



# WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

Newsletter, Oct 2023

## Upcoming Events

### October

26th Fall Harvest

27th Autumn Break- *NO SCHOOL*

### 23-24 Family Handbook

*Please review our policies and procedures.*



### Getting from place to place:

**Doors open at 8:30.**

**The bell rings at 8:45.**

**Students are dismissed at 3:30.**

**Walkers:** We are lucky to have sidewalks, safety patrol members, and a crossing guard to help get our students to school safely. Please use crosswalks, sidewalks, and paths while walking to school.

**Bike Riders:** Please walk bikes while on school property. Bike riders will use the same crosswalks as walkers and must walk bikes behind the school to the bike racks, closest to 28th St.

**Busers:** Busers arrive at school at 8:30. Busing details are found in Skyward.

**Drop Off and Pick Up:** Adults may walk student up to the drop off island or remain in the pick up line to drop off or pick up. Walk up parking is located on the north end of the parent parking area.

 **Washington Elementary, WRPS**  
**@WRPSWashingtonWolves**

[www.wrps.org/schools/washington](http://www.wrps.org/schools/washington)

# Wolf Pack Pride News



The early morning chill of fall is certainly here. As the students are settling into their routine, we want to thank families for attending our 1st all-school Learn the Routine Night. We hope events like this will continue to help grow our partnership in educating our students.

That chill also 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

## 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.**

## SAEBRS Survey

WRPS elementary schools will be completing a teacher survey called the SAEBSR and a student survey called the mySAEBRS to support our students in successful participation throughout the school day. The information that we obtain from the teacher and student surveys will allow classroom teachers and support staff to identify strategies and interventions that may be helpful in the classroom environment to best support learning for all students. For more information, [click HERE.](#)



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

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



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



## Partial Solar Eclipse

On Saturday, October 14, a partial solar eclipse will be visible in Wisconsin Rapids. The eclipse will begin at 10:34 when the moon starts to block the sun and will end around 1:15.

Looking directly at the sun can cause permanent vision loss. To view the eclipse safely, join WRPS staff at the Lincoln High School parking lot or the YMCA parking lot where we will have special telescopes, pinhole viewers, and other projection methods. A limited number of eclipse glasses will be available for purchase for \$1 each. We hope you'll join us for a memorable experience!

### CONTACT US

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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 Oct. 18**

### Officers:

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

Thank you for your contributions to this year's FundRUN. This year we raised **\$5,160!** During the month of October these funds will be used to support Fall Harvest Activities. They include a concert by Tom Pease, funds for classroom crafts, and snacks.

Agenda items for October include

- Parent-Teacher Conference Meal Planning
- Beginning stages of Carnival Planning



## KEEP KIDS WARM DONATIONS NEEDED

*Help students stay warm this winter.*

### ITEMS NEEDED:

*Winter Coats, Boots, Snow Pants, Waterproof Gloves*

October 1st- 30th

Drop off at any WRPS elementary school or WRAMS

\*Signup's for clothing distribution will be sent out at a later date







# 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 for Nurse Michelle Forcier. She is here to help!



# District Information



## 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, Vroom, 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](mailto: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.

WRPS Title IX Coordinators

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