



# GRANT ELEMENTARY

# GRIZZLY NEWS October 2023

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Grant Elementary-WRPS

### From the Desk of Mrs. Calteux....

Dear Grant Families,

As we transition into the beautiful autumn season, I wanted to take a moment to update you on some important information and celebrate the successful start of the school year.

**Pick-Up Procedures:** Ensuring the safety and efficiency of our pick-up process remains a top priority. We kindly request your cooperation in adhering to the following procedures:

- Please pull into our school parking lot
- If your vehicle is in a hard-to-see location in the lot, please try to flag down your student(s)..
- Do NOT load on 85<sup>th</sup> Street as our goal is that no vehicles are moving until all students are loaded.
- For any changes to your student's dismissal routine, please notify the school office in advance.

By working together, we can make the pick-up process safe and swift for everyone involved.

### Friday Fun Day - October 13th:

**Fund Run:** We're thrilled to announce our upcoming Friday Fun Day event on October 13<sup>th</sup>, which will serve as a kick-off for our annual Fund Run. Stay tuned for more details and how you can support this important fundraiser led by our Parent Advisory Group (PAG).

**Outdoor Movie Night:** Mark your calendars for 7pm on October 13<sup>th</sup> for Outdoor Movie Night under the stars! Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and hand warmers, and join us for a family-friendly movie night in our Grant School courtyard. More information will follow soon, so keep an eye out for event updates.

**The Importance of Attendance:** I want to emphasize the critical role that regular attendance plays in your student's education. Consistent attendance ensures that your student doesn't miss out on valuable instruction and opportunities to connect with their peers. Please make every effort to ensure your student arrives at school on time each day unless they are unwell. If your student is unable to attend, please notify the office promptly or call the WRPS attendance line (715) 424-6765.

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



### October Calendar

- 06 KG Field Trip  
Apple Orchard
- 10 Raider Rookies Begins  
Girls KG-2nd grades
- 13 Outdoor Movie Night  
Hosted by PAG
- 16 Field Trip to PAC  
1st and 2nd grades
- 17 Student Picture Day  
KG, 1st 5th & K4PM
- 18 Student Picture Day  
K4AM, 2nd, 3rd & 4th
- 27 NO SCHOOL  
Autumn Break

### 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).

**From the Desk of Mrs. Calteux....continued:**

**Celebrating a Great First Month:** It's been an outstanding start to the school year, and I couldn't be more proud of our students, teachers, and staff. We've witnessed remarkable enthusiasm for learning, wonderful classroom engagement, and strong community spirit. Let's keep this positive momentum going throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration in making Grant Elementary a fantastic place for our students to learn and grow.

Wishing you and your family a delightful October filled with learning and memorable moments.

Warm regards,  
Mrs. Calteux



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).



