



# GROVE ELEMENTARY

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### Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- Mar. 1 - No School - PD Day for Staff
- Mar. 4 - Late Start Monday - 9:00 am
- Mar 4-8 - Read Across America Week
- Mar. 5- 4th Grade Field Trip
- Mar. 8 - 5th Grade Field Trip
- Mar. 11- Late Start Monday - 9:00 am
- Mar. 12- Spring Concert
- Mar. 13- 1st Grade Field Trip
- Mar. 13 - 4th Grade Field Trip
- Mar. 18- Late Start Monday - 9:00 am
- Mar. 21 - Spring Pictures
- Mar. 22- Popcorn Friday
- Mar. 25-Mar. 29- No School- Spring Break
- Apr. 1- Late Start Monday - 9:00 am

### 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.

Dear Families,

On Monday we're starting our next school-wide challenge - Being mindful about our water intake! We will be spreading the word about the importance of water for the next 3 weeks. Each student will get a new "Grove Spirit" water bottle that they will decorate to make their own. While your child can use any water bottle they wish at school, we want to remind you that water is the only beverage that should be consumed at school unless there is a special event or permission from a teacher. Here's a link with some interesting information: [What does water do for the Brain?](#)

We had a great turn out for Student Showcase Night! It was fun to see so many families enjoying a fun evening together to celebrate learning. The pick up for Butter Braids went smoothly! Thanks again to all who sold and helped us to raise about \$3600 to go toward our new playground.

Our next family event is our Music Around the World Concert on Mar. 12. See the attached flier for more details.

Happy Spring! I wish you well!  
Mrs. Tina Wallner

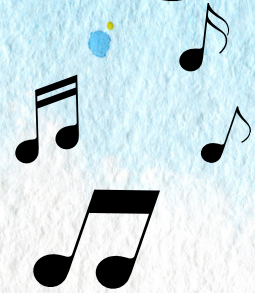
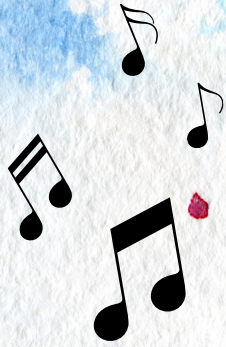


Spring Picture Day is coming!!!  
Thursday, March 21, 2024  
Watch for the flyer in the coming weeks on how to order!

Time to get those beautiful smiles ready!!



# Music Around the World Program



will be held Tuesday, March 12th  
Music Programs

K - Second Grade

Show begins at 1:45 PM

Third - Fifth Grade

Show begins at 2:30 PM

For the performance(s) you choose to attend, please plan to stay for the entire show. This will be less disruptive to the performers and the recording,

Your child is invited to dress up a bit for the performances! This is a big event that hasn't been held at Grove since 2019, so let's make it special!

Here are some ideas for attire:

Dresses or skirts

Ties

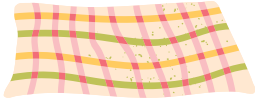
Slacks with a blouse, sweater, collared shirt

Jeans(non-ripped) and a nice shirt

# READ across AMERICA

***Celebrating Reading all week***

***March 4th - March 8th***

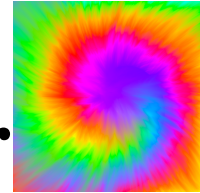


***Monday March 4th***

***Bring a Blanket to snuggle up with during read aloud***

***Tuesday March 5th***

***Wear your favorite color***



***Wednesday, March 6th***

***Wear clothes that have words on them for everyone to read***



***Thursday, March 7th***

***Wear your favorite hat or hair style***



***Friday, March 8th***

***Grove or Team Spirit Day***



# GROVE PARENT GROUP UPDATE!!!

The Butter Braid Fundraiser was a **HUGE SUCCESS!!**

We sold around 570 items, with a profit of about \$3600.00 We could not have done this without the help of our school families who participated.

Thank you so much! The money will be put towards the new playground that will be coming in 2025!

## Grove Night @ Polito's Pizza Fundraiser



*Tuesday, March 12th 4pm-9pm  
(Dine in or carry out)*



*Any orders placed during this time, Grove School will get 10% back. The money will be put towards the new playground!*

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

Meetings for the rest of school year are:

Mar. 11th - 5:30 pm

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\*\*\***

## Message from Nurse Mandy!!



Happy March!

March is national nutrition month. Nutrition is especially important for growing bodies and minds. Research has shown that students are able to learn better when they're well nourished. Eating healthy meals and snacks has been linked to better grades, improved memory and faster information processing. "Eat the rainbow" is a popular term that many nutritionists use to help people to incorporate more fruits and veggies in their diet. In fact, it was so popular in the field of nutrition it was adopted by a certain candy brand as part of their slogan. Eating different colors of fruits and vegetables ensures that a wide range of nutrients, vitamins and minerals are being consumed. Such as eating red fruits and vegetables will provide lots of vitamin A, C, and manganese; which reduces risks of cancer, heart disease and improves eye, skin and hair health. Green foods will provide vitamin B, K folate, potassium and antioxidants. They promote eye health, lung health, liver function, cell production and lower blood pressure. Did you know blue fruits and vegetables can improve memory and prevent aging? The old wives tale could be true, an apple a day could keep the doctor away.

