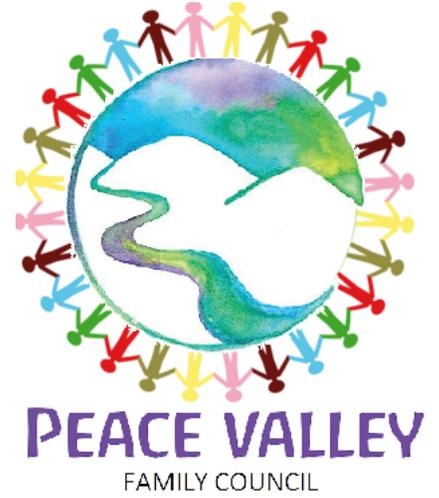


# PEACE VALLEY FAMILY COUNCIL

**Welcome to Peace Valley Charter School!** We are thrilled to have you join our community. Peace Valley is a special place, and we hope your children and your family thrive here.



## Purpose of Family Council

The Peace Valley Family Council is intended to develop community and facilitate family involvement in school life and culture. We are an all-volunteer organization open to parents and other adult family members of students attending Peace Valley Charter School. During the school year, Family Council meets monthly on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays. You may contact the Board at [familycouncil@boisewaldorf.org](mailto:familycouncil@boisewaldorf.org).

## Committees

We currently have eight committees and encourage you to get involved! To learn more about any of these committees, please email [familycouncil@boisewaldorf.org](mailto:familycouncil@boisewaldorf.org).

- **Facilities & Grounds:** Beautify the interior and exterior of the school campus by designing, installing, and maintaining projects within and outside the building and the property
- **Festivals:** Supports the Faculty Festivals Committee in planning and hosting annual school festivals
- **Fundraising:** Variety of parent-led fundraisers
- **Garden Guild:** Planning, creating, and maintaining the school garden
- **Outreach:** Represent the school in the community and to new families
- **Parent Enrichment:** Waldorf education workshops & social opportunities
- **Teacher Support:** Teacher Care Cart, Class Parent Representatives, coordinate recess volunteer system
- **Student Enrichment:** Authorize, oversee, and review student clubs & activities. Host one-time student enrichment events.
  - **Bus Subcommittee:** Improve the busing experience

## Keep in Touch

Over the summer, we will keep you informed about get-togethers and volunteer opportunities. Each class has an assigned Class Parent Representative who will also reach out to you with opportunities within your child's class. If you use Facebook, you may join our private group, "Peace Valley Family Council" to connect with other parents. You can always email [familycouncil@boisewaldorf.org](mailto:familycouncil@boisewaldorf.org) with any questions or concerns.

# PEACE VALLEY HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

*Guidelines subject to change upon publication of 2019-20 Family Handbook*

## **Food**

- Children should bring a nutritious snack and lunch from home. Please do not send candy, sweets, or sugared juices or drinks. Reusable containers and food that is free of excessive packaging is encouraged.
- Peace Valley has adopted a policy of treat-free birthday celebrations.
- Students are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle each day.

## **Dress Code**

- No commercialized characters or oversized lettering on clothing / backpacks / lunch boxes that advertise products or movies.(For example: No Disney characters, but a generic animal or design is okay)
- Weather appropriate clothing. The kids go outside every single day no matter the weather! Layering is encouraged in cold weather as well as sending hats and gloves.
- Closed-toed, closed back shoes that support the foot for all kinds of movement and activity (no flip-flops, Crocs, platforms, high heels, backless shoes or clogs, shoes with wheels or lights)
- Well-fitting athletic wear is allowed, but brand logo images must be smaller than an adult hand
- Simple jewelry that doesn't inhibit activity is acceptable
- Hairstyles that are age and culture appropriate in the student's natural color
- No make-up or nail polish for grades k-6

## **Screen Time**

Peace Valley encourages families to eliminate, or significantly limit, screen viewing (video games, TV, phone, tablets, etc.), particularly Sunday evening through Friday after school.

## **Becoming a Volunteer**

Peace Valley requires a volunteer application, online training, and in some instances a criminal background check (including fingerprints). Please call the front office or visit [boisewaldorf.org/parents](http://boisewaldorf.org/parents) for details about volunteer tiers and how to apply.

## **Classroom Chores**

Students will be given regular chores to assist in caring for their classroom community. Chores may include: sweeping, washing desks, organizing art supplies, tidying shoes and cubby area, caring for plants or pets in the classroom, emptying the recycling and trash bins, etc.

## **Fundraising**

We are a tuition-free public charter school. In Idaho, charter schools do not receive the funding equivalent to a traditional public school. Our school depends on fundraising throughout the year to help fill this gap. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you for any support you can offer.