

## School Calendar

- April 23** Grade 6 Parent Eve 7pm  
Executive Meeting 7pm
- April 24** Kindergarten morning 10-12:45  
Information meeting 4-5pm
- April 24** Spring Concert Grades 4-8 7pm
- April 25** First Grade Readiness 10-11:30
- April 27** Grade 2 Parent Evening 6:30pm
- April 29** Grade 7 Parent Evening 7pm  
Grade 3 Parent Eve 6:30
- April 30** Board Meeting 7pm
- May 1** May Day Festival 1-2:00 activities  
2:00 procession and Maypole dances  
8th Grade Play 7pm
- May 2** 8th Grade Play 7pm
- May 3** 8th Grade Play 2pm
- May 6** Grade 2 Play 6pm and 6:30 Reception
- May 7** Grade 6 Play 1:00 and 6pm
- May 8** Grade 6 Play  
Kindergarten Morning 10-12:45

### FRIDAY ASSEMBLY for 4/24

**There will be no regular assembly this week. The spring concert for grades 4-8 will be held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 7pm.**

## Spring Music Concert - Grades 4-8 performing Friday, April 24 at 7 pm - Good Shepherd Church

**Concert evening:** Student performers arrive at 6:30

**Concert dress:** White shirts/blouses and dark pants/skirts. No jeans.

**Concert seating:** Proper concert etiquette, both during their performances and when in the audience, has been clarified for all students. To support the students in good concert behavior, we have the following seating arrangement:

**4th Graders** are first on the program and will join their families in the audience after they perform.

**5th & 6th Graders** will have reserved seating for students and parents in the front rows of the church.

**7th & 8th Graders** will be seated in the choir loft with Jackie and Maureen

**Friday morning:** Students in grades 4-8 should be dropped off at 8:20 at Good Shepherd Church with their instruments and a quiet activity. Teachers will be there and parent helpers are welcome.

## May Day Celebration:

Join us, in festive attire, for a May Day Celebration on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. **This year the students will stay with their teachers for May activities, plant sale, and crafts from 1:00-2:00 pm.** At 2:00 students will begin the grand procession through the halls and outdoors (weather permitting). Then, on the playground, please join us as the chickens choose the May Day Queen and King from our beloved eighth grade, followed by the crowning and special dances from the faculty, first, and eighth grades. We will close at our regular dismissal time of 2:50 pm. Donations of cut flowers, dried flowers, flowering branches, willow and tamarack are welcome. Please bring these to the back of the kitchen door area on the day of and cut flowers to the office. Thank you! May Festival Committee --Heidi Burke

***News from the Office:***

**Attention Grades 5, 6, 7:** May 1st is the deadline to sign up for Viroqua Area School's Autumn Sports Co-op. Cross-country and volleyball are being offered to next year's 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Write a note to Diane Mamroe indicating your interest.

**Attention parents of children going to first grade:** First grade readiness meeting this Saturday, April 25 from 10-11:30. Come hear about the 1st grade experience (All Kindergarten parents welcome). In Barbara Danner's room.

**Change in assembly:** The Friday assembly on May 15 at 8:30 am will be devoted to a Cinco de Mayo celebration, originally scheduled for May 8. Our Spanish classes will be presenting some of their current work. Also, on Tuesday, May 5th, there will be a **Cinco de Mayo Celebration** for the community at Greenman Music Hall at 7pm. Our seventh grade students will help host an evening of stories, music and dance with the delegation of YIHS students who have recently returned from Guatemala. All are invited to share in this annual event sponsored by the Kickapoo Guatemala Accompaniment Project, KGAP.

**Calling all Plants!** The May Day plant sale is up and coming! **If you have any starts you'd like to donate or perennial dig-ups you'd like to share please bring to Maureen's 7th grade classroom the last week of April.** We would also be happy for your extra 4 packs, or 6 packs, or 3 packs, or any other pots or flats you'd like clear out. Thank you ever so! See you May 1st! -- Arwyn Wildingway

**The lost and found bin is overflowing!!** Please look at the table next to the book sale in the hallway for any items that may be yours.

