



GROVE ELEMENTARY

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Attendance Line: 715-424-6765

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Community Event Activities

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Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Jan. 29-Feb 12th - Grove School Butter
Braid Fundraiser

Feb. 5 -Late Start Monday - 9:00 am

Feb. 7 - Global School Play Day

Feb 7- World Read Aloud Day

Feb. 12- Late Start Monday - 9:00 am

Feb 12 - Fundraiser order forms/money
due

Feb. 16 -Popcorn Friday

Feb.19 - Feb. 23 - Share your Love Pet
Drive

Feb. 27 - Student Showcase Night 4-6
pm

Feb. 27 - Butter Braid Fundraiser pick
up

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**

**[Click here](#) to complete the application
process. Deadline for applying is Jan.
31,2024. Please call the office if
you need assistance with this.**

Dear Families,

Thank you for participating in the school-wide sleep challenge! We are working for a school-wide pajama day! Stay tuned for a final number! The importance of good sleep is well researched! Even when the challenge ends, please work to help your children get 10 - 12 hours of sleep each night! #sleeprechargesyou

Another school-wide challenge is on the way ! WATER. We'll be focusing on the importance of drinking enough water! Water is the only beverage (besides milk at lunch) that should be consumed by students at school. NO energy drinks or soda are allowed at school. Thanks for helping us to create healthy learners.

We have some fun events coming up that you will want to be aware of! There are more details about each of these in this newsletter:

1- Student Showcase Night - Feb. 27 4-6pm

2- Spring Concert - during the school day- exact times to be determined

**I wish you well,
Mrs. Tina Wallner**



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.



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!!





Message from Nurse Mandy!!

Did you know that our bodies are made of about 60% water? Staying hydrated is important to keep your body functioning at its best. If there isn't enough water in your body, essential functions such as circulation, transporting nutrients, protecting joints and organs, maintaining body temperature and removing wastes don't function properly. Being under hydrated or dehydrated can also impair brain function and increase mood swings. Cognitive functions, such as doing math problems, learning to read and remembering things, could be decreased. This feeling is commonly referred to as brain fog.

Some symptoms of underhydration or dehydration could be dry, chapped lips, dry skin, headaches, having little energy and dark urine. How much water should you drink each day? For school age kids, between 5-7 cups each day. Remember to drink more when it is hot when you play outside or doing a lot of exercise, sweating can cause dehydration. Drinks like soda, coffee and juice shouldn't count towards water count as caffeine can dehydrate and juices can have a lot of extra sugar and salt in them. Some tips on encouraging students to drink water is to let them pick out a special water bottle, add fresh or frozen fruit to the water, add herbs like mint, rosemary or basil. There are a lot of different ways to flavor water.

Please remember as winter has finally started, ensure your children have the appropriate weather gear to go outside: hats, coats, gloves, snow pants and boots. Students need to have all of these to play outside in the snow. Also, please keep your student home if they are not feeling well enough to attend. Students are required to remain home until fever-free (less than 100.4 degrees) without the use of medication as well as 24 hours after the last episode of vomit/diarrhea.



Stay healthy and well,
Nurse Mandy



GROVE SCHOOL BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER

Our school fundraiser kicked off on Monday, Jan 29th . We have had a fantastic start with numerous orders already placed online. We truly appreciate all the families that are participating.

All monies raised from this fundraiser will be going towards our new playground area. We ask that each participant sell **2 butter braid pastries.** Each item that is sold, we will get \$6.50 back, making it more than a 40% profit.

The fundraiser ends Monday, Feb. 12th. **Please return all order forms and money to the office by the end of the day on Monday, Feb. 12th!**

Thank you,
Grove School Parent Group



Student Showcase Night

Please Join Us!!!

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Time: Anytime between 4:00-6:00 pm

Place: Grove School

Why: Celebrate your child's learning this year!

We'll have snacks in the Cozy Cafe' for your family to enjoy together!

We can't wait to share our learning with all of you!!



GROVE PARENT GROUP UPDATE!!!

