




GRANT ELEMENTARY

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 Grant Elementary-WRPS

From the Desk of Mrs. Calteux....

Dear Grant Elementary Families,

Spring is around the corner, and with it comes a vibrant and exciting month of March here at Grant Elementary! As we dive into the new month, I wanted to share some important updates and reminders with you.

****Forward Exam Preparation****

The Forward Exam is approaching at the end of March for our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. Adequate sleep is crucial for optimal performance. Please ensure your student gets enough rest leading up to the exam. As parents/guardians, you play a vital role in supporting your student's success on the exam. Encourage a quiet study space, assist with homework, and provide positive reinforcement. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to your student's teacher.

****New Playground Funded by Legacy Foundation and WRPS****

Exciting news! The Legacy Foundation has generously funded the majority of our new playground, scheduled to be installed this summer! We extend our deepest gratitude to Legacy for making this dream a reality. If you would like to contribute to some additional items not covered by Legacy, please contact me. A special thank you to WRYSA for their donation as well. Your support means the world to us!

****Late Start Monday****

Communication from Superintendent Broeren came to your attention last week about next school year's late start Monday. This letter outlines that beginning next school year, the school day will begin at 9:15am (first bell) and 9:30am (tardy bell) every Monday morning. Tuesday through Friday will be the start time of our current bell schedule; 8:30am (first bell) and 8:45am (tardy bell). The Boys & Girls Club Jump Start program will be held at Grant Elementary for families needing child care in the morning. More information will be coming as we prepare for this change next school year.

****Solar Eclipse Viewing - April 8th****

Mark your calendars! We will be experiencing a solar eclipse on April 8th, and Grant Elementary is planning a special viewing event at school. Stay tuned for more information as we prepare for this celestial spectacle.

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



March Calendar

- 01 NO SCHOOL
PD day for staff
- 04 Read Across America
week begins
- 13 Field Trip / 4th Grade
to Sentry Theatre
- 25- NO SCHOOL
- 29 Spring Break

MEALTIME PRICES

Check account via [Family Access](#)

Breakfast

Paid	\$1.50
Free/Reduced	\$0.00

Lunch

Paid	\$2.15
Reduced	\$0.40

Milk

\$0.45

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

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

****Healthy Hydration Habits****

A friendly reminder to send only water with your student to school. We've noticed products like Bubblr, Prime, and others making their way into classrooms. We kindly request that all students stick to drinking water during the school day for their overall health and well-being.

****Spring Break - March 25th to March 29th****

Enjoy a restful and rejuvenating week from March 25th to March 29th. We can't wait to see everyone back for the final stretch of the school year.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Here's to a wonderful March filled with learning, joy, and community spirit!

Best regards,

Mrs. Calteux
Principal, Grant Elementary School



Week of
March 4th - March 8th

In honor of Dr. Suess's birthday, students are invited to dress-up during the school day, and enjoy a book together with their family at night.

Just click on the link provided for each day and enjoy a story together as a family.

Monday, March 4, 2024

Wear Stripes Day: Wear clothes with stripes of all sizes and colors!



BOOK: Bad Case of the Stripes
<https://rb.gy/uqefdg>

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Wear Black Day: Wear black and bring a flashlight to read your favorite nighttime stories!



BOOK: Flashlight
<https://rb.gy/9ci96q>

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Grant School Pride: Wear your Grizzly apparel or Grant School colors!



BOOK: Bear's New Friend
<https://rb.gy/ag312c>

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Silly Socks Day: Wear fun, silly socks!



BOOK: Fox in Socks
<https://rb.gy/zhiwkw>

Friday, March 8, 2024

Pajama Day: Wear your P.J.s and bring a stuffed animal. Then read your favorite bedtime story!



BOOK: Llama, Llama Red Pajama
<https://shorturl.at/ftMP6>



MARCH 2024



Healthy practices

Children need healthy eating habits and physical activity for proper growth and development. As the 2nd trimester comes to an end it is important to practice healthy ways to prepare for finals/exams.

