



WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

Newsletter, December 2023

Upcoming Events

December

- 1st Professional Development Day- No School
- Dec 25th- Jan 1st Winter Break- 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.

If absences remain unreported, they will be marked unexcused. The legal statute defines a "habitual truant" as a student who is absent or tardy from school without an acceptable excuse for part or all of five or more days during a term. Students may not be absent more than a total of ten days.

If you are having difficulty with your child attending school-or being on time, please call the school for assistance.

Washington Elementary, WRPS @WRPSWashingtonWolves

www.wrps.org/schools/washington

Wolf Pack Pride News

As we turn the calendar to December the snowflakes are more prevalent and a chill is starting to set in. This brings a season filled with much excitement. Please watch for details from your child's teacher regarding special events, including our all-school Manners event on December 22nd. The whole school will bus to the Performing Arts Center at Lincoln High School to enjoy a movie together. When we return we have our manners lunch where we practice our best manners and enjoy our last meal together before winter break. We ask that students dress in their best to celebrate.

We wish all our families a joyous break. We hope you have time to refresh and enjoy the season.



Inclement Weather Procedure

The number one priority in every closure decision is the safety of our students, and what is in the best interest of all students. We will do our best to make a school closure



decision no later than 6:30 am.

Find out about school closure decisions by:

- Email, text, and phone alerts (Sign up for alerts through Family Access)
- Following the district Facebook page
- Visiting www.wrps.org (weather closure alerts get posted on the top of the main page)
- Sign up for community related alerts through [Nixle](#)
- Listening to local radio

[Learn more about inclement weather procedures here.](#)

Colder weather brings with it a need for warmer clothing. Please keep our clothing expectations handy each morning as you send your child off to school. If you are in need of anything please reach out to our student services team. They are here to help!

Proper Dress for Recess		
Above 50		Short Sleeves ☺
40-50		Long Sleeves
0-39 Wind-Chill *****		Winter Coats, Hats, Gloves, Boots, Snow Pants
Below 0 Wind-Chill		10 min. Recess
-10 Wind-Chill		No Outside Recess

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



NO MORE CLIPPING



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

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



HELLO
Visitors and Volunteers

All community members who wish to assist at a school event, in the classroom, or go on a field trip must complete a background check. Please [click here](#) to complete the application process. The deadline to complete this process is January 31st!

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is required by state statute (Wis. Stat. 115.385) to generate a school report card and district report card for every publicly funded school and district in the state.

[Learn More Here](#)

CONTACT US

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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 Dec 20.**

Officers:

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

Agenda Items for December:

- **Carnival Planning**
- **Save the date: Raffle Basket Creation is Jan 31st, 1:30 pm until done. Come and go as you can to help!**
- **We are accepting donations to create raffle baskets as noted below through the end of January**

Raffle Basket Grade Level Themes:

- K: Family Camp Out and Bedtime Stories- Favorite Stories, Blankets, Flashlights, Smores
- 1: Family Arts and Craft Night- Art supplies, Sidewalk chalk, Craft Kits
- 2: Family Movie Night- Candy, Popcorn, Blanket, gift cards
- 3: Family Games Night- Card Games, Outdoor Games, Board Games
- 4: Night in the Kitchen- Baking Kits/Supplies/Tools/CookBooks
- 5: Family Fun and Games- Balls, Jump Ropes, Sleds/Tubes, Yard Games, Bubbles, Stomp Rockets

Care Solace

Supporting students, their families, and our staff members' mental health continues to be a priority for Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools. WRPS has several available resources to meet these needs.

[For more information, click here](#)



Thank You!



FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

WE WILL STILL ACCEPT ANY WINTER GEAR DONATIONS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE BRING THEM TO ANY WRPS ELEMENTARY OR MIDDLE SCHOOL.





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 for the nurse?

Call 715-424-6788.



District Information



Find Fun at McMillan Library: Events & Activities For All Ages! Did you know McMillan Library has year-round programming for children and teens?! Here are some highlights happening at the library!

Teen Game Day

2-4pm, December 1st & 28th

Enjoy snacks, PS5, Nintendo Switch, & tabletop games with others!

Teen Anime Matinee

2-4:30pm, December 9th

Watch anime with friends!

Teen Lego Build Day

2-4pm, December 27th

Have snacks, build cool stuff.

Family Take Home Kits

Learn to knit at your own pace—yarn & instructions included! Sign up ahead and pickup on December 29th.

Family Movie Night

6pm, December 12th

Enjoy a showing of the new Super Mario Bros. Movie!

Taylor's Version Celebration

4:30-6pm, December 21st

All ages of Swifties are invited to dress as their favorite era & party like it's 1989! Enjoy snacks, trivia, a photo booth, and supplies for friendship bracelets and paper rings!



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 Oswald.

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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