**Remember to recycle your used books...the book sale continues!**

***News from Development:***

**Good Energy Raffle/Spring Fling: A Wonderful Celebration!** Saturday night was a wonderful celebration for our community with over \$74,000 raised from ticket sales and another \$955 raised in the silent auction. Thank you parents, staff and friends of Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School for all of your hard work selling tickets! As you know, this provides critical funding for our school each year and ensures that our programs are sustained into the future.

The winners of the 2009 Good Energy Raffle:

**Grand Prize Winner:** *Lyle Rognholt*

**A Collection of Art Winner:** *Susan & Tom Barendregt*

**A Bounty of Food Winner:** *Jim Hallberg*

**A Package of Healing Arts Winner:** *Brad & Justin Stegmann*

Thanks to the Raffle Committee for their time and efforts to organize, to the parents for your support, and to Kathy O'Rourke & Jean Westerhoff for organizing the Spring Fling Celebration that was such a relaxing and fun end to the Raffle. Thanks to John Fergus for serving at the Spring Fling, to the Varney's for their great food and to John Pedretti for the Party Barn.

Thank you to all of the businesses who so kindly donated goods and services: CSA donations from Driftless Organics (Josh and Noah Engel) and Ridgeland Harvest (Matt and Cate Eide), Dairyland Printing, and Citizens First Bank. And a big thank you to all the parents and staff who contributed art and health gift certificates for prizes. Please thank them.

Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets and supported our children and teachers at Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School. The on-going benefit to all of us is that we've developed some great new Scrip vendor relationships and that our greater community has an awareness of this unique program.

**MissionFish Support**

Thanks to Rich Grams who generously designated Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School for a portion of his sales on eBay for several items under the MissionFish donations program. You can learn more about this program on our website at <http://www.pleasantridgewaldorf.org/page/support/store/> under Online Fundraising Programs.

**News from the Board:**

**Are you a future board member?**

Board elections are coming up in May. Have you considered running for a seat on the board? Board work is a wonderful and rewarding way to be involved in our community while helping to shape and lead Pleasant Ridge into the future. Board meetings are usually held the 4th Thursday of the month, however our meeting this month is on April 30th at 7:00 in the handwork room. If you are curious, or plan to run for one of our two open seats this May, we'd like to see you at the April 30th meeting. Please talk to a current board member if you're interested or have questions. Thanks!-- Jenelle Boyer, Board President  
Current PRWS Board Members: Peggy Abbott Pearl, Susan Barendregt, Jenelle Boyer, Ken Carlson, Mary Christenson, Tripp Hughes, Diane Mamroe, Aaron Schmidt, Cori Skolaski, Gregory Splinter, Bill Townsley, Anita Zibton

**News from the SCRIP program:**

**Local observations:** We're blessed to have a local bookstore that emphasizes the best of local interests, local authors, and local wisdom. This region has a lot to offer. The folks at Bramble Books know that, and they bring it home to 117 S. Main St. in Viroqua. This coming **Tuesday evening the 28th, at 7 PM**, pull up a chair in Bramble Books homey setting, and hear some of the humor and poignant observations of **Wisconsin author Michael Perry**, right here in Viroqua. Michael Perry is back and he will share his new book: *Coop - A year of Poultry, Pigs and Parenting*. It'll be a wonderful evening. And be sure to have some Scrip with you to pick up a copy of

this or some of the other great titles in stock. Special orders are also accommodated. What? You say you sometimes have trouble remembering to carry Scrip when you're shopping on Main Street? No worry. Bramble Books not only accepts Scrip, but also is kind enough to help out Pleasant Ridge by selling Scrip. Contact the folks at Bramble Books for more details. 637-8717.