I hope everyone is staying healthy during this rough cold and flu season. Did you know the average student usually gets between 5-7 colds/viruses per year? Most don't require treatment or intervention. Encouraging rest and increased water intake can help students overcome colds and viruses quicker. Cough drops are available in the nurse's office, and students are able to get some as long as Skyward medical permission is granted. Please check your student's Skyward to ensure we are able to help as much as possible. If you have any questions on logging into Skyward, please contact the school for help. Please review your student's immunizations to make sure they are compliant for next school year. If your child should not receive immunizations for any reason, a waiver will need to be filled out by a parent or guardian and returned to the school, it is at the bottom of the immunization record form. The updated student immunization record form is available here: [Student Immunization Record](#).

### Required Immunizations for School

\*\*\*\*\*5 months through 15 months:

2 DTP/DTaP/DT, 2 Polio, 2 Hep B, 2 Hib, 2 PCV

\*\*\*\*\*16 months through 23 months:

3 DTP/DTaP/DT, 2 Polio, 1 MMR, 2 Hep B, 3 Hib, 3 PCV

\*\*\*\*\*2 years through 4 years:

4 DTP/DTaP/DT, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, 1 Var, 3 Hep B, 3 Hib, 3 PCV

\*\*\*\*\*Kindergarten through grade 6:

4 DTP/DTaP/DT, 4 Polio, 2 MMR, 2 Var, 3 Hep B

\*\*\*\*\*Grade 7 through grade 12:

4 DTP/DTaP/DT, 1 Tdap 4 Polio, 2 MMR, 2 Var, 3 Hep B





**March is Youth Art Month! We are excited to have our Elementary Art Show back at McMillan Library this year!**

**The show will be up during the entire month of March. We can recognize our education as a viable factor in the total education curriculum that develops citizens of a global society.**

**Art helps our children develop divergent and critical thinking capabilities.**

**We hope you can visit McMillan Library and see all of the great artwork from Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools on display**

**Ways to help celebrate?**

- Ask your child how their art class was in school
- Visit a local or state art museum
- Do an art activity as a family
- Play a drawing game...like pictionary!

## 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**

### **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:

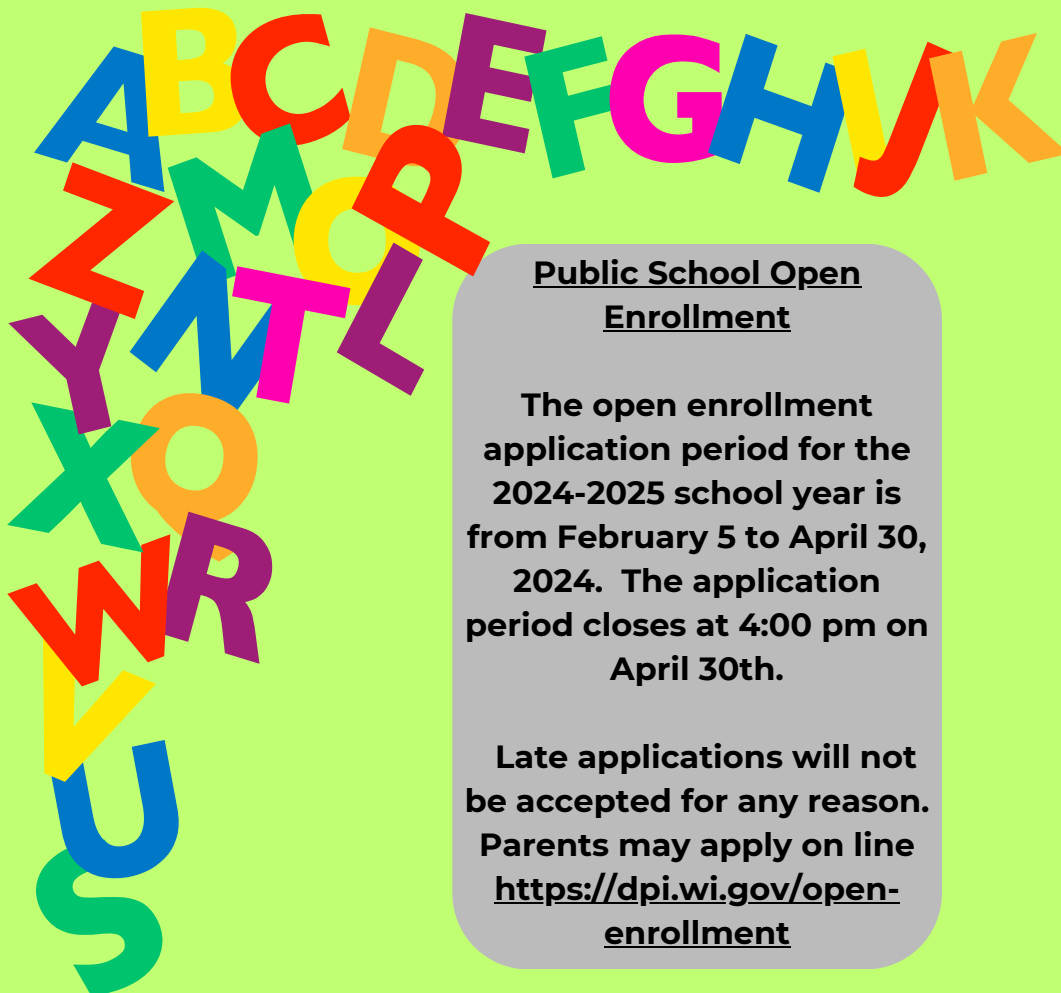
- Email, text, phone alerts (sign up for alerts through Family Access)
- Following the district Facebook page.
- Listening to local radio/TV stations
- **Visiting [www.wrps.org](http://www.wrps.org)**

