

School Calendar

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 13 Tuition adjustment forms due

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

Feb 26 Board Meeting 7pm

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY for 2/6

Grade 2-Speech and Song

Grade 1- Poem and Song

Grade 8- Short story-Drops of Oil

News from the Office:

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up Feb 16-18. There will be no classes this week. Look for your class teacher's sheet outside the Office and be sure to sign up!

The Violet Kindergarten vacuum sweeper is very old and tired. Do you have a used vacuum that would like a new home where it will be used, appreciated and loved? If you do, please contact Shannon or Diane M.

7th & 8th Grade Spring Sports Sign-up --Change of deadline-- VAS Sports Co-op is offering Track for boys and girls. If you want to sign up, give a note to me **before February 12th**. I'll let VAS know who is interested. Diane Mamroe

VAS Sports Co-op is not offering baseball and softball this year. Any parents of 7th or 8th grade students interested in their child playing these sports can find more information about non-school sponsored teams that are forming now by contacting Dan Stalsberg at the Viroqua Park and Rec.

Applications for Kindergarten are being accepted now for the 2009-2010 school year. Please see Jean Westerhoff in the Office if you are considering enrollment for your younger children next year.

Found: Pink Nintendo "DS Lite" on the sidewalk near the school. If your child is missing this, please claim in the school Office.

All School Pot Luck Dinner Parent Council invites you and your family to the second all-school pot luck of the school year...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

Re-Enrollment Reminder: Committee members will be staffing a table in the front lobby **this week only** to help parents complete and sign the re-enrollment forms and pay fees. They will be available from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. each day and again from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. **Please pick up your paperwork at the table or office. Fill out and sign the re-enrollment form and pay the \$165 per family re-enrollment fee. This fee must be paid by Friday, Feb. 6, to avoid the higher late registration fee of \$265 per family. Checks may be postdated up to March 15.** If you need to request a tuition adjustment, you must also fill out a Tuition Adjustment Application. This form must be returned no later than Friday, Feb. 13.

Progress: So far we have 29 returned registrations. That leaves 78 yet to complete by Friday this week.

Thank you parents who have stopped by and helped us to wrap up this part of the process so swiftly! We also thank Diane Mamroe for getting all the paperwork together, to Kelly Jansen for her role, and to Jean Westerhoff for helping to staff the table. **Thank you volunteers** of the Re-Enrollment Committee for your dedication to carrying this important work and constant commitment to improving it: Ellen Arndorfer, Jenelle Boyer, Erika Hodapp, Tripp Hughes, Loma Huh, Cori Skolaski, Sheila Sherwin, and Bill Townsley.

School Day on the Slopes! Come join us on Tuesday Feb. 17 from 10:00am-2:30pm at Mt. La Crosse for a PRWS Ski Day Cost: \$17.00 for Ski rental & lift ticket, \$27.00 for snowboard & lift, \$12.00 for lift ticket only Lessons are included if needed. PLEASE CALL 675 -3556 IN ADVANCE TO SIGN UP AND GET THE DISCOUNT RATE. Any questions, please call me- Paula Grenier

News from the Library:

New Books Soon there will be a display in the library of the new books purchased with funds from the Paul C. Stry Foundation grant. The books, both informative and attractive to young people, were carefully chosen, on the subjects of environment and general science, by fourth grade teacher Peggy Pearl and librarian Janie Tippins, with suggestions from the University of Wisconsin curriculum librarian. They are beautiful and stimulating books that you really must see! Anne Tedeschi, the "library artist," will be creating the display this week.

We were also blessed with another donation, and are presently preparing a book order through Bramble Books (utilizing their 20% discount for Pleasant Ridge) with funds provided by Bill Brooke Realty, a local business that has donated to our library for many years. We will order from our ongoing wish list, and are open for suggestions from teachers, students, and parents. An exhibit of those books will be set up at a later time.

Naturally, the library is very appreciative of both these gifts, and of the continuing flow of fine used books donated by the PRWS community. Thank you! Ms. Tip

HOT LUNCH MENU
Feb 4-10

Wed- Soup and Bread
Thurs- Mac and Cheese
Mon- Pasta Marinara
Tues- Tostadas

News from the Scrip program:

Love and Nickels The garland has given way to strings of hearts. It's time to consider flowers, flowers like red roses. Even amidst crunchy snow, they're right here in the neighborhood. *Get some Scrip, from the school office or from Steve Walker or Kay Fandel, then stop by and smell some roses at **The Flower Basket, 520 E. Terhune**.* And of course, bring some back for your sweetie Valentine. See how that Scrip Program makes the love go 'round? And nickels trickle back to our school.

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 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@leadingedgereview.comH.

***THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU
From the 7th Grade for all of the help we had
with our play, The TEMPEST***

To:

John Karlstad & Brendan Karlstad for helping with props, set, and lighting and providing unwavering support to our endeavors.
Monika Sutherland for tremendous help with all of the musical elements, of our play, including writing parts for the accompaniments
Julee Agar, Ashonte Lantro & Annette Conlon for graciously sharing this beautiful movement space in the Old Main Building with us and for helping with choreography and directing.
Cele Wolf & the North Crawford Theater Department for loaning us costumes from their amazing collection.
Jane Kouba for the use of her fantastic lighting system
Faculty & Staff of Pleasant Ridge for the many ways in which they support our class plays.
7th Grade parents for helping the students take up with enthusiasm an incredible and challenging play, learn their lines, prepare their costumes, receive adequate rest and stay healthy; and for all of the other wonderful things they do as supportive parents! Special thanks go to the following parents:
Nannette Tuttle for costumes & clean-up help
Renee Lewicki for being there when we needed her!
Sarah Caldwell for organizing the refreshments
Glen Drake for creating & operating the lighting system
Jen Shepard, James Lewicki & Arwyn Wildingway for holding things together backstage!