***Anthroposophy in the Driftless Region: Waldorf Enrichment for Today workshop:***

"Celebrating Proserpine's Return" A workshop honoring spring and the month of May through watercolor painting and eurythmy. Saturday May 2, 1-4pm  
Mount Mary College, Room 346, in Milwaukee  
Cost is \$35 if registered by April 27. \$40 after that date. Register by phone or email: Lori Barian 262-642-9672 or lori.barian@newspiritventures.com

**Rudolf Steiner Institute Summer Courses:**

July 5-25 to be held at Stonehill College in Easton, MA. (25 minutes south of Boston.) Over 25 one and two week courses in a variety of subjects are offered. Children's programs are also available for ages 4-14. Waldorf teacher/staff grants and financial assistance are available.  
For more information and updates, subscribe at steinerinstitute.org or contact Lynn Bufano registrar: reg@steinerinstitute.org, phone:410-358-0050

***"Pennies for Peace" continues! Thanks to all who have contributed. Pakistan's children are still in need.***

HOT LUNCH MENU  
April 23-29

Thurs- Sandwiches w/pasta salad  
Mon- Pasta Alfredo  
Tues- Tostadas  
Wed- Stew and Cornbread

## Community News

**Petersen birthday bash!** Jillian and Curtis are turning 30. Help us celebrate this Saturday, April 25, 8 pm. There will be a half-barrel of beer, a bonfire, and plenty of space to camp out. Please bring any musical instrument to play around the fire. No gifts please. Donations are welcome, but not required. On Sidie Hollow Rd. Please call 608-637-7592 for directions.

**Attention: Nonprofit & Community Groups, looking for financial support!** The 2009 Kickapoo Country Fair is looking for staffing, July 25-26, 2009! You will **earn \$7.00 /hour** and directly **support your organization!** In addition to raising \$7.00 /hour, individuals receive; Fair pass, including the Brett Dennen concert! KCF t-shirt, \$5.00 food voucher & more! **In 2008 local groups earned from \$125.00 to \$2,200.00!** For details, please contact: [kcf@orgnaicvalley.coop](mailto:kcf@orgnaicvalley.coop) or 608.625.3534 [www.kickapocountryfair.org](http://www.kickapocountryfair.org)

**Help wanted this summer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, June through August, 9am-5pm.** You will be responsible for our 10-year old son who spends his time playing outside, at the library, playing with friends, riding his bike, swimming, etc. We live in Westby, a block from the outdoor public pool. This could be the perfect summer job! For more information, call Cori Skolaski or David Heath at 634-4183.

**This year on Sundays between 6:30 – 8:30 pm we will be holding garden therapy sessions at the flower basket garden to:** Keep the plot looking good for its owners, Give good energy to our children's future food, Learn about ourselves and each other by spending quality, productive time together, and Connect with ancient cellular knowledge unleashed by earth, sky, and plants. All are welcome. There will be fresh peas and other garden goodies for those who participate.

**A biodynamic spring prep stirring will be held at the Flower Basket garden on Sunday April 26 at 6:30 pm.** We will stir BD 500 and barrel compost for the school garden and for YOUR garden. Questions call Arwyn 637-8304.

**Accommodations needed from local families for the weekend of April 25-26, 2009** for attendees of the conference: "Spiritual Challenges for the 21st Century" with speaker Stephen Usher. If you have a room available this weekend, please contact Kathy Lofton at 608-606-9042. Hosts are not required to provide meals and will receive \$15 per night for each stay

**NEED PAINT? The painting season is approaching!** and Steve Lantro is giving free estimates. I am now scheduling jobs for the spring/summer painting season. Also, other work to consider, chimney cleaning (get it done while its warm), carpentry, home repair, decks, gutter cleaning etc. etc. 608-637-2698 or [greatspiritwork@gmail.com](mailto:greatspiritwork@gmail.com)

**Hawk Circle Summer Camps** is celebrating its 20th year of offering unique wilderness experiences, native crafts and skills for youth. Small groups, transformative, reasonably priced. More info at [www.hawkcircle.com](http://www.hawkcircle.com) or call (607) 264-3396. Numerous Waldorf School of Baltimore families are grateful for the wonderful experiences their children have had at Hawk Circle and would like to spread the word about their great camps. Brigitte Meneveau, WSB alumni parent (410) 466-0255

**Wanted: Kayak- recreational type,** prefer 12-13 feet, **Calla Lilly bulbs** for spring planting Brian 637-3733

**Yard sale at the Markos, 207 E Jefferson St. This Thursday 8:30-7pm, Friday 7:30-5pm.** White slip-covered sleeper sofa, 2 twin size beds w/box spring & mattresses, magnetic Nikken Queen size mattress, pad & pillow set, bookshelf, light fixtures, curtain panels, baby Moses basket & crib bedding, European toys, wooden kitchen & dollhouse, womens & girls clothing/shoes (lots of Boden & Oilily), downhill skies & boots for 5 yr old girl.

