. If you want to sign up, give a note to me **before February 13th**. I'll let VAS know who is interested. -Diane Mamroe

Parent-Child Class Friday Mornings, 9:30am to 11:00am February 6th through March 27th with a parents-only meeting on **Monday, February 2nd at 6:30pm**. This class invites parents and young children to come together to meet new friends, and explore the wonders of the first three and a half years of life with early childhood teacher Roberta Ducharme. The class will be held in a nurturing environment, with natural toys that bring out a child's imagination and initiative and encourage developing social skills. By participating in songs, poems, finger plays, story time and other activities, each parent will enter the magic of learning in childhood. We will also explore our relationship to daily rhythms as well as the larger rhythms of the seasons. Children (up to 3 1/2 years) and a parent or parents will meet for eight classes. Cost: \$80.00 Location: Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School. Please call 637-7828 or stop in the office to register.

News from Parent Council:

ALL SCHOOL POT LUCK DINNER Parent Council invites you and your family to the second all-school pot luck of the school year...just for fun and socializing! Please join us for a casual gathering to share food and fellowship. Our November potluck was a big success and a good time was had by all. The Potluck will be in the gym on **Friday, February 6th**. Gather at 5:15 p.m., Blessing at 5:30 p.m., End at 7:00 p.m.

If your last name begins with A-F, please bring a Salad; G-L a Main Dish; M-S Side dishes; or T-Z

Desserts. If you have questions or need more info, please call Kathy O'Rourke 637-6950 or email Hshortrouke@frontiernet.net

News from the Scrip program:

Vendor Update Perhaps you have seen the signs on the windows... **Art Vision** on Main Street in Viroqua is having a "going out of business" sale. Art Vision has been a long-time supporter of the Scrip program and Pleasant Ridge School. **Scrip will NOT be accepted at Art Vision** during these final days, but that's because most items - art supplies, framing, and more - are now drastically reduced in price. **Scrip will continue to be sold at Art Vision until February 7th.** Make a point to take the time this week to stop in and say hi to Chris Noble at Art Vision, and thank her for her support over the years. Before you leave the store, make sure you're wallet is well stocked with paper scrip and Kwik Trip gas and gift cards. Remember - your intention and commitment to use Scrip builds community, and that funds fruitful education. It's what makes this Program work. On another note, **One Sun Farm store** who also accepts SCRIP, is closed for the season. Thanks to the Varney family for their support of our school.

Sales help needed - The SCRIP Program is looking for a few good extroverts who are willing to help sell Scrip currency and Kwik Trip Gas and gift cards at the Scrip table in the hallway just outside of the school office, in the mornings at drop off time - or maybe afternoons at pick-up time. "Staffing the Scrip table" helps folks to remember to use Scrip. Can you commit to covering a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday time slot? Call Steve Walker at 637-6937. Thanks!

News from Development:

Behind the scenes: There are many volunteers on the Facilities Committee, but this week we want to extend a special thanks to **Glenn Drake** who has logged lots of extra hours in the past 2 months. He made storm windows for the Violet Kindergarten and the Old Main Building bringing more comfort by keeping the cold out. Also, he is spending many extra hours working on plumbing problems in the building that affect Violet Kindergarten. Thank you Glenn!

Scrip sales are down! Please review your relationship to our Scrip program. If there is a vendor that you often support, do you remember to use Scrip? We hear from businesses that they would like to take more Scrip, but our parents don't bring it. Village Market stands out as an account that is not being used as much as previous years. Do you know that they sell many organic products, from Organic Valley to frozen Cascadian veggies and fruits, as well as a small amount of fresh produce and dry goods in a special section? Please stop by the school Office to pick up Scrip regularly. Or call ahead so we can have your order ready to pick up at your convenience.

Anthroposophy in the Driftless Region:

Associative Economics Event Coming In February with Christopher Houghton Budd, a British economic historian. The Colors of Money© seminar looks at the contribution of Rudolf Steiner to economics and monetary history and offers a radical yet concrete

HOT LUNCH MENU
Jan 28-Feb 3

Wed- Potato Broccoli Cheese Casserole
Thurs- Asian Noodles
Mon- Pizza
Tues- Burritos

approach to money in our times. Dates: Feb. 20-22 at CROPP headquarters, La Farge. Cost: 170.00 with 5% discount before Jan. 31. Contact Kim Chotzen to register, kimchotzenevents@mwt.net or 637-8404.

