



**December 2023**

# Grove Family Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It has been great to see so many of you at our family events! We want to say thank you for taking the time to attend parent - teacher conferences in November! Teachers really appreciate the opportunity to meet with parents to discuss ways to work together to support students! Our next family event is next week. See the attached flier for more information about Family Math Night on Thursday, Dec. 7th.

As you plan for the spring, here are a few family opportunities to add to your calendar:

- Jan. 17 - Grove Swim Night at LHS Aquatic Center
- Feb. 27th - Student Showcase Night
- Mar. 12th - Spring Concert- during the school day
- April 8- Solar Eclipse Event - during the school day

During the holiday season, we thank you for your involvement and partnership as we all work to provide safe and joyful learning opportunities for our students. Your support from home is appreciated.

Wishing your family a joyous and peaceful holiday season!

Mrs. Tina Wallner

## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- Fri. Dec. 1 - **No School** for Students
- Mon. Dec. 4 - Late Start Monday
- Thurs. Dec. 7 - Family Math Night 4:30-6
- Mon. Dec. 11- Late Start Monday
- Mon. Dec. 11- Grove Parent Meeting 5:30pm
- Mon. Dec. 11 & Wed. Dec 13 - Candy Cane Sales
- Mon. Dec 18 & Wed Dec. 20 - Candy Cane Sales
- Mon. Dec 25- Mon. Jan 1 - **No School** - Winter Break
- Tues. Jan. 2 - Students/Staff Return

**Grove Swim Night**  
**Wed. Jan. 17th**  
**6-7:30pm**  
**Lincoln High School Aquatic Center**



**Watch for more information to come in beginning of Jan.**

## Grove Choir Reminders

We have 4 remaining Choir rehearsals left;  
Dec. 4, 5, 12 and 14 (3:30-4:15)



Performances :

Monday Dec. 18, 2023

The Renaissance Assisted Living  
1500 Pepper Ave.  
(arrive no later than 5:45)

Tuesday Dec. 19, 2023

Cranberry Court Assisted Living  
2230 14th St. S

(arrive no later than 4:00 -use 14th St. entrance, across the street from the old YMCA building on Pepper Ave.)



## Attendance Reminders

Please remember to call the office when your child is absent. When calling, please leave a detailed message of symptoms/reason for being absent. They will be marked unexcused until we hear from you.

Thank you

## Kindergarten Holiday Gathering

Families are invited to come and join in the fun!!



Wednesday Dec. 20th  
2:45pm - 3:30pm  
More information to come in the near future

# Grove School Candy Cane Sale!!



Grove School GPG will be holding a candy sale to raise funds to support the students at Grove School. We will have a variety of candy canes for sale. Prices will range from .25 to .50. The sale will run the weeks of Dec. 11th and Dec. 18th.

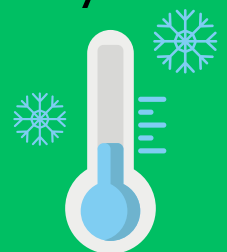
Order forms will go home on Mon. Dec. 11th, Wed. Dec. 13th, Mon. Dec. 18th and Wed. Dec. 20th. Those who are interested in purchasing candy canes to support our school can return the order form with money on Tues. Dec. 12th, Thurs. Dec. 14th, Tues. Dec. 19th, Thurs. Dec. 21st. Candy Canes will be delivered to students on Wednesday and Friday of each week.

## WINTER HAS ARRIVED!!!

Winter weather is upon us, so please make sure to have your student dress appropriately. When the temperature or wind chill factor is between OF and -10 F students will play outside for no more than 10 mins. at a time. If the temperature or wind chill factor is -11 or below, students will not go outside at all.

Everyone must wear boots and snow pants when there is snow on the ground. Students who are not dress appropriately for the weather will still be required to go outside, but must stay on the cleared areas of the blacktop.

The school office has very limited supplies of hats and mittens, so please make sure your child(ren) brings their winter gear to school daily





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# Candy Cane SALE

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**DONATIONS WELCOME**

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**ALL FLAVORS  
FULL SIZE**

**PLEASE DROP OFF ALL CANDY CANE  
DONATIONS TO THE OFFICE BY DEC 11TH**

**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**

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**Thank you for supporting the  
Grove Parent Group**

For more information contact Kate McAllister  
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# Jingle All the Way to Math Night!

