




GRANT ELEMENTARY

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 Grant Elementary-WRPS

From the Desk of Mrs. Calteux....

Hello Grant Families,

We welcome 2023 with a grateful heart! We've had a great fall and as we enter into the winter months, we hope everyone remains safe and healthy.

New Office Open House & Family Night:

Our new front office is now open! After months of construction, our secure entrance is established and we look forward to an official Open House on February 16th from 5:00-6:30. Our open house will be in conjunction with our next Grant School Family Night. Mark your calendars for our very first candlelight walk through our school forest! Bring snowshoes, sleds or your snow boots for a magical night enjoying our school trail and end with a cup of hot chocolate. Stay tuned for more information to come home soon.

Inclement Weather Days:

As we move forward throughout the winter months, any future inclement weather days will result in at-home or virtual learning days for students. Teachers will communicate via SeeSaw with your student's specific plans for the day. We ask families to do what they can to complete these tasks and reach out to their student's teacher with any questions or concerns that may arise.

Facebook:

Are you interested in some of the great things happening at Grant School? Like our Facebook page and see posts focused on our Grant community. Search Grant Elementary - WRPS to see our latest activities and events.

A New Playground:

We are in the very early stages of planning for a new school playground here at Grant! This is an exciting time as we look into designing a space that is welcoming to all students and allows them an area to develop gross motor skills while having fun with friends. Plans are currently in the works and fundraising efforts will begin soon. We anticipate needing to fundraise well over \$150,000 for the equipment alone. If you would like to become involved with this project or would like to make a donation toward our playground, please contact me to learn more.

Wishing you a joyous 2023 and a *Happy New Year!!!*

Mrs. Calteux

**PLEASE CALL BEFORE 11 AM
WITH AFTER SCHOOL CHANGES**



CALENDAR

- Jan. 09** Time For Kids Fundraiser Kickoff (ends Jan. 18)
- Jan. 12** Snack Milk Slips Due for 2nd half of year (starts Jan. 23)
- Jan. 16** NO SCHOOL PD day for Staff

MEALTIME PRICES

Check your account via [Skyward Family Access](#)

Breakfast

Paid	\$1.50
Free/Reduced	\$0.00

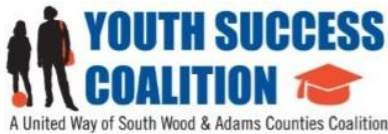
Lunch

Paid	\$2.15
Reduced	\$0.40
Free	\$0.00

Milk

\$0.45

Students who take milk for their cold lunch, or an extra milk with hot lunch, will be **charged \$0.45**, regardless of pay status (i.e., Free, Reduced).



Meet New Coalition Member: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Wisconsin (BBBSCW)

BBBSCW is excited to bring youth mentoring to the Wisc. Rapids area. Our mission is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. Our agency offers 2 mentoring options for children ages 5-17 to take part in. Each program asks for a year commitment to make the most out of the mentoring relationship.

The traditional Community-Based program would allow a child and mentor to take part in low-cost/no-cost activities around the WR area. These activities could include going to a library, park, going for walks or bike rides, attending community events, or partaking in favorite hobbies. Matches would meet 2-4 times a month for about an hour each time.

Additionally, in partnership with Howe Elementary School, we are excited to pilot our Site-Based program. Elementary students would meet once a week with their mentor at school, during their school day for 30-45 minutes. Each week they meet, the match could play games, do arts/crafts, talk, possibly have lunch together or have time outside together.

BBBSCW believes every child has the potential to do exceptional things. All children, regardless of background, can benefit from having a positive influence in their life that can give them undivided attention. Someone that can remind them how important they are and give them a safe pace to express their thoughts, feelings and aspirations.

To learn more, please contact Beth Kohnert, Director of Operations, at bethk@bigimpact.org or (715) 341-0661.



Coloring Contest WINNER!!

Congratulations to Kinley for taking **1st PLACE** in Schierl Tire's annual Holiday Coloring Contest! You may have seen Kinley's artwork as Schierl Tire features all 1st place winners on their holiday card sent to guests.

Well done!



**1ST PLACE:
KINLEY LECY**



Cold Weather Guidelines

With the cold weather please remember to send your student to school with boots, a hat and gloves/mittens to stay warm on the playground. We ask ALL students to wear boots. If it does warm up during the day, they can always take a layer off, but better to be prepared than to be without warm clothing.

What is my Child Expected to Wear?

KG-4th Grade Students

- Snowsuits or winter coats/snow pants
- Winter boots
- Hats/Headbands
- Gloves/Mittens

5th Grade Students

- Winter coats/snow pants
- Winter boots or hiking boots
- Hats/headbands
- Gloves/Mittens



All students MUST have a change of shoes for the classroom!!



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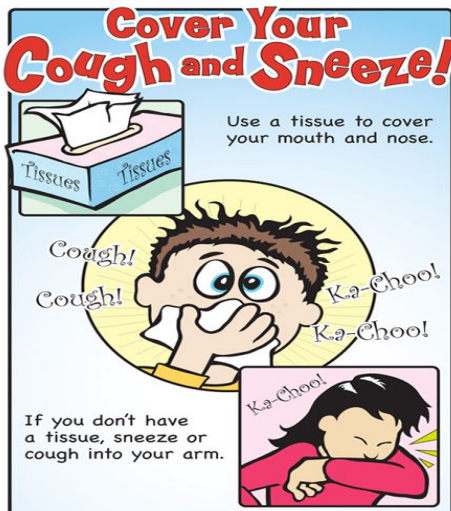
News From Nurse Tasha

I hope everyone was able to spend time with their families and enjoy the Christmas break. We are excited to have everyone back and hopefully healthy!

Influenza

Influenza A seemed to be hitting our families hard before break. We are unfortunately seeing a higher number of cases this year than previous years. Flu (influenza) season is normally from October through May and peaking during the months of December through February. Some symptoms of influenza include cough, fever, fatigue, sore throat, body aches, chills, vomiting and diarrhea (although vomiting and diarrhea is more commonly seen in children than adults). *Please note that an antiviral can be prescribed to lessen the symptoms/sick time if your child tests positive within 72 hours of symptoms beginning.

To help stop the spread of influenza and other illnesses, use proper hand washing and keep your child home when they are sick. An influenza vaccine is also available for children ages 6 months and older.



Vision Screening

A few elementary schools have now completed the vision screening. The rest will be completed during the months of January and February. Please be on the lookout for a permission slip. If there were any concerns for those who completed the screening, a referral was sent home with your student.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school nurse.

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