**Help students stay warm this winter.**

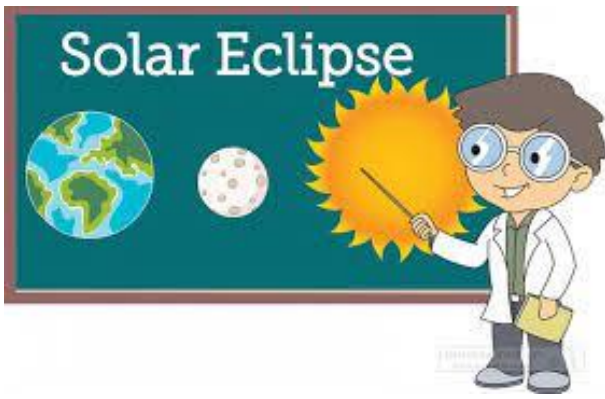
**ITEMS NEEDED:**

- Winter Coats
- Boots
- Snow Pants
- Waterproof Gloves

**Drop off at any WRPS elementary school or WRAMS:**

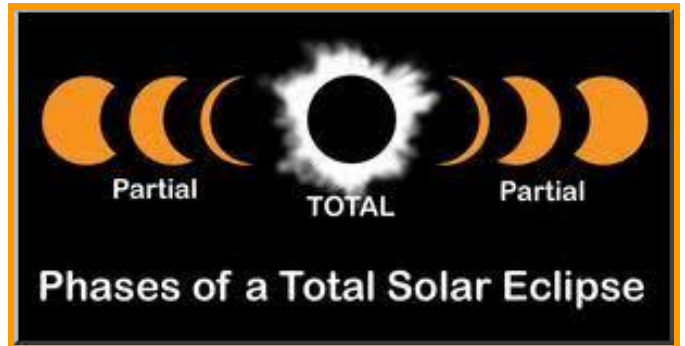
**October 1<sup>st</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Sign-Up for clothing distribution will be sent out at a later date.**



On **Saturday, October 14**, a partial solar eclipse will be visible in Wisconsin Rapids. The eclipse will begin when the moon starts to block the sun at **10:34 AM**. The eclipse will slowly build until 11:53 AM, when the moon will cover 53% of the sun. After reaching its maximum, the eclipse will gradually wane until the moon clears the face of the sun at 1:15 PM.

Looking directly at the sun can cause permanent vision loss, even during a partial solar eclipse. Sunglasses, X-ray film, and most welding shields will not block enough light to protect your vision. However, there are safe ways to view a solar eclipse.



WRPS staff will host students, families, and interested community members for eclipse viewing events Saturday, October 14. On the East side of Rapids look for WRPS staff in the student parking lot at Lincoln High School. On the West side you'll find WRPS staff in the YMCA parking lot. Stop in to use telescopes with solar filters, pinhole viewers, and other projection methods to view the eclipse safely. A limited number of eclipse glasses will be available to purchase for \$1.00 each.



Eclipses are sensational and rare; and, if the weather cooperates, we have the chance to view one from beginning to end. We hope you'll join us for a memorable viewing experience.



All adult visitors that come into Grant Elementary during the school day **MUST** check into the main office and get a visitor

badge. **Bring a driver's license with you** so that a quick background check can be performed. Once the check is complete you will be given a badge to be worn while you are at Grant Elementary. When your visit is complete, stop in the main office to check out.

We appreciate your cooperation to help keep our students safe.



To ensure the safety of our students and staff members, any individual wishing to volunteer in any capacity must complete a volunteer application and undergo a criminal history records check (background check). Volunteers must be approved prior

to volunteering in any capacity including, but not limited to, helping in the classroom or on field trips.

Volunteers are required to reapply every 3 years. If you applied 3 years ago, you may have received an email notification from Background Investigation Bureau (BIB) - or you will be receiving one soon to renew your application. The deadline to submit a volunteer application is November 30, 2023. [Click here](#) for the link to submit your application.



**FREE**



# Developmental Screening

Who: For ALL children **0-5 years** of age living in the Wisconsin Rapids School district area.

When: October 13, 2023  
(children ages 3-5)

Where: Biron Head Start

**\*\*Registration must be received by Oct. 10, 2023\*\***

Children age 0-2 will be screened by Wood County Birth to three by separately scheduled appointment.

For more information please call Paula Tesch

(715)-424-6700

Screenings provided by Wisconsin Rapids Public School district, Wood County Head Start and Wood County Birth to Three program.



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

# PLAY AND LEARN

*WRPS is excited to offer a play group for any 3- and 4-year-old children that reside within our school district area and do not currently attend another preschool or 4K program. Play and Learn sessions will be held on Friday mornings from 9:30-11:00, beginning in October.*

- ✓ Learn in a play-based environment
- ✓ Participate in activities led by certified teachers
- ✓ Connect with other families

**SEND ME INFO**

**ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT  
PITSCH EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

*Weekly attendance encouraged  
but not required*



Questions?  
Call 715.424.6779, Option 1



## Book Giveaway

**October 19, 2023  
12:00 - 6:00 pm**

East Junior High (Room 120)  
311 Lincoln Street, Wisconsin Rapids  
(Enter through Door "W" - south end off of Lincoln Street)

**The community is invited to choose from a large assortment of books - including textbooks, novels, children's books and much more!**



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If you have any questions, please contact  
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