



WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

Newsletter, January 2024

Upcoming Events



January

- Dec 25th- Jan 1st Winter Break- *No School*
- Jan 15th Professional Development- *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

The New Year is a time to focus on our goals. Our Wolf Pack works hard, not only in our academics but also as a member of our Wolf Pack community. Talk to your student about the goals they have for themselves and what they plan to do to reach their goals. Set a family goal to work on together at home. Remember you never know until you try. Reach for the stars!

SAVE THE DATE: VIP Breakfasts are taking place in January. Our K-2 students may invite 1-2 VIPs on January 12th. 3rd-5th grade students may be joined by their VIPs on January 26th. Doors open at 7:45. You may attend one event as a family if you have students at each level.

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

McMillan Library
Fall 2023
Family Events



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**

Officers:

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

Agenda Items for January:

- **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

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!



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CRUNCH into CARROTS

Carrots are the Harvest of the Month!

Add carrots to your favorite family meals:

- Add shredded carrots to salads, slaw, or sandwiches.
- Roast carrots and serve as veggie fries.
- Bake with carrots! Add shredded or cooked and mashed carrots to muffins, cakes, and cookies.

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

Did you know?

Carrots come in a rainbow of colors including purple, yellow, white, red, and orange. All carrots have many nutrients, but each color contains different phytochemicals. Phytochemicals act as antioxidants in our body and protect our cells from damage.



Nutritious, Delicious, Wisconsin!
#Wisharvestofthemonth




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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 for the nurse?

Call 715-424-6788.



**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.

WRPS Title IX Coordinators

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