



**GROVE
ELEMENTARY**

Sept. 2023 Grove Newsletter

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District Attendance Line: 715-424-6765

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Dear Grove School Families,

We are off to a great start! We are excited that so many of you were able to attend our Learn the Routine Night last week. When school and home work together, student learning is greater! We appreciate all you do to help your child experience success at school. Getting a minimum of 9 hours of sleep each night, good attendance, limiting the use of electronic devices, and reading at home are all ways to help.

See the attached document for an opportunity to join me in conversation! Return the RSVP if you plan to attend either event.

Happy Fall!

Mrs. Tina Wallner

Important Dates

Monday Sept 25- Late Start Monday
Breakfast 8:45, School Starts 9:00

Wednesday Sept. 27 - Picture Day

Monday, Oct. 2 - Late Start Monday
Breakfast 8:45, School Starts 9:00

Newsletters can be found on our website and will be sent by email. Please make sure Skyward has a correct email address

REMINDER FOR GYM

ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER IS NICE AND STUDENTS ARE STILL WEARING SANDALS PLEASE REMEBER TO SEND THEM WITH A PAIR OF SOCKS SO THEY CAN STILL SAFELY PARTICIPATE IN PE CLASSES. ALL STUDENTS SHOULD KEEP A PAIR OF GYM SHOES AT SCHOOL.

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE LINE

715-424-6765

When your child is absent from school for any reason, it is very important to call the district attendance line or school office before 9:00 am. If we have not received a call from you, an automatic phone message is sent out. Your child will be marked unexcused until we hear from you.

When leaving a message, please provide the following: your name, your students full name, teacher, and the reason your child is absent.

If you receive a call and did leave a message on the attendance line or office voicemail, rest assured that the absences will be correctly entered in. we are probably having a very busy morning in the office and have not had time to check all voice messages.

Thank you!

ONLINE ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION

If you have not already completed the online enrollment verification please do ASAP. It is VERY IMPORTANT for parents to complete this to verify that all of your contact information in Skyward is correct. Make sure at least one emergency contact is listed with the correct phone number. Fill out the medical information in detail so that the office can treat the students effectively. Also, if anything changes, phone numbers, addresses, health issues please update them in Skyward throughout the year. If you need help completing the online verification, please contact the office and they will be happy to assist you.

AFTER SCHOOL PLANS

Parents please communicate with your child(ren) the plan for after school before leaving for school in the morning. Please call the office by 2:00pm if changes need to be made for pick up of your child(ren).

ALL STUDENTS will be picked up in the back parking lot near the ACT playground, unless you have indicated to the office you will be walking up to Door B off the playground to meet your child(ren). Bus students will be picked up in the front parking lot by the office. Please follow those pick up guidelines through out the year. Older grades, if you feel comfortable can be picked up on Clyde Street, Lincoln Street instead of going through the drive up line.

VOLUNTEERS

Anyone interested in volunteering during 2023/2024 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 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 the background check:

Go to www.wrps.org

Click on Community tab

Volunteer Opportunities

In School Volunteer Information

On the bottom of the screen there is a link to Secure Volunteer.

Click on 'I want to volunteer!'

September News from the Nurse

Hi everyone,! Hoping your first days back to school have been wonderful and you're all settling in for another fantastic year! A few reminders:

CARE PLANS FOR HEALTH CONDITIONS

Emails have been sent with paperwork if your student has been identified as having a health condition (food allergies, lactose intolerance, asthma, allergies to bee stings, seizure disorders, etc.) Please make sure to fill these out and send them back ASAP to the office. This is important to help keep your student safe while at school. If you haven't received an email, make sure to check your junk folder first, otherwise contact the school office and they will be happy to assist you.

MEDICATIONS

Students requiring administration of prescription medication (including short term antibiotics) at school must have a PHYSICIAN/DENTIST ORDERS FOR ADMINISTERING PRESCRIPTION MEICATION IN SCHOOL form on file in the nurse's office. This form and additional health forms (seizures, migraine, inhalers, food allergies, bee allergies) may be found on the WRPS webpage. Any medication identified as a controlled substance must be delivered to the school office by a responsible adult. These medications must be in a pharmacy labeled container. All over the counter meds (Tylenol, cough drops etc.) must be given to the nurse/office staff in the original labeled bottle.

COVID GUIDELINES

Student who present symptoms should stay home until feeling better. If a fever is present, they should stay home until fever free for 24 hours (without using fever reducing medication). There are no masking stipulations.

Please call or email me with any questions or medical concerns.

Nurse Nicole

nichole.fuller@wrps.net

715-424-6793 ext. 2808 - Woodside Health Office

715-424-6769 ext 2108- Grove Health Office

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.

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.

WRPS Title IX Coordinators

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Looking for parent/guardian input!
Please consider joining us for

Connection, Conversation and Planning

Our Home and School Partnerships Team and our Grove Parent group invite you to join us in conversation during one of these events.

Pizza with the Principal



Monday, Sept. 25
5:30 - 7:00

Pastries with the Principal



Wednesday,
Sept. 27
9:00 - 10:30

We are working on planning great learning experiences and fun family events for this school year and looking for your input and support! We will build on conversations started last May. ALL parents/guardians are invited to attend! We hope you will consider joining us!