Community News

You are cordially invited to the 12th Annual Valentine Dinner- Saturday February 14th

This fundraising event for the Youth Initiative High School is offering a 5 course, primarily organic, gourmet dinner prepared and served by the students. Vegetarian and meat entrees offered. Cocktail hour is from 5 pm to 6pm. with a silent auction. Dinner at 6pm. \$35 to \$50 per person. The dinner takes place on the 3rd floor of the Landmark Center. Reservations: phone 637-6445.

Conference Housing Needed If you have an extra bedroom that you can rent to an out of town attendee to the Viroqua Anthroposophy Conference, March 20-22, please contact Kathy Lofton at 637-8026 or kathyloften@yahoo.com Thank you!

Music at the Driftless Cafe: this Thursday from 7 to 9 it's Radio Free Parrish with Ted and Catherine. Good acoustic music, art opening, free beer!

Moving sale. Everything must go. Tools, table saw, chop saw, hand tools, wicker furniture, Stainless steel fridge/stove, freezer, couches and much more. **Saturday, Feb 7: 9:00 - 2:00. 321 Willow. PRWS discount on Friday Feb 6.** Rich Grams 608-792-3322

HOUSE SITTER NEEDED - Feb.14 - 25th - Lovely house in Viroqua, lots of space, sunroom, computer/TV/stereo/piano; 2 cats, a 7 mo.old shih tzu puppy, 2 aquariums and some plants need attention while we're gone. Would prefer exchange but could pay some \$, (\$50 max). Please contact Rebecca Waincott soon. 637-8215, 606-1552 or rebeccaw44@yahoo.com Thank You.

Reached the end of your tether with weather in the teens? Or just have an itch to get out of Dodge? Then let Beth take care of the

critters while you scooch away with no worries about the furry ones or your beloved home. All Creatures Animal Care takes care of all your pets' needs while you are away. Average price \$12.50/visit. Happy pets, happy you. Accepts Scrip. Call 637-6937.

For Sale; Wood heat stove \$100 you haul, **hide-a-bed** 5'9" long -FREE- you haul, & **microwave oven** large size \$8. Dave Hackett 735-4821. All items in Gays Mills area.

Volunteers needed for 86th Annual Ski Jumping Tournament in Westby this weekend Feb 7th and 8th from 11:30-3pm. I need "markers" who mark the landing of each jumper. Pros: best place on hill to watch, important job, excellent perspective-up close and personal with the jumpers. Cons: you will need to buy an entrance button at \$15. Call James at 608-606-8388

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 lorid2@frontiernet.net 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.

**Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School is pleased to announce the following position
for the 2009-2010 school year**

Class One Teacher

OUR COMMUNITY

If you are interested in teaching in an established school, twenty-nine years old, rooted in a rural farming community in southwest Wisconsin, we invite you to visit us. The city of Viroqua, population 4,000, is a county seat, lively and bustling with fresh ideas and enterprises, and Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School is in the heart of town. We are 90 miles west of the state capital of Madison, 35 miles south of the Mississippi River city of LaCrosse, and 190 miles south of the Twin Cities in Minnesota. We are within driving distance of Waldorf schools and initiatives in Chicago, Minneapolis, Madison, LaCrosse and the Milwaukee area. In our community there are excellent alternatives in medical and health care, a strong food co-op and farmers market, organic and biodynamic farms, and a Waldorf high school initiative. We enjoy a high quality of life combined with a cost of living somewhat lower than in metropolitan areas. For more information, we encourage you to visit our website: www.pleasantridgewaldorf.org. For information about Viroqua visit: www.viroqua-wisconsin.com.

OUR PROGRAM

Pleasant Ridge offers a full kindergarten and elementary program with a student body of about 150 in the grades- and 25 kindergarten- students. We offer classes in Spanish, Handwork, Choral and Instrumental Music, Eurythmy, and Physical Education. We encourage gardening and community service projects. Remedial teachers and a Eurythmy therapist are available in our community. Pleasant Ridge is a full member of AWSNA. Our building and campus were purchased in 1995, we offer an organic hot lunch program, and we work with a balanced budget. For 2007-08, all salaries were derived from a full-time base salary of \$25,120. Benefits include tuition remission, professional development stipend, health insurance stipend, and accident insurance.

MENTORS

We have had mentoring relations with Leo Klein, Waldorf teacher from the Netherlands, and Kim Snyder-Vine, speech arts and educator from Chicago. Other visitors in the past few years include Christopher Budd, Richard Dancy, Else Goettgens, Marianne Gray, Helle Heckmann, Dr. Mark Kamsler, Martin Novom, Kim Payne, Nancy Poer, Kristen Rice, Christopher Schaefer, Tamara Slayton, Oliver Steinreuck, and James Ulness.

QUALITIES WE SEEK IN FACULTY

We seek enthusiastic teachers working out of Anthroposophy whose life experiences have strengthened their ability to work with the Waldorf pedagogy and who show a willingness to strive toward:

- inspired excellence in the classroom
- effective working relationships with faculty, students, parents and board
- interest in sharing Waldorf education with the broader community.

APPLICATION PROCESS

For a detailed job description and application form, please contact Diane Mamroe by phone or at diane.mamroe@pleasantridgewaldorf.org. We ask that applications include your resume, a handwritten cover letter, a short biography, and references from at least three people, including previous employers and someone who has observed your work with children. Applications should be addressed to the Personnel Committee. If you have questions or would like further information, please contact Diane Mamroe.

Please keep us in mind in your travels and contacts.

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