



# GRIZZLY NEWS

GRANT ELEMENTARY

October 2025

## FROM THE DESK OF MRS. CALTEUX

Dear Grizzly Family,

What a fantastic September! It has been wonderful to see our students settle into the school year with such great enthusiasm and a readiness to learn.

As we move forward, one of our key school goals is to help students become more proficient with their math facts. Knowing math facts by heart is a foundational skill that allows students to tackle more complex problems with confidence and ease. We will be working on this in the classroom and would greatly appreciate your partnership at home.

Here are a few fun ways you can help your student with their math facts:

- **Flashcard Fun.** Make it a game! Time them to see how many they can get right in a minute or play a memory-card matching game.
- **"War".** Use a deck of cards (remove face cards or assign them a value). Each player flips over two cards and adds/multiplies them. The person with the higher sum/product wins the cards.
- **Real-World Math.** Practice while you're out and about. For example: "if we have four (4) people and everyone needs two (2) slices of pizza, how many slices do we need in total?"

### "Bear" Necessities: What's Happening at Grant Elementary.

New this year, you'll receive a weekly ParentSquare message from me called **"Bear"** Necessities. This is a quick and concise update to help you keep track of important events and dates. As a parent myself, I know how hard it can be to keep the weeks straight! I hope this Sunday morning message is a helpful tool for planning your week ahead.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Together, we can make this a great year of learning and growth for our students.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Calteux*  
Mrs. Calteux

Principal, Grant Elementary

## REMINDER

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

### MEALTIME PRICES

Check your account  
via [Qmlativ - Family Access](#)

#### **Breakfast**

Paid \$1.85

Free/Reduced \$0.00

#### **Lunch**

Paid \$2.55

Reduced \$0.40

Free \$0.00

#### **Milk \$0.50**

Students who take milk for their cold lunch, or an extra milk with hot lunch, will be charged \$0.50, regardless of pay status (i.e., Free, Reduced).

### **SCHOOL MENU**

### OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 10/10: Field Trip/PAC (KG, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades)
- 10/15-16: Picture Days
- 10/16: Field Trip / Miller Cranberry Marsh (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- 10/17: Field Trip/Apple Orchard (KG)

WWW.WRPS.ORG

PHONE: 715-424-6766



# GRIZZLY HAPPENINGS

October 2025

## FUNDRAISING AT GRANT ELEMENTARY

A big **thank you** to everyone who supported our Lil' Grizzlies in the annual Fall Fund Run organized by our Parent Advisory Group (PAG). Students worked very hard seeking pledges/sponsors and did not disappoint! Thanks to their hard work we surpassed last year's fundraising efforts and **raised over \$4,400!** The Fund Run is one of our largest fundraisers of the year. We're proud to say that 100% of the money raised goes back to supporting field trips, guest speakers, playground equipment and MANY other various things for our Lil' Grizzlies!

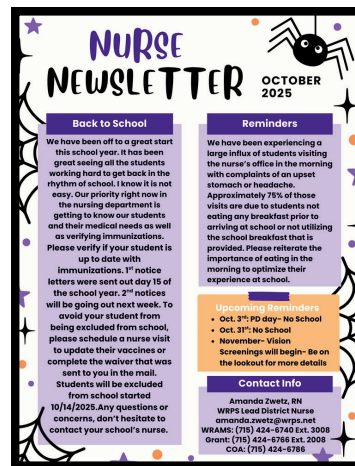


## SAVE THE DATE

Grant School is excited to host a **HALLOWEEN DANCE** on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8 pm. Additional details coming soon!



## NURSES CORNER



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Check out our nurse's monthly newsletter!



## 6th Grade Science Kicks Off with Inquiry and Exploration!

Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders have jumped right into the world of science by learning how scientists think and ask questions through the *Inquiry Process*. To bring this to life, students headed out to the school prairie for some hands-on exploration. They practiced the skills real scientists use every day - observing carefully, comparing plants, classifying species, taking measurements, and making thoughtful inferences.



One of the highlights of the week was a trust-building activity called "Meet a Tree", where students relied on their senses (instead of their eyes) to get to know a tree with the help of a classmate! It was a fun way to connect teamwork with scientific observation.

With curiosity leading the way, our 6th-grade scientists are off to a fantastic start!





# WRPS AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

October 2025

## DON'T MISS OUT ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Wisconsin Rapids community has a ton of events and activities for WRPS families.

- Wisconsin Rapids Youth Sports
- Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts
- YMCA Programs
- Wisconsin Rapids Park & Rec

AND MORE...are posted on the WRPS webpage under Community Events

## DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY FLYERS

**MID-STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE**  
CONTINUING EDUCATION

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**

**WISCONSIN RAPIDS CAMPUS**  
**CULINARY CLASSES**  
Fall 2025

**Wine and Dine Experience**  
Participants will get the entire wine and dine experience in this series. Each class will introduce you to a popular class dinner along with wine that pair perfectly to each dish. Interested guests/students can decide if they would like to participate in all three dinner experiences or pick and choose a single class. Recipes will be provided for all items served.

**Wednesday, September 24, October 15, and November 19**  
5:30-7:30 p.m. • Wisconsin Rapids Campus  
Course Fee: \$190 (for all 3 classes in series)  
Instructor: Ryan Petrosuke and Richard Neumann

**Salad, Chicken, Dessert and Wine**  
Participants will enjoy a dinner with classic French-style vinaigrette salad, followed by a buttery mashed potato topped with a pan-seared chicken breast, green bean almondine, and chicken jus. We will be finishing the night with banana foster. Your dinner will be served and paired with the perfect wine. Recipes will be provided for all items served.