This is a parent/guardian event. We will have childcare available for both events. Please RSVP by returning the form below.

Adult Name(s) _____ Children in grades _____

_____ I plan to attend Pizza with the Principal on Monday, Sept. 25, 5:30 - 7:00 pm _____ (#) Children will need childcare

_____ I plan to attend Pastries with the Principal on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 9 - 10:30 am _____ (#) Children will need childcare

_____ I'd like to be involved but am unable to attend either event, please call me at _____

SEPTEMBER 2023

Future Forward



One-on-One Tutoring & Family Engagement

Hi from IC: Jenny Molepske



jenniferm@futureforwardliteracy.org

JUST A LITTLE ABOUT ME:

I love learning new things and being in nature esp. times in my garden, exploring new places, or at our family cottage. I am married and have 3 kids: Lily a Senior(!), Eli 8th grade, and Isaiah 5th grade. This year is the last year for each of my kids at their respective schools (big changes and heart strings pulled ahead)! We also have a yellow lab puppy named Daisy & 3 bunnies: Nutmeg, Caramel, and Cinnamon.

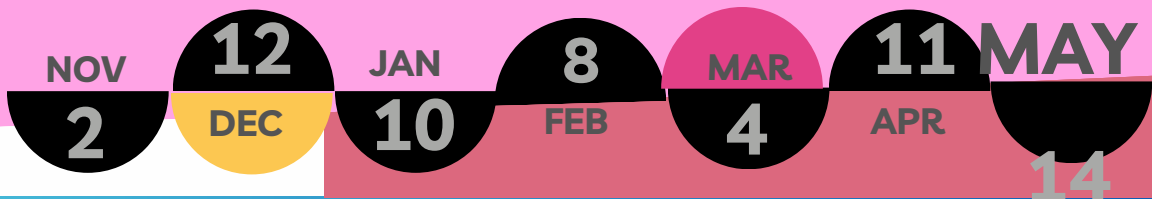
Hello! I am Jenny Molepske, the returning Instructional Coordinator & new Family Engagement Coordinator with Future Forward at Grove. Some of you may remember me from last year in the Future Forward program. We are now entering our second year of the program and I'm looking forward to implementing lessons that we learned from last year. My goal this year is to become more integrated into your school community and continue to support our families in the Future Forward program. I have enjoyed my time at Grove thus far and I can't wait to see what this school year brings!



Event Dates



(Family Events) Our Family Engagement nights are designed to interact with families, share in activities, and provide time to develop relationships. On these family nights, families get to enjoy a meal while also sharing in an activity and learning more about our program. Please join us when you are able to do so! If you have any questions, reach out to Jenny Molepske. Here are our tentative dates for the school year. Themes and Invitations to follow.





Future Forward updates

Back to School:

Consenting Process

Currently we are in the process of gathering students' consents to be part of the program, then collecting their STAR data to move into our selection process. We will also be sending out paper consent forms for on watch students identified and recommended.



Please return your class consent form for Future Forward as they arrive or put them in our mailbox. We appreciate your support in gathering these for our program to begin. Jenny will be in contact with you to help determine the best options for these students in your classes



Tutors Wanted

We are currently in need of tutors for Grove! If you have any referrals, please let us know. It's a part-time position with flexible schedules.



Applications are available through Indeed and the QR code listed below.



Room 140

jenniferm@futureforwardliteracy.org



What is Bright by Text ?

Bright by Text is a free program that sends tips and resources for healthy child development to parents' & caregivers' cell phones.

Research based messages help parents and caregivers feel prepared, and local messages from United Way of South Wood & Adams counties keep them informed. In fact, 92% of parents are more confident as a result of receiving messages from Bright by Text!

Each text message has a link to a landing page with information, including short modeling videos, related books, games, and other resources. Content comes from sources you can trust, including: Bright by three, Cooking Matters. Delta Dental, PBS Parents, PBS Learning Media, Sesame Street, Broom and other partners like local libraries, museums, and health organizations.

United Way is excited to help parents be more informed and engaged with Bright By Text.

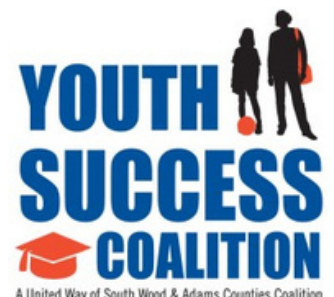
Sign up to receive Bright by Text messages by texting BADGER to 274448. For more information, reach out to Ben at United Way by calling 715-421-0390 or emailing ben@uwsvac.org.



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PLAY AND LEARN

WRPS is excited to offer a play group for any 3- and 4-year-old children that reside within our school district area and do not currently attend another preschool or 4K program. Play and Learn sessions will be held on Friday mornings from 9:30-11:00, beginning in October.

- ✓ Learn in a play-based environment
- ✓ Participate in activities led by certified teachers
- ✓ Connect with other families

[SEND ME INFO](#)

**ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT
PITSCH EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

Weekly attendance encouraged

but not required

Questions?

Call 715.424.6779, Option 1