Viroqua Anthroposophy Conference to Be Held March 20-22 at the Old Main Building. **“Turning Crisis into Opportunity: The Challenge of Individual Growth & Community Development for Our Time”** is the theme of the 9th Annual Viroqua Anthroposophy Conference. Keynote speaker, James Ulness, Ph.D., will give three lectures and lead a roundtable discussion on the theme. Included are workshops on Economics with Robert Karp of Central Regional Council; Singing, Improvisation & Movement with Monika Sutherland; and Permaculture with Mark Shepard. The conference will also feature a mini film fest on Permaculture. Cost is \$90/full conference (\$80 if pre-registered by 3/14) or \$15 per lecture or workshop. For more info, view [Hwww.ViroquaConference.com](http://www.ViroquaConference.com)H (up soon) or Sheila Andersen at [HSheila@leadingedgejournal.com](mailto:Sheila@leadingedgejournal.com)H.

village of LaHave To reserve call 902 688 1649

If you take your coffee seriously, join us this **Friday January 30th @ 10am** for a tour and hands-on cupping (tasting) put on by **Kickapoo Coffee** located @ 305 Railroad Ave (the old train depot). We'll take you around the world with distinct flavors from different Fair Trade cooperatives. Discover what acidity, body and phrases like “intense layers of spicy fruit & a long, rich finish” really mean. The cost is FREE!

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 Lauren Hunt's mailbox** in the Office marked “Lunchbox Community News” OR e-mail ad to Lori Dehlin at [Hlorid2@frontiernet.net](mailto:Lorid2@frontiernet.net)H with **“Community News” in the subject line**.
4. **Deadline is Tuesdays at 8:30am**.

There may be occasions, due to unforeseen circumstances or space constrictions; that the Community section will not be printed. Thank you!

Community News:

FOR SALE! Original Kettler Kettcar made in Germany, ca, 1995. Works like new! New models are about \$200+. Our price \$50.00. Have a fun time; get exercise too! Pedal uphill, then coast downhill by disengaging the pedals. Use brake to slow down or stop. Great buy! Good seller! What more can you ask for? Call Jonah @ (608) 637-6937.

Periwinkle Cottage for rent in Nova Scotia, Canada

A Place To Make Magic - Cozy space with king bed and double futon, 700 per week or 1,300 for two weeks. Many beaches and hiking trails, World Heritage UNESCO Town of Lunenburg a short ferry ride away. Cottage in colorful fishing

Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School

Guide for Annual Parental Financial Commitment for 2009-2010

Re-enrollment Week is next week—February 2-6, 2009. Come to the School Lobby at the beginning and end of the school day to get your forms. Re-enrollment Committee members will be there to help.

Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School's funding system for the parent portion of the budget uses the following four fundamental elements to sustainably fund the school:

- Tuition of \$5,995 per student for the 2009-2010 school year.
- An adjustment process for those unable to pay the total tuition.
- A projected balanced budget for the 2009-2010 school year before the end of May 2009.
- This year, the parent community also had a collective Fundraising goal of \$125,000. For 09-10, we do not expect this to be less, but hope it will be slightly increased. Details of the Fundraising responsibility are still being worked out by the PRWS Board and parents.

The goal of the Re-Enrollment Committee and the Board is to address accountability questions, accurately assess family financial contribution potential, and keep our process fair and transparent.

We continue our commitment to make Waldorf education available to all families who value the Waldorf curriculum. PRWS will accept any family that is willing to work with PRWS and is committed to holding PRWS education high on their list of financial priorities and who will make reasonable effort to pay for the education being offered.

Tuition is determined by the Finance Committee and Board. For the school year 2009-10, this is set at \$5,995 per child, based on the projected cost of education per child at PRWS.

For families who are unable to pay the tuition that is asked, PRWS will use a financial appraisal and allocation system to determine an adjusted tuition which relates to each family's share of the operating budget. The family's share is allocated in proportion to its appraised financial condition. To request an adjustment, complete the Tuition Adjustment Application (available during Re-Enrollment Week). For the adjustment system to be fair to all families, re-enrollment applications for adjustment **MUST** be received by February 13, 2009. Applications received after this date may have to be processed "in-house," instead of by the confidential third party.

Families paying \$5,995 per student will not need to participate in the financial appraisal process.

All new and all first-year families will participate in Re-Enrollment Meetings, beginning February 7, 2009. Re-Enrollment Committee members will contact all other families by phone for a brief conversation.

Parent Financial & Participation Commitment Form must be completed and returned by February 6, 2009, along with a registration fee of \$165.

If applicable, the Tuition Adjustment Application and copy of 2007 IRS 1040 return must be received by February 13, 2009

Tuition Adjustment Process

Financial Appraisal Guidelines for Tuition Adjustment:

The adjustment is not intended to support a family's discretionary expenses such as large amounts of home or property equity, second homes, investment portfolios, etc. Having any of these does not preclude an adjustment, but will be taken into consideration in relation to the school's needs.

To participate in the tuition adjustment process for your family, complete the Tuition Adjustment Application enclosed. Please complete all questions, date and sign the Tuition Adjustment Application and return to the school office by 2/13/09 with a copy of your completed and signed Federal Income Tax return for 2007. **For the adjustment system to be fair to all families, re-enrollment applications for adjustment MUST be received by February 13, 2009.** Applications received after this date may have to be processed “in-house,” instead of by the confidential third party.

