




GRANT ELEMENTARY

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 Grant Elementary-WRPS

From the Desk of Mrs. Calteux....

Greetings Grant Families,

I hope you all found some time to relax and unwind during spring break or at least enjoyed watching some of the snow melt away! Spring always brings large puddles and plenty of mud to our playground. Please continue to send snow pants and boots to school as we often ask students to wear them when playing in the fields. With the change in the seasons, throughout the month of April we will place emphasis on what to do in the event of severe weather. Often children will have the same questions at home as storm season approaches. Please review your family's plan in a severe weather situation to be sure everyone is safe.

April is the month of Forward Testing for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. We started a little testing before break, but will now focus on finishing the exams by the end of the month. Students have been working extremely hard getting to know the tools for the online test, as well as practicing their typing skills. They are prepared and will do a great job!

The PAG has been working hard to prepare for our Grant School Community Night on May 17th from 4:00-6:00 pm. Our Running Club will be completing their 5K that evening and we will have an amazing basket raffle fundraiser like last year. (Thank you to all families who donated toward your student's individual classroom baskets!) Mark your calendars for a fun night at Grant on May 17th!

Are you looking for something to make this week for supper? This Wednesday, April 5th, is our school's Papa Murphy's day at the Wisconsin Rapids Papa Murphy's store. If you have the chance to swing through and grab a pizza on Wednesday, 20% of all sales will come directly back to Grant Elementary!

Have a wonderful April!

Mrs. Calteux

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



CALENDAR

- 07 NO SCHOOL
PD Day for Staff
- 05 Running Club Starts
Grades 4-5
- 26 Field Trip to PAC
Spongebob Musical
Grades 4-5
- 27 Field Trip to Ho-Chunk
Tribal Buildings
Grade 4

MEALTIME PRICES

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

Breakfast

Paid	\$1.50
Free/Reduced	\$0.00

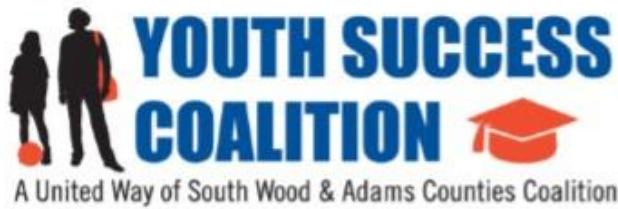
Lunch

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).



Children's Book Donations Needed in April

children's books to be distributed at nine Great Book Giveaway events in June.

We need your help—and your books! Starting April 3rd and running through April 28th, United Way will accept new or gently used

Board books and easy readers are needed most, but any new or used books in good condition will be accepted. Book or monetary donations can be brought to the United Way office at 351 Oak Street in Wisconsin Rapids between 8:30am and 4:00pm any weekday.

The Great Book Giveaway is a fun, annual event that impacts hundreds of youth each year, aligning with the goal of the Youth Success Coalition. Please consider donating to support this initiative, and help close the literacy gap in our community.

Books collected in this drive will be provided to children free of charge—a simple act that can be life changing for the many families who can't afford to purchase books.

For more information on this or any other United Way initiatives & events, contact Ben Eberlein at 715-421-0390 or ben@uwsvac.org.



What's Happening

Don't miss out on what's happening in our community. Information on

- Wisconsin Rapids Youth Sports
- Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts
- YMCA Programs
- Wisconsin Rapids Park & Recreation Dept. Activities

AND MORE...are posted on the WRPS webpage under [Community Events](#)

Visit Papa Murphy's in Wisconsin Rapids on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, and 20% of all proceeds from the ENTIRE DAY will go to help support the Grant School PAG!!!

Zero prep - stick a pizza in the oven, and **BADA BING** - supper!



Wednesday,
April 5th



The FOCUS Family Backpacks Program is working to alleviate hunger by providing a nutritious weekend meal-in-a backpack for families facing financial difficulties at Wisconsin Rapids Elementary and Middle Schools.

Eligibility:

Any student and their family are eligible for a backpack (as supplies are available) if they meet the following:

- Contact your child’s school social worker and/or school counselor
- 1st come 1st serve basis
- Enrollment form filled out and returned to the school social worker and/or school counselor (below)
- Signed a waiver (below)

Protocol for Receiving Backpack:

- Student will receive backpack on Friday or end of the school week.
- Student will return empty backpack on Monday morning.

Enrollment Form:

(Please fill out one form per family)

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Student receiving the backpack: _____ Phone #: _____

Names & ages of **all children** living in home: _____

Names & ages of **all adults** living in the home: _____

Meal Preference (Please select one):

- I prefer the 8 meal rotation (pasta, tuna casserole, chicken & rice, beef stew, chili, chicken pot pie, coconut curry, taco soup)
- I prefer traditional Asian meals (Kuv nyiam noj cov zaub mov Esxias dua lwm yam)
- I prefer the 8 meal rotation with a hot plate & basic utensils for use in a motel or other unique living situation

(OPTIONAL): Does your family qualify for the free school lunch program? Yes ____ No ____

(OPTIONAL): Presently, does your family qualify for homeless services (living in motel/car/campsite, in transitional housing, in shelter or foster care, with another family due to loss of housing or economic hardship, in section 8 or military housing, or is student living in own apartment? Yes ____ No ____

(OPTIONAL): What is your race or ethnicity? _____

Waiver:

By signing this waiver, I _____ waive and release Rapids Family Backpacks and FOCUS from any liability, loss, claims, expenses resulting from consumption of food(s) packed within the backpack. These liabilities will include but are not limited to any health hazards resulting from improper or inappropriate handling and storage of food items. **I acknowledge that this waiver and release is being signed by me voluntarily, without coercion, duress, or undue influence and with full knowledge of its terms and effects. I have read the above waiver and release of liability and fully understand its contents.**

Name (Print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____



SOUTH WOOD COUNTY
CULTURAL COALITION

Invites you to attend the
Cultural Assets Forum

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

6 - 8 pm

McMillan Library

Fine Arts Center & All Purpose Room

This free public event invites attendees to learn about our community's multicultural assets, hear from diverse community panelists, taste cultural foods and meet someone new. A multicultural social hour will include a scavenger hunt, with the chance to win one of several Kwik Trip gas cards. All ages are welcome and limited childcare assistance will be available onsite.

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