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

Meetings for the rest of school year are:

Feb. 12th- 5:30 pm

Mar. 11th - 5:30 pm

Apr. 8th- 5:30 pm

May. 13th - 5:30 pm

The parent group helps plan fundraising for our school, special events, family nights, popcorn Fridays and so much more.

We need you! How can you help?? Come to the meeting and see what its all about.

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

Save the Date!!

Tuesday, March 12, 2024



Spring Concert!



Please join us for a fun filled afternoon with our students to celebrate student learning in the Fine Arts.

Watch for more information to come!

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 or by phone at 715-424-6715.

Thank you!



**WISCONSIN RAPIDS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

FREE DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

For ALL children 0-5 years of age living in the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools district attendance area. Screenings provided by WRPS, Wood County Head Start, and Wood County Birth to Three program.

**Thursday,
February 29, 2024**

**Pitsch Early Learning Center
501 17th St. So.**

**Must register by Friday,
February 23**

TO REGISTER:

Call Paula Tesch at 715-424-6700
or email paula.tesch@wrps.net



Wisconsin Rapids Public School Boundary Exception Procedure

The application period for Boundary Exception is now open. Application is made by completing the Boundary Exception Request form, which is available at the main office of most elementary schools, Central Office located at 510 Peach Street and the district/school website www.wrps.org/register.cfgm

All applications are due to the Director of Human Resources no later than 4:00 pm on Friday March 8th, 2024.

Any application received after the March 8th deadline will be placed on a waiting list and will not be reviewed until August.

Thank you!



WRPS 2024-25 4-AND-5 yr. old Kindergarten Registration

Registration will be held at the WRPS
Enrollment Center
311 Lincoln Street
(enter through the front door)

Registration Starts:

February 28 12:00-6:00 & February 29 12:00-6:00
After the initial registration dates, registration
will be available at the Enrollment Center .
Monday - Friday 8am-4pm

What to Bring:

Child's Certified Birth Certificate, baptismal
certificate, or passports for verification
Immunization Record

If you are currently enrolled in a
WRPS program you DO NOT need
to register for 5K

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](https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment)



SHARE YOUR LOVE PET DRIVE

Grove School will be collecting items for the South Wood County Humane Society .. Please consider donating an item or two for all the animals that are at our shelter.

The drive will start Feb. 19th and run through Feb. 23rd.

Watch for more information to come in the coming weeks!!!



HAPPY Valentine's Day



Winter Weather Updates

WINTER Winter weather is upon us, so please make sure to have your student dress appropriately. When the temperature or wind chill factor is between 0 F 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 dressed 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.



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

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**



Now Accepting NEW Enrollments!



FOCUS Family Backpacks

'FOCUS Family Backpacks' is a free weekend food program for school-aged children and their families.

How it works: Every Friday a plain backpack containing a meal, plus some meal "stretchers" like cereal and peanut butter, is placed in your child's locker. The backpack contains a recipe and all the non-perishable ingredients needed to create the meal. Your child returns the empty backpack to the office on Mondays.

***In addition to our usual rotation of meals, families also have the option now to receive traditional Asian food as an alternative.*

How to sign up: You can:

1. Fill out the enrollment form on the back and have your child return it to school

2. Contact your school's FOCUS Family Backpacks Representative:

Grant- Samantha Radtke, School Counselor, at (715) 424-6766

Grove- Barb Bondioli, School Social Worker, at (715) 424-6769

Howe- Sarah Ehleiter, School Social Worker, at (715) 424-6772

Mead- Aisha McDade, School Social Worker, at (715) 424-6777

THINK- Olivia Baehman, School Counselor, at (715) 424-6784

Washington- Barb Bondioli, School Social Worker, at (715) 424-6788

Woodside- Sarah Ehleiter, School Social Worker, at (715) 424-6793

WRAMS- Tessa Gruszynski, School Social Worker, at (715) 424-6740

OR

3. Stop in the office at school

Each school has a limited number of backpacks available for each trimester. Sign up is first come, first serve. You will be contacted regarding whether or not you will be participating in the program.



