



# WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

Newsletter, November 2023

## Upcoming Events

November

- 16th Parent-Teacher Conference 3:45-7:45 PM
- 20th Parent-Teacher Conference 3:45-7:15 PM
- **22-23-24 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](http://www.wrps.org/schools/washington)

# Wolf Pack Pride News

Each month we focus on ways to continue to develop our students' social emotional learning. During the month of November, our Wolf Pack will focus on ways to be thankful and how we can give back to those in need.

Our Wolf Pack is having a Penny Drive the week of November 13th to create an atmosphere of giving during this Thanksgiving season. Families are asked to donate bills and coins to the penny drive to meet a school-wide goal of \$500.00. Washington First Graders will use the money in December to shop for groceries that they will take to SWEPS for donation. We thank you for donating and helping those in need!

We will also be recognizing our Veterans on Friday November 10th by wearing red, white, and blue. Students will participate in classroom activities to learn and understand the sacrifices our servicemen and women make for our country.

## Incident 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](http://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 incident weather procedures here.](#)**

## Chess Club K-12

**Place:** East Jr. High Library (enter through cafeteria door)

**Time:** 4:30-6:00

**Dates:** November 6, 20

December 4, 11

January 8, 22

February 5, 19

March 4, 18

**Dues:** \$15 per child

**Coordinator:** Nicholas Brazeau  
(715)421-1258

\*Chess club will be canceled if there is no school.



## 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!**

#### CONTACT US

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



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



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Starting November 1, parents are able to schedule parent-teacher conferences! We will have in-person, phone, or virtual options available. Instructions on how to sign up can be found [HERE!](#)

### Dates and times:

**November 16th 3:45-7:45PM**

**November 20th 3:45-7:15PM**



## Keep Kids Warm

If your child is in need of a coat, snow pants, hat, gloves, and/or boots, you can sign up using [this link](#) for a time slot to come to the former East Junior High building (311 Lincoln St, Wisconsin Rapids) on October 30th or November 15th to get the items needed for your child(ren).

### Dates and Times:

**October 30th: 9 AM- 12 PM**

**November 15th: 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM**



# 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 Nov. 15th.**

### Officers:

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

### Agenda Items for November:

- Old Business: Fall Harvest, PT Conference Meal Details
- Carnival Planning: We are accepting donations for carnival baskets through January 30th. Note the assigned themes below. We also accept donations from area businesses or gift cards to use as raffle items. The raffle brings in \$1000s to support our Pack. Thank you for helping make this a success!

### 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

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



**NO MORE CLIPPING**

**SCAN YOUR RECEIPT**

SEE HOW AT [BTFE.COM](http://BTFE.COM)

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

**McMillan Library**

**Fall 2023**

**Family Events**

McMillan Memorial Library

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

Dear Teachers,

## Exciting News!

The Seesaw app is getting a fresh new icon. On **October 27**, you will see this change. Don't worry, everything inside the app will stay the same.

**OLD ICON**      **NEW ICON**

Seesaw | [www.seesaw.com](http://www.seesaw.com)

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**Please help our PTAC support our teachers on parent teacher conference nights by providing a meal. Below is a Sign Up Genius with items needed for donation. Thank you for your help!**



## MEAL DONATION SIGN UP



# 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:

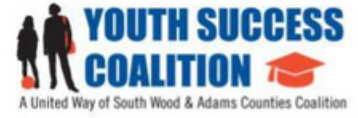
Please keep contact information up to date in Skyward. In an emergency we want to be able to reach you!

## Questions for the nurse?

Call 715-424-6788.



# District Information



## Empowering Youth: The Boys & Girls Club of the Wisconsin Rapids Area

Currently serving over 400 youth, Boys & Girls Club programs provide much needed after-school care, while helping youth develop character and build academic & life skills.

Healthy lifestyles are learned through physical activity, healthy habits, and social emotional learning. The *Second Step* program teaches members how to identify, understand, and manage emotions.

STEM activities ignite interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, while creative arts projects encourage self-expression and artistic appreciation.

Club members also get fun and unique opportunities to participate in programs like NBA Math Hoops which teaches math & social emotional skills through basketball over a 12-week program.

Committed to all ages, the Teen Center offers programs like *Career Launch* for job-ready teens to learn important soft skills; and *Teen Cuisine*, for hands-on cooking instruction. Additionally, the *Work Force* program allows teens to gain valuable job experience within the Club, and the *Cougar Paths* program in partnership with MSTC offers guided career exploration.

To learn more, reach out to Member Service Director Cheyenne Kester at [ckester@bgcwra.org](mailto:ckester@bgcwra.org) or 715-818-5252.



## 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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