



GROVE ELEMENTARY

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Dear Grove Families,

Happy Fall! We are well into our learning routines and students are working hard in school! We are noticing that many students at school are tired. Sleep has far reaching impacts on behavior, health and learning. Here is an [Article](#) from the Mayo Clinic.

We are excited for a new recess plan to take shape starting the week of Oct. 16! Coach V will be here to help us with a "Recess Reboot." See this newsletter for more information.

There are some updates regarding family engagement opportunities in this newsletter as well.

Have a great October!
Mrs. Tina Wallner



Important Dates:

- Mon. Oct. 2 - Late Start Monday
- Mon. Oct. 9 - Late Start Monday
- Mon. Oct. 16 - Late Start Monday
- Mon. Oct. 16 - Field Trip ECCT @ PAC (1st-3rd)
- Fri. Oct 20- Popcorn Friday
- Mon. Oct. 23 - Late Start Monday
- Thurs. Oct. 26 - GPAG Halloween Dance
- Fri. Oct. 27 - NO SCHOOL (Fall Break)
- Tues. Oct 31 - End of Trimester

Daily Attendance

Please remember to call the attendance line or school office when your child(ren) are out for the day. If we do not hear from you they will be marked unexcused



Parent Engagement Updates

We had several parents join us last week for some discussion and planning! Here is a summary of some of the key points. If you want to be more involved or would like more information, please consider the links below!

Volunteering: volunteers must have background checks completed every 3 years in order to chaperone trips or volunteer in classrooms. The WRPS [Volunteer Application](#) is linked here

Parent Group Name and Meeting information: Complete this form [Parent Group Vote](#) for feedback.

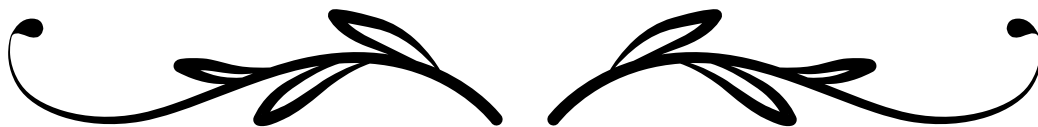
Parent group working Committees: If you would like to assist with events or volunteer, here is a list of current possibilities-[Event Committee sign up](#). **This is set up to allow comments rather than edits. If you want your name added to any of the areas, please add a comment to the document or send a message to Mrs. Wallner and you will be added.**

School staff will continue working on communication guidelines and volunteer opportunities.

Attached is our Title I [Family Involvement Policy](#).

Set your calendars! Here are some events coming up in the next several months:

- Popcorn Friday - Oct. 20 (volunteers are still needed)
- Halloween Dance - Oct. 26
- Veteran's Day Assembly - Nov. 10 (During the school day)
- Conferences - Nov 9 and 16



Volunteer Opportunities

Anyone interested in volunteering during the 2023/24 school year, must complete a background check. This includes chaperoning field trips. You can apply on the WRPS website under the community tab. If you have completed a background check last year or the year before, you should not complete the background check this year. Background checks are good for 3 years.

How to complete:

- Click on Community Tab
 - Volunteer Opportunities
 - In school volunteer information
 - On the bottom of the screen there is a link to Secure Volunteer Click "I want to volunteer!"
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Keep Kids Warm - Donations Needed

The following items are needed: coats, snow pants, gloves, and boots. Any new or gently used items are greatly appreciated. Collections will continue through Oct. 31, 2023. Donations can be dropped off at Grove School office anytime during school hours 8:20am-3:30pm.

Any questions please contact Barb Bondioli, Grove School Social Worker 715-424-6769ext 2132

News from Library

Students have been enjoying their weekly library visits. To help your student(s) have the best possible library experience, please be sure to help them locate and return their books the morning of their scheduled library visit. This will ensure they get to select new books on a weekly basis. Accidents do happen, so if your student forgets to return their books, they will be able to look at the selections in our weekly Picks bin while their class completes checkout.

