



# GROVE ELEMENTARY

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## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- April 8- Late Start Monday 9:00am
- April 8 - Solar Eclipse Event & Assembly  
1.00 pm
- April 10 - Jr Coach Playworks Field Trip
- April 12 - 1st Gr. Walking Field Trip
- April 15 - Late Start Monday 9:00am
- April 19 - No School - PD Day
- April 25 - Hmong Cultural Day & Assembly  
9:00am
- April 26- Popcorn Friday
- April 29 - Late Start Monday 9:00am
- April 30 - Author Visit - Lisl Detlefsen

## Absences must be reported to the office!!

If your student is not well enough to come to school or will be missing school for any reason, please report their absence to the office through Skyward or call the attendance line.

If absences remain unreported, they will be marked unexcused.

If you are having difficulty with your child attending school or being on time, please call the school for assistance.

## Visitors and Volunteers

**All community members who wish to assist at school events, in the classroom, or go on a field trip must complete a background check. Please call the office if you need assistance with this.**

# Grove School April, 2024 Newsletter Mrs. Tina Wallner, Principal

Dear Grove Families,

As we enter Spring, there is much to celebrate and to look forward to! So much growth in our students has been evident! Our 3-5 students have started their state testing and have already shown us that they are putting in great effort to demonstrate their learning! Our first spring concert in 5 years was a huge success! Fantastic art work continues to fill our walls and the March art show at McMillian. We continue to help students to know the importance of sleep and drinking water to help them be the best learners they can be.

A few things to look forward to:

- Monday, April 8 - Solar Eclipse Event- assembly starts at 1:00
- Thursday, April 25 - Hmong Cultural Celebration Day - Assembly 9:00
- Tuesday, April 30 - Author Visit at school - Lisl Detlefsen
- Thursday, May 2 - Grove School McMillian Family Night with author Lisl Detlefsen

Thank you for all you do to help your students come to school every day ready to learn!

Happy Spring!  
Mrs. Tina Wallner



## GROVE PARENT GROUP UPDATE!!!

Thank you to all the families and friends that participated in the Grove Family Polito's Pizza night. All monies raised will be going towards our new playground coming in 2025.

Grove Parent Group meets every 2nd Monday of the Month in the library with childcare provided!

Meetings for the rest of school year are:  
Apr. 8th- 5:30 pm  
May. 13th - 5:30 pm

\*\*\*We are looking for a treasurer for the 2024-2025 school year-if interested please reach out to Mrs. Wallner\*\*\*

# District Wide Late Start Mondays 2024-25 School Year

Teaching and learning has evolved over time; from traditional chalkboard lectures to interactive digital classrooms, our landscape has undergone significant transformation. So to has our approach to teaching and learning. We want our students to have the social, emotional, and behavioral skills necessary to be a productive and positive part of our society. We want our students to not only absorb information but to think critically, collaborate, and problem solve in our ever changing technological world. Add to this the recent legislative changes (Act 20), it is so important for our professional staff to have time to engage in professional development, stay on top of effective instructional practices and technology--let alone time to do the planning necessary to integrate each of those aspects successfully into a school day.

We've been fortunate to start the late start process at Grove (along with several other WRPS schools) and are excited for it to have evolved and become district wide for the 24-25 school year. The bussing schedule will change on Mondays only. This allows our educators the time and space to collaborate, reflect on their teaching practices, participate in training sessions, and many other topics related to addressing the evolving needs of our students.

This investment in late start Mondays will ultimately better support your child's growth and development and help us achieve our mission and vision for our students; The Grove School Family will work interdependently to ensure all students achieve at high levels, preparing them to be active citizens who are able to communicate effectively, think creatively, and work cooperatively as responsible contributors to society.

## **GYM Reminders**

With this crazy weather we have been dealing with please make sure that your child has tennis shoes here at school so they can participate safely in gym class.

Thank you!!



## **EVERY FRIDAY is GROVE SPIRIT DAY!**

Students & Staff are encouraged to wear their Grove apparel every Friday!

During the day classrooms will submit their total of student & staff who are wearing Grove apparel. On the following Monday, Mrs. Wallner will announce the top 3 classrooms and they will be awarded the Grove Spirit Banner for that week.



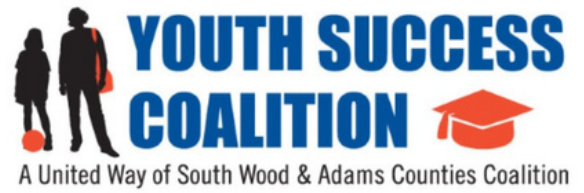
## Message from Nurse Mandy!!



Happy April everyone! Did you know that April is National Move More Month? For children, play is a great form of hidden exercise. Children between 6-15 years should get a least 60 minutes of exercise per day. It can be done all at once or split up throughout the day. Some examples of physical play could include jumping rope, rollerblading, dancing, playing tennis, swimming or playing kickball. When participating in physical play activities children increase muscle strength and endurance, strengthen their bones and boost their metabolism. Children also refine and develop their motor fitness skills, such as speed, agility, power, coordination and balance. Keeping physically active can help children sleep better, reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression, and reduce the risk of heart disease and cancer. Physical activity has been shown to also help students in school. It can help improve cognitive performance and improve brain health.