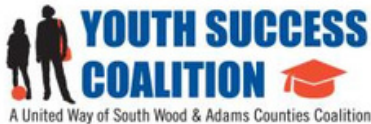
Join us to learn about math resources available to you at home and play math games with your students!

Buy something yummy from the bake sale!

When: Thursday, December 7th  
Time: 4:30 PM-6:00 PM

Snacks,  
Puzzles,  
and Games!  
Oh My!

Bake Sale hosted by Grove Parent Group. Watch for information about donations!



**Find Fun at McMillan Library:  
Events & Activities For All  
Ages!**



Did you know McMillan Library has year-round programming for children and teens?! Here are some highlights happening at the library!

## **Teen Game Day**

2-4 pm, Dec. 1st and 28th- Enjoy snacks, PS5, Nintendo Switch, and tabletop games with others!

## **Teen Anime Matinee**

2-4:30 pm, Dec. 9th -Watch anime with friends!

## **Teen Lego Build Day**

2-4 pm Dec. 27th - Have snacks and build cool stuff

**Family Take Home Kits** -Learn to knit at your own pace- yarn & instructions included! Sign up ahead and pick up on Dec. 29th.

## **Family Movie Night**

6pm, Dec. 12th-Enjoy a showing of the new Super Mario Bros. Movie!

## **Taylor's Version Celebration**

4:30 - 6 pm, Dec 21st - all ages of Swifties are invited to dress as their favorite era & party like it's 1989! Enjoy snacks, trivia, a photo booth, and supplies for friendship bracelets and paper rings!



## A message from Nurse Mandy!!

Hello Grove families,

Happy December! Just a reminder that students are allowed 10 sick days throughout the school year per State statute. Please request a doctor's excuse anytime your student has an appointment or is seen for illness. If your child has a fever of 100.4 or greater, vomiting or diarrhea please keep them home until 24 hours have passed with no medication use. It is recommended to follow up with a health care provider if your student has been ill for 3 or more days.

As the days grow shorter and the weather gets colder, many people feel sad or get into a slump at the end of the year. Sometimes when there is less natural light, we can feel down or in the dumps. This is called winter blues. It can be caused by shortened daylight hours, increased stress, or even a drop in serotonin (a neurotransmitter) levels in the brain. Feeling stuck inside with nothing to do can increase our feelings of sadness. Opening your blinds or curtains to let in natural sunlight, when possible, increase Vitamin D, eating a balanced diet and staying active are all good ways to combat the winter blues. Staying busy, accomplishing a goal, and socializing with others can also help beat the winter blues.


I have put together a Winter Break Bingo sheet that the students can do during their winter break. Staying active and accomplishing a goal is great way to prevent the winter blues. Finish at least one bingo(5 in a row) and turn it in to me, Nurse Mandy, after break by Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024, for a treat. I will be doing a drawing for a grand prize winner of 4 Wisconsin Rapids River King tickets. Children must attend Grove to get a treat or win the prize. Feel free to do more than one bingo and stay active all winter break!

Good Luck, stay healthy and happy!

Nurse Mandy

# WINTER BREAK

**B I N G O**

Write and mail a letter to someone special	Read a story with or to someone special	Crabwalk across the living room	Play outside for 20 minutes	Phone or video call a family member or friend
Help with washing dishes	Do a chore	Make a snow angel	Clean your room	Help prepare a meal or snack
Do 5 jumping jacks, 5 push-ups and 5 sits ups	Try one new food		Draw a picture of your favorite animal	Do a Cosmic Kids Yoga (YouTube)
Build a snowman	Bake a treat with an adult	Family Game night	Do a puzzle	Share two things you are grateful for
Donate a toy you no longer play with	Make paper snowflakes	Play Charades	Craft a gift for someone special	Write a thank you note

Please complete at least one Bingo (5 in a row) and turn in to Nurse Mandy by January 10, 2024 for a treat. One Grand prize drawing of 4 Wisconsin Rapids Riverking tickets will be drawn on January 12, 2024. \*Must attend Grove to win prize\*

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# *Thank You!*

FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

WE WILL STILL ACCEPT ANY  
WINTER GEAR DONATIONS  
THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR.  
PLEASE BRING THEM TO ANY  
WRPS ELEMENTARY OR MIDDLE  
SCHOOL.