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





**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>



**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.

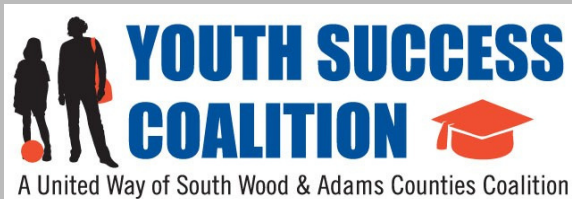
Thank you!

**Wisconsin Rapids 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](http://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!



## Teen Job Fair at LHS

2-5pm, March 20th

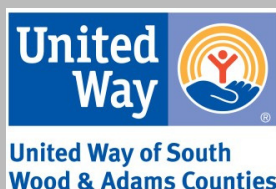
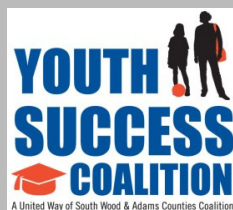
Whether saving for college or a car, most teens need extra cash. That means getting a job—but where do you start? Who's hiring? For what jobs? How do you apply?

The Teen Job Fair at Lincoln High School will host more than 20 local employers from 2:00-5:00pm on March 22nd.

Attendees will meet employers, learn about job openings, and can apply on-site—with some additional opportunities for on-site interviews.

The Teen Job Fair is free to attend and open to all teens. Looking for part-time, full-time, seasonal work, or interested in networking? You don't want to miss out—register now using the QR code below for a chance to win a prize drawing!

**Register now!**  
**Scan here!**

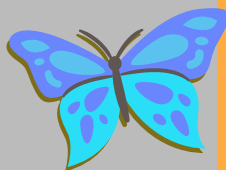


### EVERY FRIDAY is GROVE SPIRIT DAY!

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!!





# Grove School Night at Polito's Fundraiser

**P I Z Z A**  
*Time*

**ORDER ANYTIME  
FROM 4PM-9PM AND  
THE SCHOOL WILL  
GET 10% BACK FROM  
ALL SALES**



**POLITO'S PIZZA**

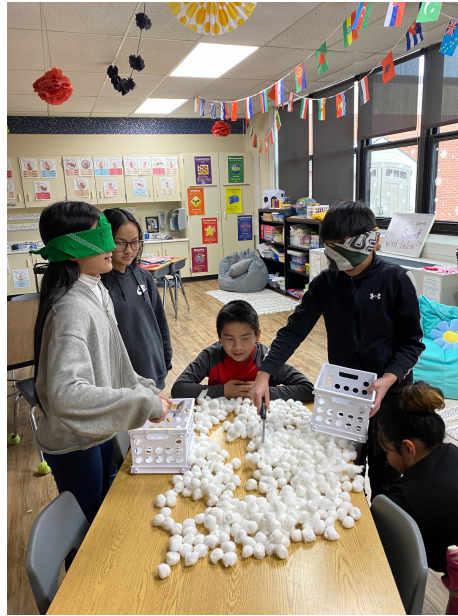
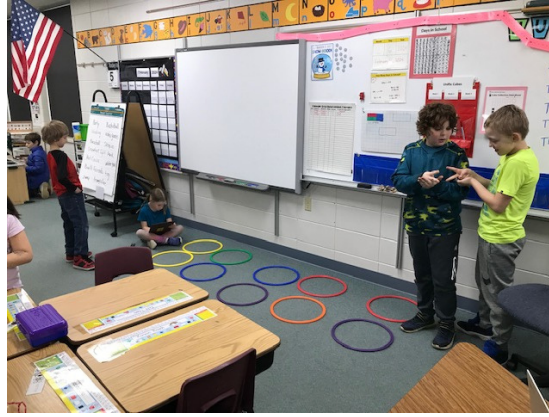
1951 8TH ST S, WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI 715-423-4343

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 4PM-9PM**

**Dine In or Carry out to raise money for our new playground!!**

**SPREAD THE WORD - LET FAMILY AND FRIENDS KNOW!! More orders equals more profit for our playground!**

# February Activities- Global Play Day 2024



## 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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