Allocation Guidelines for Tuition Adjustment:

Once all of the forms are turned in for each family seeking tuition adjustment, the Finance Committee, working through a confidential third party, will determine the amount each participating family will be asked to pay. Your adjustment results will be mailed to you. If you can meet your adjusted tuition amount, please bring your papers to Diane Mamroe in the School Office for a brief meeting to complete your Tuition Agreement. A Re-enrollment Committee member will follow up soon to arrange your re-enrollment conversation.

Families unable to meet their adjusted tuition:

We expect all families to pay their adjusted tuition amount. The school has allowed a limited amount to cover further adjustments in cases of extreme hardship. If you plan on requesting an additional adjustment, beyond the tuition adjustment process, please have available for review any additional documents that may be needed to support claims of undeclared income and expenses, and net worth. Bring these to your Re-Enrollment Meeting in March to justify additional adjustment. After all preliminary Re-Enrollment Meetings are completed, the Re-Enrollment Committee will review additional hardship adjustment requests and allocate additional adjustment fund dollars as available and appropriate.

Appraisal Confidentiality

The information provided by families participating in the tuition adjustment process will be handled in a confidential manner by the Re-Enrollment Committee. The Tuition Adjustment “Parent Name” information will be blind to everyone except the confidential third-party consultant in order to evaluate and normalize the data. Tuition adjustment requests received after 2/13/09 may have to be processed “in-house” confidentially, rather than out-of-house anonymously.

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CELEBRATING LOCAL COMMUNITY!

GOOD ENERGY RAFFLE



GRAND PRIZE

\$7,500 Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School Scrip currency* or \$5,000 cash

THREE LOCAL PRIZES

A Collection of Art • A Bounty of Food • A Package of Healing Arts
(all produced locally and each valued at approximately \$250)

\$20 PER TICKET OR 3 FOR \$50

Raffle drawing held Saturday, April 18, 2009

*Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School Scrip may be used at over 33 vendors located in and near Viroqua, Wisconsin. The grand prize winner will also win a two-night weekend stay at the Viroqua Heritage Inn Bed and Breakfast. A complete list of vendors is available at www.pleasantridgewaldorf.org.

To purchase tickets, call Pleasant Ridge Waldorf school at 608.637.7828, visit www.pleasantridgewaldorf.org, or contact any Pleasant Ridge parent.

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PLEASANT RIDGE WALDORF SCHOOL

Good Energy in the Internet Age!!

Many parents choose to let friends and family know about the Good Energy raffle by sending an email. This year, we'd like to help even more with that process. You can have a copy of the Good Energy poster in a "pdf" file which you can email to your contacts – just email info@pleasantridge.org and the office will forward you a copy of the poster. In addition, in February, March and the beginning of April we will be providing "ready-made" emails with information about the three other prizes, including pictures and more. This will help you send out reminders to those who have not yet bought tickets. Other ideas include scanning a piece of your child's artwork, or perhaps a linking videoclip of their violin playing (on youtube) to encourage folks to support the work we are all doing here at PRWS.

Finally, in the past we have offered a Paypal service for buying tickets online. Unfortunately, this has been stymied because of rules prohibiting internet sales of tickets to out of state residents. Fortunately, we have Jillian Peterson on the Raffle Committee, who offered the suggestion that parents can sign up for their own Paypal accounts (FREE!) and have purchasers of tickets simply send the money directly to the parents via the Paypal account, who then purchase the ticket in their name. Jillian has also provided the following information on how to set up an account. So, with your email contact, you can provide a way for people to directly purchase tickets with no stamp, or check or envelope. Whew!

Here is the information on how to set up a Paypal account:

Step 1. Browse to the Paypal website (<https://www.paypal.com>). In the address bar you will notice that the website starts with "https" instead of the more common "http." This is because PayPal has directed you to a secure site; the information being sent between your computer and their [server](#) is encrypted and is much safer than normal web traffic.

Step 2. Click the button that says "Sign Up Now" in the middle of the page. This button will start your signup process.

Step 3. Select the appropriate choices in the dropdown menus and then choose your account type by pressing the button labeled "Start Now." Most users want the Personal Account; it is free and has all of the basic PayPal features. The other two accounts are for online sellers and [small businesses](#) and have fees associated with them.

Step 4. Fill in the fields on the next page and click "Continue" when you are done. Remember, you are on a secure site so your information is safe.

Step 5. Confirm your email address using the instructions on the page. You'll need to go to the email account that you specified on the signup page and click a link in the email sent to you by PayPal. It's a good idea to confirm your email when you get this message so you won't forget to do this important step later.

Step 6. Verify your bank account by selecting "Continue" on the next page. This will take you to a FAQ that explains the benefits of verification. When you have read the information you can click "Get Verified" at the bottom of the page. This will take you to a page where you can add a bank account by inputting your bank name, routing and account numbers.

Step 7. Watch your bank account over the next few days. PayPal will make a series of small deposits to your account. After you see the deposits, log back into PayPal and click "confirm bank account" on the main account page. Input the exact amounts of the deposits and you are done.