

GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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2023

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Dear Families,

As we enter November we are celebrating lots of great learning both in and out of classroom! We completed a week of Recess Reboot with Coach V. We had a great time learning some new games and new ways to problem solve and have fun on the playground. We have 4th and 5th grade Jr. Coaches who will be at recess helping students to play games. Coach V will be back on Nov. 30.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held the evenings of Nov. 9 & 16. This is your chance to find out more about how your child is doing in school. A link to sign up for a time will be shared with you soon.

So many of our Grove parents and caregivers have been hard at work to provide opportunities for our students and classrooms. They hosted the first Popcorn Friday last week, they are planning the Halloween Dance and T-shirt orders for students. The parent group is meeting on Monday Nov. 13 at 5:30 in the library. If you are interested in helping with planning events for students and staff, please consider joining us!

Mrs. Tina Wallner



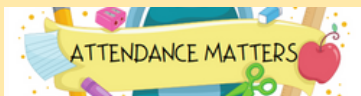
Upcoming Events

- NOV. 1 - PICTURE RETAKE DAY
- NOV. 6 - LATE START MONDAY
- NOV. 9 - PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES 3:45-7:45
- NOV. 13 - LATE START MONDAY
- NOV. 13 - PARENT GROUP MEETING 5:30PM LIBRARY
- NOV. 16 - PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES 3:45-7:45
- NOV. 16 - POPCORN/WATER ORDERS & MONEY DUE
- NOV. 17 - POPCORN FRIDAY
- NOV. 20 - LATE START MONDAY
- NOV. 22, 23, 24 - NO SCHOOL HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- NOV. 27 - LATE START MONDAY



All Adult visitors that come into Grove Elementary during the school day **MUST** check into the main office and get a visitor badge. Bring a driver's license with you (unless you already have shown it to the office) so that a quick background check can be performed. Once the check is complete you will be given a badge to be worn while you are in the building. When your visit is complete, stop in the main office to check out.

We appreciate your cooperation to help keep our students and staff safe



We want our student's to be successful, and to do that, we need them in school, on time, ever day.

Please try and schedule appointments outside of school hours and vacations on our no school days or already scheduled breaks.

If the unavoidable happens and your child can't make it to school, **please be sure to call our attendance line at (715)424-6765 to avoid unexcused absences.** Unexcused absences on your child's record will result in an attendance meeting with the Grove staff and possible truancy charges if the problem continues.

Need to pick your child up early? **Please call our office at (715)424-6769 by 2pm,** so that we can make sure your end of day plans are communicated to your child and their teacher. We cannot guarantee last minute calls will get to students/staff in time to follow your late request, which is why its important to give us plenty of notice

Thank you for your advanced communication!



SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS IS THE NUMBER PRIORITY.

Many of our students are riding to and from school on the bus. It is very important that they follow the expectations of the Bus drivers!

- Keep their body to themself
- Use school appropriate language
- Use 0-1 voice level(quiet voice)
- Remain seated when bus is moving

We want all students to be able to ride the bus, but please understand that riding the bus is a privilege and if your child cannot follow expectations they may be removed from the bus.

We continue to reinforce these expectations, but ask that families also talk with their children about appropriate behaviors on the bus, as well.

Thank you!



COMING SOON

GROVE ELEMENTARY APPAREL ORDERS

Our Parent Group is excited to sponsor our annual apparel sale. This year each Grove student gets a t-shirt for **FREE!** In the next Couple of weeks an order form for this shirt will be coming home- we ask that you fill out the size you would like us to order. If we don't receive the order form back we will do our best to get the right size for your child.

Please watch for more information in the coming week regarding our Grove Elementary Apparel Store that will be opening up through MADA Custom Apparel.



A Message from Nurse Mandy

Hello Grove families!

I am Nurse Mandy, and I am privileged to say that I am the new nurse at Grove. I am thrilled to be rejoining the Evergreen family, as I was a student here many, many years ago, and looking forward to meeting all of you. My favorite part of nursing is getting to connect with all of my patients and making someone's day a little brighter. Outside of school I enjoy going on hikes with my family and dog, and finding new crafts to do. Stop down in the health office to say hello! I am excited to see what the school year has to bring.