- Educate your child on the importance of choosing healthy foods (fruits/veggies, protein, whole grains, low-fat/fat-free milk)
- Balanced breakfast, and hydration
- Plan to eat more meals together as a family
- Practice mindful eating by limiting screen time at mealtime (phones, TV, etc)
- Trying a new fruit or vegetable each week
- Get everyone to help with food preparation
- Watching TV? Take a break during commercials to be more physically active.
- Proper sleep hygiene—no screen time before bed

From the CDC (Norovirus)

Norovirus is a very contagious virus that causes vomiting and diarrhea. Anyone can get infected and sick with norovirus. Norovirus is sometimes called the “stomach flu” or “stomach bug”. However, norovirus illness is not related to the flu, which is caused by influenza virus. Discover norovirus symptoms, how the virus spreads, and how to prevent norovirus. Link: [CDC: Norovirus](#)

Influenza, COVID, and RSV continue to circulate across Wisconsin. Learn more about how to reduce your risk and prevent the spread. [CDC Respiratory Viruses](#)

The average school-aged student can get between 5-7 colds per year. They don't typically require treatment or intervention. If their symptoms are not

interfering with play or sleep, you can aid them by encouraging more rest and fluids. If they have any of these symptoms: fever, prolonged or worsening cough, wheezing, or other cold symptoms that persist beyond 1 week, seek medical evaluation. Cough drops are available in the nurse's office- we encourage middle/high school students to bring in their own. They may be left in the nurse's office for their personal use. Sending water bottles and snacks with your student daily can help with symptoms as well.

Attention: Over-the-counter medication reminder

The school shall administer over-the-counter medication for a maximum of three consecutive days. It is the district's philosophy that if the student requires over-the-counter medication for more than three days, they should be seen by a physician.

Each school building has a limited stock of over-the-counter medications for the school year; therefore, parents are highly encouraged to bring in their own supply of over-the-counter medications; and they can be kept in the nurse's office for your child to use. Middle school students are not allowed to keep medication in their lockers/on their person (with the exception of cough drops). Nonprescription medication (e.g. Tylenol) may be administered to students by school personnel with written instructions and consent by the parent/guardian. The non-prescription must be delivered to school personnel by the student's parent/guardian.

For students to receive any school stock over-the-counter medications at school (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Tums, cough drops, Benadryl), a parent/guardian must have the medical consent filled out online on Skyward. If that consent is NOT filled out, your child will NOT be able to take any school stock medications. Please see the WRPS [website](#) for more health-related information.



**WISCONSIN RAPIDS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

FINAL VERSION

Board Approved 2-12-24
*Moved Autumn Break Day from
October 25 to November 1*

*October 25 is a regular school day
for students to be in attendance.*

**2024-2025
SCHOOL CALENDAR**

September 3	First Day for Students
September 27	Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL
November 1	Autumn Break – NO SCHOOL
November 27	Record Keeping/Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL
November 28-29	Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL
December 23-January 1	Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
January 2	Students Return
January 20	Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL
March 7	Recordkeeping/Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL
March 24-28	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
April 18	Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL
May 26	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
June 5	Last Day for Students (<u>Half-day</u>)

(Wisc. Rapids Area Middle School Dismissal – 12:00 p.m.)

(Lincoln High School Dismissal – 12:20 p.m.)

(Elementary Dismissal – 1:00 p.m.)

(Note: 4K students do not attend on the last day scheduled.)

PLEASE NOTE:

Report cards issued at the end of each trimester:

1st Trimester: 9/3/24 – 11/26/24

2nd Trimester: 12/2/24 – 3/4/25

3rd Trimester: 3/5/25 – 6/5/25



WISCONSIN RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

2024-25

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AUGUST 2024					SEPTEMBER 2024					OCTOBER 2024				
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FEBRUARY 2025					MARCH 2025					APRIL 2025				
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17	18	19	20	21	SB 24	SB 25	SB 26	SB 27	SB 28	21	22	23	24	25
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MAY 2025					JUNE 2025					JULY 2025				
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Teachers Return - Inservice Days
 Student Attendance Days (Shaded)
 () = **TRI begins/ends

8/26-8/29 - Teachers Return 12/23 - 1/1 - (WB) Winter Break ** No School
 9/2 - (LD) Labor Day ** No School 1/20 & 3/7 - (PD/RK) PD/Recdkg Day ** No School
 9/3 - First Day for Students 3/24 - 3/28 - (SB) Spring Break ** No School
 9/27 - (PD) Prof Dev Day ** No School 4/18 - (PD) Prof Dev Day ** No School
 11/1 - Autumn Break - No School 5/26 - (MD) Memorial Day ** No School
 11/27 - (PD/RK) Prof Dev/Rkpg Day ** No School 6/5 - Last Day for Students (1/2 day) 6/6 - (RK) Recordkeeping
 11/28-29 - (TG) Thanksgiving ** No School

Trimester Schedule:
 1st Trimester: 9/3/24 - 11/26/24
 2nd Trimester: 12/2/24 - 3/4/25
 3rd Trimester: 3/5/25 - 6/5/25

Tri 1 = 59 days
 Tri 2 = 58 days
 Tri 3 = 59 days