



WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

Newsletter, April 2024

Upcoming Events



April

- 4th McMillian Family Event
- 17th PTAC Meeting
- 18th Student Showcase and Book Fair
- 19th Professional Development Day- No School

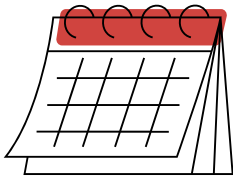
23-24 Family Handbook

Please review our policies and procedures.

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 other reason, please report their absence to the office through Skyward or call the attendance line: (715)424-6788, press 1.

There has been a change in the 2024-2025 School Year Calendar! [CLICK HERE](#) for the updated version!



Our Lost and found is piling up! If your student

is missing any winter gear or other items, please encourage them to check the lost and found for their missing items!



 Washington Elementary, WRPS
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www.wrps.org/schools/washington

Wolf Pack Pride News

April brings time to celebration at Washington. All families are invited to our Student Showcase on April 18th from 3:45 to 5:45. Come see how far our students have come this year. Families will also have a chance to visit the PTAC book fair in the cafeteria. We look forward to seeing our families celebrating with their students!



We need volunteers to make our book fair a success. If you are able please click this [link to sign up](#) to help!



Interested in taking on more of a role in our parent organization? In April we will take officer nominations. We are specifically looking for a co-Treasurer as a long-standing parent will be graduating their youngest from Washington next year. This is a chance to work with a veteran to learn the ropes and help serve our Wolf Pack. Please reach out to the office with interest.

Solar Eclipse

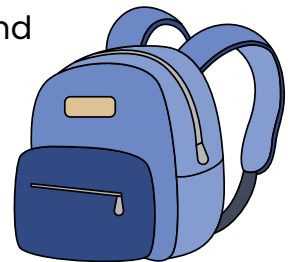
A solar eclipse is coming on Monday, April 8th, during school hours! We're hoping for clear skies so everyone can witness this amazing spectacle! To ensure everyone can witness the eclipse safely, everyone will receive solar viewing cards!



FOCUS Family Backpacks

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

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.



To sign up, please fill out the enrollment form, contact your school's FOCUS Family Backpacks representative, or stop in the school's office.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about FOCUS Family Backpacks



Check out community events and activities by [clicking here.](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) for upcoming events at [McMillan Library](#)



Information on Box Tops can be found [here.](#)

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

Thank you!

Help our teachers stock their classrooms with supplies! Scan the QR code for a link to our supply list!

Wolf Pack Wishing Tree

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715-424-6788
715-315-9626 (Cell Phone)



PTAC Updates (Parent Teacher Activity Committee)

Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:00-7:00 p.m. They are in person in our school cafeteria or via zoom by clicking [here](#). All families are welcome to attend. You make a difference! **Next Meeting April 17th.**

Officers:

- President: Steph Manka
- Vice President: Jenny Wollschlager
- Secretary: Jessica Russell
- Treasurer: Staci Dewitt

Agenda Items for April:

- Officer Nominations
- Book Fair, April 18th
- Staff Appreciation May 6-10
- Classroom Financial Requests
- Miscellaneous

Coming Fall 2024:

We will be starting school 45 minutes later each Monday. Full details can be found [here.](#)

- Monday doors open at 9:15.
- Tuesday-Friday doors open at 8:30
- Dismissal is at 3:30 Monday-Friday



Sweet Peas are the Harvest of the Month!

Add sweet peas to your favorite family meals:

- Add fresh or frozen green peas to soup or pasta salad.
- Toss snow peas in a stir fry.
- Serve sugar snap peas with a healthy dip.

Make meals and memories together. It's a lesson kids will use for life.

- Select** - Choose sugar snap peas that are bright green and firm.
- Store** - For the sweetest flavor, serve peas as soon as possible. Refrigerate in a perforated plastic bag and use within 2 days.
- Prepare** - Rinse and trim both ends.

Did you know?

Peas are seeds! There are three main kinds of peas that we eat: green (or garden) peas, sugar snap peas, and snow peas. With sugar snap peas and snow peas you can eat the whole pod!



Nutritious, Delicious, Wisconsin!
#WitHarvestofTheMonth



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School Nursing Updates



Medications:

If your child needs over the counter medications please make sure they are labeled with the child's name and are in the original packaging. We must administer the recommended dosage and will inform you if it is given.

Contact Information:

Please keep contact information up to date in Skyward. In an emergency we want to be able to reach you!

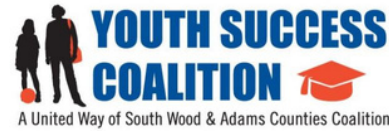
Questions?

Call 715-424-6788.

[Click here for more news from Nurse Jenna!](#)



District Information



A United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties Coalition

We need your help—and your books! Starting April 1st and running through April 26th, United Way will accept new or gently used children's books to be distributed at Great Book Giveaway events in June.

Board books and easy readers are needed most, but any new or used children's book in good condition will be accepted. Books, or monetary donations can be brought to the United Way office at 351 Oak Street in Wisconsin Rapids between 8:30am and 4:00pm any weekday.

The Great Book Giveaway is a fun, annual event that impacts hundreds of youth each year, aligning with the goal of the Youth Success Coalition. Please consider donating to support this initiative, and help close the literacy gap in our community.

Books collected in this drive will be provided to children free of charge—a simple act that can be life changing for the many families who can't afford to purchase books.

For more information contact Ben Eberlein at 715-421-0390 or ben@uwsvac.org.



**WISCONSIN RAPIDS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Pupil Non-Discrimination Statement: The School District of Wisconsin Rapids is committed to equal educational 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 to District Compliance Officer 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 U.S. Department of Education, or to both. Please refer to Board Policy 411.11 for additional information.

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