Please remember with the cold and flu season upon us that students must be sent home from school for a fever greater than 100.4, diarrhea or vomiting. Please keep students home if they are not feeling well or until they can go 24 hours without using fever reducing medications. A great way to prevent the spread of illness is to stay home when sick, wash hands frequently and cover coughs and sneezes. Exercising, eating healthy foods and getting enough sleep will help keep you healthy and strong to prevent illness as well. And as always, as the weather is turning colder, please remember to send your child with appropriate weather gear (i.e. hats, gloves, jackets, boots).

Stay happy and healthy!

-Nurse Mandy



To ensure the safety of our students and staff members, any individual wishing to volunteer in any capacity must complete a volunteer application and undergo a criminal history records check (background check). Volunteers must be approved prior to volunteering in any capacity including, but not limited to, helping in the classroom or on field trips.

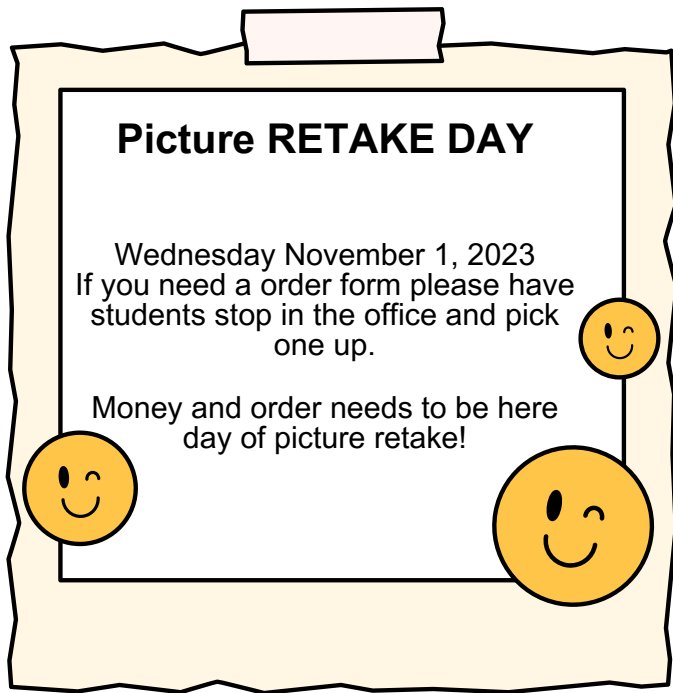
Volunteers are required to reapply every 3 years. If you applied 3 years ago, you may have received an email notification from Background Investigation Bureau (BIB) - or will be receiving one soon to renew your application. The deadline to submit a volunteer application in November 30, 2023

Art Fundraiser Coming Soon!



Our school is participating in a fundraiser with Art to Remember. This program benefits our art department and you will have the opportunity to purchase keepsake items customized with your child's artwork. The products make great gifts for friends and family members!





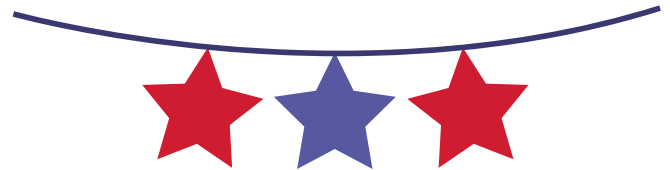
VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION



Grove Elementary School will be
having a
Veterans Day Celebration
Friday November 10th
1:45 p.m. Grove School Gym

Guest Speaker, Singing by 5th
Graders will be part of the
program

Watch for more details to come



GROVE PARENT GROUP

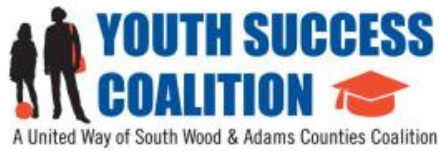
CONSIDER JOINING US FOR OUR NEXT GROVE PARENT GROUP MEETING ON MONDAY, NOV. 13
5:30 - 6:30PM
GROVE SCHOOL LIBRARY

WE WILL REFLECT ON THINGS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE SO FAR THIS YEAR, DO SOME PLANNING FOR UPCOMING EVENTS, AND LEARN ABOUT TITLE I AT GROVE SCHOOL.

Special Statement Regarding Sex Discrimination Under Title IX
In compliance with the federal title IX statues 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
Brian Oswald, Director of Human Resources
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Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
P: 715-424-6710
E: brian.osall@wrps.net

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 Oswald.