### Hockey in Summer

Are you interested in playing street, ball or roller hockey now that the ice is gone? A group is forming to play at the fenced in court on the east side of the Landmark Center. Contact Jon Dehlin if you are interested in participating. 637-7497

**Wanted to buy: Vita mix Blender.** Also looking to borrow a **food dehydrator** to try out! Please call Heidi@ 637-7873

**Inner Heart Process Art Studio** is offering a six-week pilot class **Thursday, April 30, 7-9pm through Thursday, June 4.** Come enjoy **process painting and exploration** of other mediums including oil, pastel and clay, with time for sharing and connecting with one another. Special discounted rate, 1/3 usual cost; \$36 for six sessions. Call Leigh Jardine at Jardine Visual Arts and Communication to register at 608-637-3057.

**One Spirit Rising will meet this Sunday, April 26, at 10:30am at the home of Loma Huh at 225 S. East St.** for an interfaith gathering. All ages welcome. Children's program included. For more information, call 637-8329 or 637-2451.

**Painting with Mindfulness** a contemplative exploration of watercolor using single-mindedness and meditative brush techniques, hosted by Driftless Folk School, this **Saturday, April 25, 9am to 12:30pm**, \$40 at The Landmark Center, Room 102B on first floor, 500 E. Jefferson, Viroqua. For more information, call Leigh Jardine at 608-637-3057. To register call, 1-888-587-6540 toll-free or email [registrar@driftlessfolkschool.org](mailto:registrar@driftlessfolkschool.org).

**Bicycle for sale**, Marin Hidden Valley, 16" mountain bike. Excellent condition, half-price. Call 637-8329.

**Educational Meeting highlighting Health Concerns of the proposed Petry CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feedlot Operation)** Thursday, April 30th, at Viroqua High School in the Commons area at 7 pm. There will also be help for individuals who want to take action through contacting legislators. Questions: Contact Lara Roberts, 637-3935.

**2nd Seasonal Coffee Klatch: An Informational Social Thursday April 23rd 7pm-830. Youth Initiative High School** invites you to an evening of Q&A, school tours, faculty chats, student presentations, desserts and coffee! Our 2nd seasonal Coffee Klatch is an open forum for curious potential parents to get to know about our unique high school. Questions? Call Shawn at YIHS 637-6445

### **LUNCHBOX EXPRESS COMMUNITY NEWS POLICY**

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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](mailto:lorid2@frontiernet.net) with **"Community News" in the subject line**.