- Monday- Mrs. Michels and Mrs. Radtke
- Tuesday- Mrs. Dorshorst and Mr. Thao
- Wednesday - Mrs. Dean and Ms. Kelly
- Thursday - Mrs. Doebereiner, Mrs. Alekna, and Ms. Mellberg
- Friday- Mrs. Mohrbacher. Mrs. Swyer, and Ms. Nolden

Parent - Teacher Conference

Parent Teacher conferences will be scheduled through Skyward. Dates are November 9th and 16th. Please watch for more information to come in the next few weeks.



Popcorn Friday's

Popcorn Friday's are back! For those of you who are unfamiliar with this process, students have the option this month on Friday, Oct. 20, to purchase bags of popcorn for \$0.50/each along with a bottle of flavored water for \$1.00/each to enjoy during snack time in the classroom. Students also have the chance of winning a free bag of popcorn ticker for future popcorn days. All proceeds go to funding t-shirts, field trips, and other activities for the students.

Volunteers are still needed for popping on Friday morning- if you can help please contact the office.

Thank you

Notes from Nurse Nichole:

Even though fall has just begun, the temperatures are already dropping! Please make sure you are sending appropriate outside clothing with your student(s) - hat, gloves, winter jackets). Along with weather changes comes illness. Please keep your student home if they have a temperature of 100.4 or greater, vomiting, and /or diarrhea or if they just are not feeling well enough to attend school.

Also, if your student has a history of asthma and they need an inhaler, please make sure they have their inhaler at school and a med. order from the doctor for use. Asthma exacerbation / flare up is very common due to weather changes.

Vaccinations - We will be excluding non-compliant students this year. The first legal notice was mailed on 9/25. If you have received a notice, but believe your student is compliant with their vaccinations/waivers, please contact your nurse.

Deadline for Vaccination Compliance is Monday, October 16, 2023.

As always, if your student has fever of 100.4 or greater, vomiting, or diarrhea, they need to remain home for 24 hours fever-free w/o using fever-reducing medications and be vomit/diarrhea free for 24hrs after the episode



Dear School Community,

I am excited to share that our school is partnering with Playworks to help reboot our recess!

We are proud to partner with Playworks to make recess a fun, inclusive time for every student in our community. Playworks is the leading national nonprofit using play to transform schools. A Playworks recess creates a place for every kid on the playground to feel included, be active, and build valuable social and emotional skills.

Get Excited!

Playworks Trainer, Coach Vivevca, will be at our school on Monday - Thursday from October 16 – October 19, 2023. Playworks' main focus will be to help us assess and set goals for our school recess, provide our staff with additional professional development, as well as launch and demo best practices that will help bring safe and healthy play to our school!

Coach V will be joining the school assembly on Monday to introduce herself and her role during the week. During the week, staff and students will learn new skills and expectations for safe and fun recess games and activities.

Visit the [Recess Reboot welcome page](#) to learn more

Thank you for your support and please join me in welcoming Coach V to Grove!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wallner





DAY of CARING

Make a Difference— Volunteer for Day of Caring!

Fall is here, visible in the vibrant red, yellow, and orange leaves spreading across treetops- and soon to be piling up in yards. Unfortunately, many of our elderly and disabled neighbors can't handle yard cleanup activities like leaf raking, and need our help.

That's why every October, United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties organizes hundreds of volunteers to rake leaves for those in-need during the annual Day of Caring event.

Volunteers of all ages can participate, making Day of Caring a great opportunity for families and youth! Register online at uwsac.org & get a free t-shirt!

Join over 400 other community members, groups, teams, and youth organizations in helping our elderly and disabled neighbors in -

United Way of South
Wood & Adams Counties

United
Way



FREE

Developmental Screening

Who: For ALL children 0-5 years of age living in the Wisconsin Rapids School district area.



**When: October 13, 2023
(children ages 3-5)**

Where: Biron Head Start

****Registration must be received by Oct. 10, 2023****

Children age 0-2 will be screened by Wood County Birth to three by separately scheduled appointment.

**For more information please call Paula Tesch
(715)-424-6700**

**Screenings provided by Wisconsin Rapids Public School district,
Wood County Head Start and Wood County Birth to Three
program.**

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

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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.