Empowering Youth: The Boys & Girls Club of the Wisconsin Rapids Area

Currently serving over 400 youth, Boys & Girls Club programs provide much needed after-school care, while helping youth develop character and build academic & life skills.

Healthy lifestyles are learned through physical activity, healthy habits, and social emotional learning. The *Second Step* program teaches members how to identify, understand, and manage emotions.

STEM activities ignite interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, while creative arts projects encourage self-expression and artistic appreciation.

Club members also get fun and unique opportunities to participate in programs like NBA Math Hoops which teaches math & social emotional skills through basketball over a 12-week program.

Committed to all ages, the Teen Center offers programs like *Career Launch* for job-ready teens to learn important soft skills; and *Teen Cuisine*, for hands-on cooking instruction. Additionally, the *Work Force* program allows teens to gain valuable job experience within the Club, and the *Cougar Paths* program in partnership with MSTC offers guided career exploration.

To learn more, reach out to Member Service Director Cheyenne Kester at ckester@bgcwra.org or 715-818-5252.



United Way of South
Wood & Adams Counties



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Keep Kids Warm

Attention Grove Families! If your child is in need of a coat, snow pants, hat, gloves, and/or boots, you can sign up using the link below for a time slot to come to the former East Junior High building (311 Lincoln St, Wisconsin Rapids) on **November 1st** or **November 13th** to get the items needed for your child(ren).

November 1st, 2023: 9 AM- 12 PM

November 13th, 2021: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044AAAAB28AAFD0-45452519-grove>

Or use this QR code:



Keep Kids Warm will be set up in Room 103. Please park on Lincoln Street and enter through the front entrance. Staff from your child's school will be there to assist you. If you have any questions, contact School Social Worker Barb Bondioli, or School Counselor Shawn Pfeil at 715.424.6769.

Please note the following:

*Sign up **IS** required ahead of time in order to participate.

There is no cost to this event, but we will again be accepting donations of unexpired, non-perishable food items and/or winter gear that your child has outgrown.

Dear Families,

For the 2022-23 school year, WRPS elementary schools will be completing a teacher survey called the SAEBRS and a student survey called the mySAEBRS to support our students in successful participation throughout the school day. Teachers will complete surveys for students in grades K through 12th, and students in grades 2nd through 12th will also complete a self-rating survey. The self-rating survey for students will only take a few minutes to complete and will be completed 2 or 3 times throughout the school year. The SAEBRS and mySAEBRS are universal screening tools to gather information about student behaviors in the following 3 domains:

- Social behaviors - students will rate themselves on the following:
 - I argue with others
 - I get along with my peers
 - I lose my temper
 - I disrupt class
 - I am respectful
 - Other people like me
 - I have trouble waiting my turn
- Academic behaviors - students will rate themselves on the following:
 - I like school
 - I am ready for class
 - I get good grades
 - I have trouble working alone
 - It's hard to pay attention in class
 - I participate in class
- Emotional behaviors - students will rate themselves on the following:
 - I feel sad
 - I feel nervous
 - I like to try new things
 - I am happy
 - I am worried
 - When something bad happens, it takes a while for me to feel better
 - I like being alone

The information that we obtain from the teacher and student surveys will allow for classroom teachers and support staff to identify strategies and interventions that may be helpful in the classroom environment to best support learning for all students.

The student survey will be administered to all students unless parents contact the building principal to have them opted out. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's participation in this student survey, please contact your child's elementary building principal.

Grove Elementary Family Involvement Policy

Mission: 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.

Vision: The Grove School Family will provide a positive, intellectually stimulating environment of achievement built on shared responsibility and relationships.

❖ We will build strong relationships with families.

➤ Provide frequent and appropriate information to families about the instructional program and student progress within the program.

➤ Offer and encourage participation in family engagement activities that build parent understanding of and participation in the instructional program several times per year.

➤ Support parent learning through opportunities that build parent knowledge and confidence in discipline and parenting strategies and the instructional program

Title I regulations require that each school served under Title I jointly develop with and distribute to parents of participating children, a written Family involvement policy agreed on by the parents.

A. Policy Involvement

We will-

● Provide families with information about Title I Programming

● Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved.

● Involve parents in planning, review, and improvement of programs including the school family involvement policy.

B. Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement

We will-

● Provide a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

● Be flexible in offering parent-teacher conferences and other family meetings that are convenient for both parties.