The FOCUS Family Backpacks Program is working to alleviate hunger by providing a nutritious weekend meal-in-a backpack for families facing financial difficulties at Wisconsin Rapids Elementary and Middle Schools.

Eligibility:

Any student and their family are eligible for a backpack (as supplies are available) if they meet the following:

- Contact your child's school social worker and/or school counselor
- 1st come 1st serve basis
- Enrollment form filled out and returned to the school social worker and/or school counselor(below).
- Signed a waiver(below).

Protocol for receiving Backpack

- Student will receive backpack on Friday or end of the school week
- Student will return empty backpack on Monday morning.

Enrollment Form:
(Please fill out one form per family)

Parent/GuardianName(s): _____ Date: _____

Student receiving the backpack: _____ Phone Number: _____

Names & ages of **all children** living in the home _____

Names & ages of **all adults** living in the home _____

Meal Preference (Please select one):

- I prefer the 8 meal rotation (pasta, tuna casserole, chicken & rice, beef stew, chili, chicken pot pie, coconut curry, taco soup)
- I prefer traditional Asian meals (Kuv nyiam noj cov zaub mov Esxias dua lwm yam)
- I prefer the 8 meal rotation with a hot plate & basic utensils for use in a motel or other unique living situation

(OPTIONAL):Does your family qualify for the free school lunch program? Yes _____ No _____

(OPTIONAL):Presently,does your family qualify for homeless services (living in motel/car/campsite in transitional housing, in shelter or foster care, with another family due to loss of housing or economic hardship, in section 8 or military housing, or is student living in own apartment? Yes _____ No _____

(OPTIONAL):What is your race or ethnicity? _____

Waiver:

By signing this waiver, I _____ waive and release Rapids Family Backpacks and FOCUS from any liability, loss, claims, expenses resulting from consumption of food(s) packed within the backpack. These liabilities will include but are not limited to any health hazards resulting from improper or inappropriate handling and storage of food items.

I acknowledge that this waiver and release is being signed by me voluntarily, without coercion, duress, or undue influence and with full knowledge of its terms and effects. I have read the above waiver and release of liability and fully understand its contents.

Name (Print) _____ Sign _____ Date _____

FOCUS Family Backpacks is a program of Feeding Our Communities with United Services (FOCUS), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a mission to reduce food insecurity in our community.

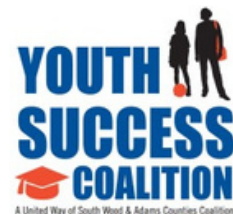
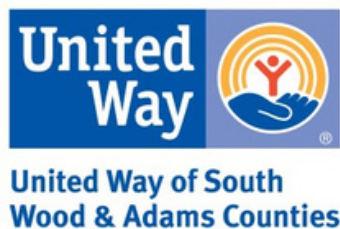
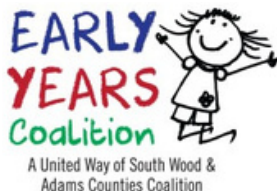


Kids don't come with instructions. Bright by Text sends helpful parenting tips, activities & resources right to your phone—for free! Text 'BADGER' to 274448 to sign up!

Bright by Text supports a 'whole child, whole family' approach to early childhood that improves parents' confidence, competence, and connections with their children.

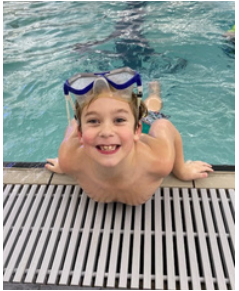
Each message links to age-appropriate resources (short videos, articles, books, games, & activities) with content from trusted sources like Bright by Three, Cooking Matters, Delta Dental, PBS, Sesame Street, Vroom, and partners like local libraries, museums, and health organizations.

Questions? Contact Ben at United Way at 715-421-0390 or ben@uwsvac.org.





Games with Coach V. & Jr Coaches



2024 Spelling Competition

Aniyah J- Winner
Emily B - Alternate



Participants: Emily, Hailey, Jacen, Lucas, Aniyah, Ryland, Emma, Emmilynn, Ryott, & Savannah



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.

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.

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