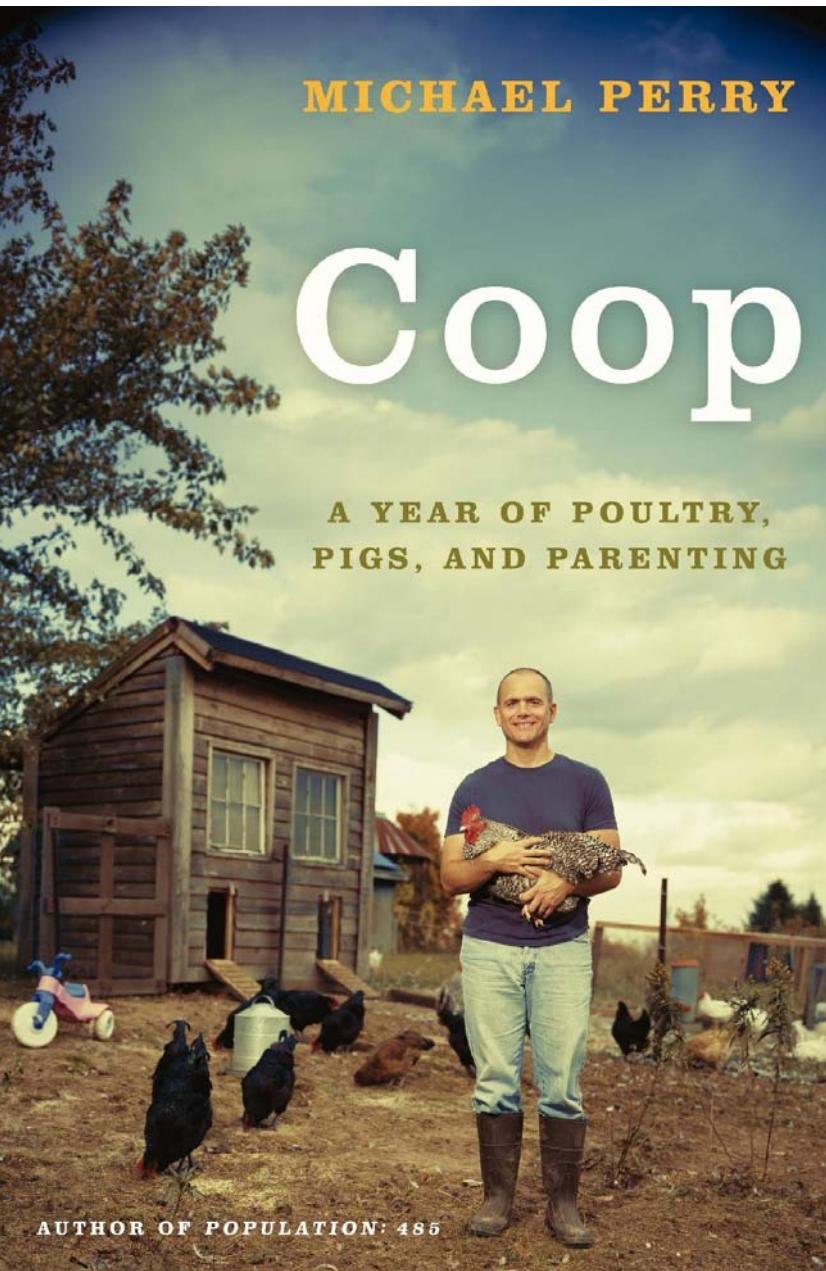
4. **Deadline is Tuesdays at 8:30am.**

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

Thank you!

### Bramble Bookstore: Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

Join Wisconsin's own Michael Perry at Bramble Bookstore to celebrate his newest book. *Bramble Bookstore supports PRWS as a SCRIP Business & SCRIP seller.*



Last seen sleeping off his wedding night in the back of a 1951 International pickup, Michael Perry is now living in a rickety Wisconsin farmhouse. Faced with 37 acres of fallen fences and overgrown fields, and informed by his pregnant wife that she intends to deliver their baby at home, Perry plumbs his unorthodox past (raised in an obscure fundamentalist Christian sect by city-bred parents who took in over 100 foster children) for clues as to how he should proceed as a farmer and a parent.

Whether describing his family ("I first perceived my father as a farmer the night he drove home with a giant lactating Holstein tethered to the bumper of his Ford Falcon") or what it's like to be bitten in the butt while wrassling a pig ("two firsts in one day"), *Coop* is filled with the humor Perry's readers expect, but in the course of a year in which the birth of his child is balanced by the death of a dear friend and worse, he also writes from the quieter corners of his heart.

Michael Perry, 44, was raised on a small farm in northwestern Wisconsin, where he remains a resident today. A registered nurse by training, Perry has been an active emergency medical technician since 1988 and a volunteer firefighter since 1995. He currently serves on a volunteer basis with two rural rescue services and one fire department. He is the author of the critically acclaimed and bestselling memoirs *POPULATION 485: MEETING YOUR NEIGHBORS ONE SIREN AT A TIME* and *TRUCK: A LOVE STORY*. He has also written a short story collection, *OFF MAIN STREET*. While his writing reflects a wide range of experience, he is proud to say that he can still run a pitch fork and milk a cow in the dark.