**Wednesday, October 15**  
5:30-7:30 p.m. • Wisconsin Rapids Campus  
Class #: 425 • Course Fee: \$45  
Instructor: Ryan Petrosuke and Richard Neumann

**Soup, Steak, Dessert and Wine**  
Participants in this class will enjoy a classic French onion soup, oven roasted beef tenderloin, roasted cauliflower, and braised mushrooms. We will serve a classic New York style cheesecake topped with a rich caramel sauce to end the night. Your dinner will be served and paired with the perfect wine. Recipes will be provided for all items served.

**Wednesday, November 19**  
5:30-7:30 p.m. • Wisconsin Rapids Campus  
Class #: 426 • Course Fee: \$45  
Instructor: Ryan Petrosuke and Richard Neumann

**Look up your class # and register at COURSES.MSTC.EDU**

**Mid-State Technical College**  
WISCONSIN RAPIDS CAMPUS  
WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI 54494  
888.575.6782 • TTY: 711

**UNITED WAY** South Wood & Adams Counties  
**YOUTH OPPORTUNITY COALITION**  
**PARTNER HIGHLIGHT:**  
Scouting America

The Scouting America Program serves families throughout north-central Wisconsin with programs for all youth!

**Cub Scouts (K-5th grade)**  
-Year-round program for girls & boys  
-Offers fun and challenging activities that promote character development  
-Teaches to embrace opportunity and overcome obstacles  
-Helps parents impact the lives of their

**Scouts BSA (ages 11-18)**  
-Teaches leadership, service to others, & life skills through youth-led outdoor adventure  
-Offers opportunities for advancement  
-No scouting experience required!

**Cost** - \$133 Annual registration & program fee. Financial assistance will cover fee and is available go to Samoset.org/aid and click on the box: Scout Registration. This Financial Assistance is perfect for first time or returning Scouts!

**How to Join** - To find Scout units near you, simply go to [www.beacout.org](http://www.beacout.org) to request information from local Scout leaders or apply right online. Youth can join scouting at any time of year, this fall Cub Scout Packs are recruiting in September & October. For more information, please contact Samoset Council at 715-355-1459 or Samoset.org

**Scouting America**

**WRPS**

**KEEP KIDS WARM**

**Winter donations**

Help students stay warm this winter.

**Items needed:**  
Winter Coats, Boots, Snow Pants, Waterproof Gloves

\*Signups for clothing distribution will be sent out at a later date

**Accepting Donations:**  
October 1st-31st

**Drop Off Locations:**  
Any WRPS elementary school or WRAMS

**Free Developmental Screening**



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

**When:** Oct. 15, 2025  
(children ages 3-5)

**Where:** Biron Head Start

**\*\*Registration must be received by Oct. 8, 2025 \*\***  
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 x1000  
Screenings provided by Wisconsin Rapids Public School district, Wood County Head Start and Wood County Birth to Three program.

CLICK INDIVIDUAL FLYERS TO ENLARGE

### 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. Incidents of discrimination or harassment should be reported to a teacher, administrator, supervisor, or other District employee to be addressed or forwarded on to District Compliance Officer Brian Oswall.

### Special Statement Regarding Sex Discrimination Under Title IX

The Board of the School District of Wisconsin Rapids does not discriminate on the basis of sex and prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates, as required by Title IX and its regulations, including in admission and employment. Inquiries about Title IX may be referred to the District's Title IX Coordinator, the U.S.

Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights ("OCR"), or both. The District's Title IX Coordinators are:

Steven Hepp, Director of Pupil Services  
School District of Wisconsin Rapids  
510 Peach Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494  
P: 715-424-6724  
E: titleixcoordinator@wrps.net

Brian Oswall, Director of Human Resources  
School District of Wisconsin Rapids  
510 Peach Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494  
P: 715-424-6710  
E: titleixcoordinator@wrps.net

The Board's nondiscrimination policy and grievance procedures can be located under the Board policies area of the District website located at [www.wrps.org](http://www.wrps.org).

### Statement Concerning Special Accommodations for District Related Communication

**English**  
WRPS is committed to ensuring that all students and parents have access to school district information, policies, procedures, and programs. If you need assistance with interpreter or translation services, or other special accommodations that would be helpful to you, please contact either your child's school office or call the Pupil Services Department at 715-424-6724 so that we can assist you.

### Spanish

WRPS está comprometido/a a garantizar que todos los estudiantes y padres tengan acceso a la información del distrito escolar, pólizas, procedimientos y programas. Si necesita ayuda con servicios de intérpretes o traducción, o cualquier otra adaptación especial que le sea útil, por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina de la escuela de su hijo/a o llame al Departamento de Servicios para Alumnos al 715-424-6724 para que podamos ayudarlo.

### Hmong

WRPS xav kom txhua tus menyuam thiab niam txiv sawsdaws tau kev pab ntawd lawv lus tsev kawm ntawv txog peb cov ntaub ntawv, kev cai, thiab lub hom phiaj. Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais lus lossis lwm yam, thov hu rau koj tu menyuam lub tsev kawm ntawv lossis hu rau Pupil Services Department ntawd tu xov tooj 715-424-6724. Peb zoo siab pab koj.