● Provide families-

○ A description of curriculum, academic assessments, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet

○ Opportunities to formulate suggestions and to participate as appropriate in decisions relating to the education of their children

○ With materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster family involvement.

C. Family Engagement

In order to provide a safe and effective learning environment, we commit to a Family Involvement Policy that guarantees:

1. A Welcoming Environment

● Opportunities for parents to come to assemblies when children are being recognized

● Volunteers/Visitors in classrooms

● Open House, Learn the Routine Night and Family Events during the year

● Formal/Informal meetings with parents upon parent or teacher request ●

Movin' on Upto Kindergarten

● New student Orientation

2. Programs and Activities to Engage Families in Improving Student Achievement

● Universal Breakfast and Lunch

● Family activity nights

● Regular Communication with Families: Seesaw, newsletters; websites, emails, agenda planner, phone calls

● Parent workshops

● Learn the Routine Night

● Regular communication with families

● Future Forward

● F.A.S.T.-Families and Schools Together

3. Strong Relationships Between Teachers and Families

● Newsletters (classroom and school-wide), websites, blogs, emails, agenda planner, phone calls

● Parent/Teacher Conferences

● Family activity nights

● Assemblies with parent involvement

● Home visits to deliver open house invites at the start of the year

4. Opportunities for Families to Develop Their Skills, Self-Confidence, and Support base

● Brochures and information about community resources available for families ●

Student Success Team Meetings (SST)

● Family activity nights

● Parent workshops

● Collaboration regarding health concerns

● Keep Kids Warm

● FOCUS Family Backpacks Program

● Stuff the Desk

● F.A.S.T.-Families and Schools Together

● Future Forward Family Nights

5. Opportunities for Families and Staff to Work Together Productively

● Parent surveys

● GNC (Grove Neighborhood Community) Parent Group Meetings and Involvement ●

Collaboration with other teachers - Home and School Partnerships Team

● Parent Communication and conferences

● Student Success Team Meetings (SST)

● Video clips to support student learning

● IEP Meetings

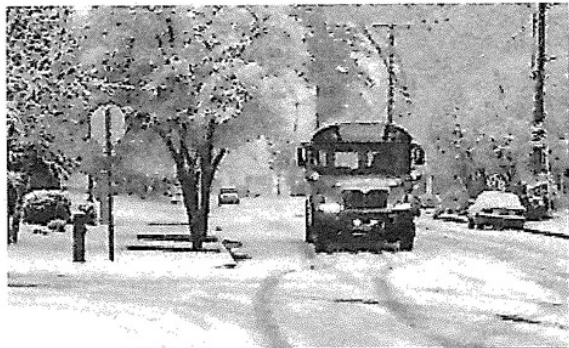
● Transition Meetings

● Learn the Routine Night

How does school get canceled due to weather?



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Parents may be interested to know how school closure decisions get made when inclement weather sweeps across our area. The number one priority in every closure decision is the safety of our students, and what is in the best interest of all students. When schools close, we lose valuable learning time with your child(ren), and many families have concerns or complications surrounding childcare. Furthermore, there may be times when parents feel differently about whether school should be open or closed based upon the weather. Should this happen, the District encourages parents to make a decision that they believe is best for their child's health and safety.

Decisions to close school are not taken lightly; and a great deal of thought and communication is involved in the process. Following are some details about what is involved in the weather-related school closure process, and how a final decision gets made:

As the Superintendent of Schools, I monitor weather conditions relative to snow/ice precipitation and gather input and feedback from all appropriate sources including meteorologists, transportation providers, and area highway personnel and/or law enforcement agencies that have personnel out driving on our roadways. Additionally, in cases of extremely cold temperatures and/or wind chills, a decision to close generally comes into play when temperatures will continue to remain around 35 degrees below zero or lower.

I will make every attempt to make a school closure decision as early as possible, and in no case later than 6:30 a.m. of the morning when school is to be in session. When feasible, decisions are made on the evening prior to the school day so that parents can make the appropriate arrangements necessary for childcare, if needed. Unfortunately, this early decision is not always possible given the unique weather patterns of Wisconsin.