With the weather turning warmer, many people are outside more and may notice an increase in allergy symptoms (congestion, runny nose, coughing, sneezing, itchy eyes, etc.) and asthma flare-ups. If you notice these symptoms in your child and they have no history of seasonal allergies or asthma, we encourage you to discuss the symptoms with their doctor, so you can determine if medication (whether over the counter or prescription) is needed. Also, please be sure to keep an eye on your student's inhalers to be sure they are not expired and have enough puffs before an asthma attack occurs!

Thank you,  
Nurse Mandy



## **Children's Book Donations Needed in April**

We need your help—and your books! Starting April 1st and running through April 26th, United Way will accept new or gently used children's books to be distributed at Great Book Giveaway events in June.

Board books and easy readers are needed most, but any new or used children's book in good condition will be accepted. Books, or monetary donations can be brought to the United Way office at 351 Oak Street in Wisconsin Rapids between 8:30am and 4:00pm any weekday.

The Great Book Giveaway is a fun, annual event that impacts hundreds of youth each year, aligning with the goal of the Youth Success Coalition. Please consider donating to support this initiative, and help close the literacy gap in our community.

Books collected in this drive will be provided to children free of charge—a simple act that can be life changing for the many families who can't afford to purchase books.

For more information contact Ben Eberlein at 715-421-0390 or [ben@uwswac.org](mailto:ben@uwswac.org).

# The Great Book Giveaway!

United Way of South  
Wood & Adams Counties



# Wisconsin Weather

Although some days feel like spring in Wisconsin we know that it is ever changing. Please encourage your child(ren) to dress in layers in the morning and have an extra jacket /sweatshirt in their backpack.

Please read over the guidelines for outdoor recess with your child(ren)

Above 50- Short Sleeves

40-50- Long Sleeves

0-39- Winter coat, snow pants, boots, hat and mittens

Below 0- 10 mins outside

Below -10 wind chill - No outside recess



## Public School Open Enrollment

The open enrollment application period for the 2024-2025 school year is from February 5 to April 30, 2024. The application period closes at 4:00 pm on April 30th.

Late applications will not be accepted for any reason. Parents may apply on line <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>

# Spring

## Inclement Weather Procedure

The number one priority in every closure decision is the safety of our students, and what is in the best interest for all students. We do our best to make a school closure decision no later than 6:30 am.

Find out about school closure decisions by:

- Email, text, phone alerts (sign up for alerts through Family Access)
- Following the district Facebook page.
- Listening to local radio/TV stations
- **Visiting [www.wrps.org](http://www.wrps.org)**

WRPS has 3 snow days built into our calendar. We have used **2 days** in January. Any days beyond 3, will be remote learning days! Each student will have a green folder labeled "Snow Day" in their backpack.

Teachers will provide more detailed information as necessary!!

Thank you



## **Affordable connectivity Program (ACP) is Winding Down**

Families should be aware that the FCC has begun to wind down the "Affordable Connectivity Program" which allows eligible households to receive a discount of up to \$30 per month for broadband services, and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands.

Please read the following [Article](#) Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Phillip Bickelhaupt, our Director of Technology by email at [phillip.bickelhaupt@wrps.net](mailto:phillip.bickelhaupt@wrps.net) or by phone at 715-424-6715.



Thank you!

**Wisconsin Rapids**

**Bike Rodeo**

**SAFETY FAIR**

**FREE!**

**Grand Rapids Lions Club Grounds**

**Saturday, May 11, 2024 10 am - 2pm**

**All area children grades K-5**

- ▶ Kids can test their riding skill on a bike rodeo course and learn bike safety essentials
- ▶ Free Helmet Fittings and Bike Safety Inspections
- ▶ Complete a "Passport to Safety" for a chance to win a free bicycle
- ▶ All children must bring their own bicycle for the event and be accompanied by an adult
- ▶ Limited number of loaner bicycles will be available
- ▶ Lunch will be provided (hot dog/chips/beverage)



**PLEASE  
BRING  
BIKES AND  
HELMETS**



**Event Sponsors:** Wisconsin Rapids Freemasons Lodge, Grand Rapids Lions Club, Wisconsin Rapids Police Department, Grand Rapids Police Department

# March Activities @ Grove School



## Special Statement Regarding Sex Discrimination Under Title IX

In compliance with the federal title IX statutes and regulations set forth in Chapter 106 of Title 34 of the code of Federal Regulations, the District does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that the District operates. Title IX's requirement not to discriminate in any education program or activity extends to cover, but is not limited to, District students, certain admissions processes, and District employment. Inquiries regarding how Title IX and the federal Title IX regulations apply to the District may be referred to the District's Title IX Coordinator (as designated below), to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the US Department of Education, or to both. Please refer to Board Policy 411.11 for additional information.



**WRPS Title IX Coordinators**  
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## Pupil Non-Discrimination Statement

The School District of Wisconsin Rapids is committed to equal education opportunity for all District students. The District will not deny any person admission to, participation in, or the benefits of any curricular, extra-curricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of a person's gender, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, transgender status, gender identity, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected under State or Federal civil rights laws. Please review board Policy 411 for additional information. Incidents of discrimination or harassment should be reported to a teacher, administrator, supervisor, or other District employee to be addressed or forwarded on to District Compliance Office Brian Oswall.