You can find out about school closure decisions in a variety of ways:

- ⇒ Through email, text, and phone alerts generated by our Skylert notification system – you can sign up for these alerts through your "Family Access" account
- ⇒ By liking the District Facebook page, you will see inclement weather-related posts

from WRPS come up in your newsfeed (facebook.com/wrpsdistrict)

- ⇒ By going to our www.wrps.org webpage – weather closure alerts get posted at the top of the main District page, once a decision has been made
- ⇒ You can sign up for community related alerts through Nixle and receive a variety of school district, law enforcement, and other notifications for our area which you may find of interest
- ⇒ By listening to local radio and television news stations

Note that when school gets canceled, all other activities scheduled in school buildings for that day are also canceled. As outlined in [Board Policy 723.1](#), **it is possible that certain dates will be designated as Remote Learning Days** – your school will individually communicate more about expectations for students on these dates when they occur.

Once school begins for the day, schools generally will not dismiss early unless absolutely necessary in order to avoid complications with transportation and childcare arrangements. Again, the safety of our students is always at the forefront of the decision-making process.

A decision to close during the school day will occur by 10:00 a.m., and lunches will be served to students in grades KG-12 before they are dismissed. **Middle school students will be dismissed first at 12:00 p.m., followed by Lincoln High students at 12:20 p.m.; and the elementary students will dismiss last at 1:00 p.m.** Afternoon sessions for our 4K and River Cities High School programs are automatically canceled if we close early. Communication to parents about an early release is similar – via Skylert, our District webpage and social media pages, Nixle, and various local media outlets.

School closure decisions are not always popular, and I can appreciate that parents may have different opinions about whether or not school should be canceled. Again, we always leave the final decision up to parents about whether to keep their child(ren) home if they feel this is best for their circumstance.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and support when school closure decisions become necessary on inclement weather days. The decisions are not always easy, but they are definitely made with the best interest of all students in mind.

If you have questions concerning this information, feel free to contact me.

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Superintendent
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715-424-6701



**WISCONSIN RAPIDS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



**2023-2024 ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY STATEMENT
INCLEMENT WEATHER DAY PROCEDURES**

CANCELLATION

If bad weather during the night makes it impossible for buses to run in the morning, the following procedure will be used:

Announcements will be made using our Skylert system for parents, posts on the WRPS District webpage (www.wrps.org), the Nixle alert system, and also reported to these media outlets **as early as possible**, but in no case later than 6:30 a.m.:

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|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| WGLX (103.3 FM) | WFHR (AM 1320) | WSPT (97.9 FM) | WAXX (104.5 FM) | WIFC (95.5 FM) |
| BIG CHEESE (107.9 FM) | WDLB (AM 1450) | WKQH (B 104.9FM) | WAYY (AM 790) | WDEZ (101.9 FM) |
| WYTE (106.5 FM) | WLJY (105.5 FM) | WPCN (AM 1010) | I-94 (94.1 FM) | WRIG (AM 1390) |
| HOT (96.7 FM) | WOSQ (92.3 FM) | WAOW-TV 9 | WSAW-TV 7 | WOZZ (94.7 FM) |
| | | | | WSAU (AM 550
or 99.9FM) |

EARLY DISMISSAL

If bad weather develops during the morning while school is in session, the following procedure will be used:

- ◆ Lunches will be served before the students are dismissed. (There is no lunch for 4K students.)
- ◆ Buses will run according to the following schedule:

Middle School	12:00 p.m.	
Assumption High School	12:10 p.m.	
Lincoln High School	12:20 p.m.	
River Cities High School (a.m. session)	11:00 a.m. (as usual)	*** <i>Afternoon RCHS sessions will be canceled.</i>
Elementary Schools (Public & Parochial)	1:00 p.m.	*** <i>Afternoon early education unit sessions will be canceled.</i>
Morning 4-Year Old Kindergarten Session	10:45 a.m.	*** <i>Afternoon 4K sessions will be canceled.</i>

Announcements of the early dismissal will be made on the above listed stations by 10:00 a.m., advising parents that their children will be sent home early.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

If an event or trip is canceled, it is the responsibility of the coach/advisor to inform the participants (the news stations listed above may be used for this communication). The safety of our students and staff is the primary consideration when making these decisions. While the "importance" of an event, the difficulties of rescheduling, and other inconveniences are recognized; safety is the only issue that is a factor in these decisions. Your cooperation, understanding, and assistance in these matters will be appreciated.

Questions regarding this Administrative Policy Statement should be referred to Superintendent Craig Broeren at 715-424-6701.

Craig Broeren
Superintendent



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follow us on Twitter to
get up-to-date weather
closure information!*