December 2025

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. CALTEUX

Dear Grizzly Family,

December is here, and with it comes a season filled with learning, connection, and community at Grant Elementary. As we move into this busy and joyful time of year, I want to share a few important reminders and highlights from our school.

Attendance Reminders

We appreciate your continued partnership in ensuring students attend school every day. Consistent attendance is one of the most important factors in a student's academic success. If your student will be absent, please remember to call the school office or WRPS attendance line (715) 424-6765 to let us know.

New this year, attendance letters are automatically generated and sent electronically through Skyward. If you receive one, please make sure to check that you have viewed the letter. These notifications are meant to keep you informed and help us work together to support your student's success.

Building Community Through Buddy Classrooms

One of the things that makes Grant such a special place is the strong sense of community within our walls. This year, every classroom has been paired with a buddy classroom, and students are connecting monthly through shared activities.

In November, buddy classrooms worked together on a festive thankfulness and gratitude project, and it was wonderful to see older students mentoring younger students with patience, kindness, and leadership. In December, buddies will meet again for a holiday-themed event that builds friendships across grade levels while strengthening collaboration and mentorship.

Mentorship is a critical skill we nurture at Grant. Our oldest learners model responsibility and empathy, and our youngest learners benefit from watching these positive examples. These buddy experiences continue to enrich our school culture and bring joy to students and staff alike.

Looking Ahead

As we head into the winter season, thank you for your ongoing support, warmth, and partnership. Grant Elementary is a wonderful place because of the families who make up our community. We appreciate you and look forward to all the learning and celebrations this month will bring.

Wishing you a joyful December and a wonderful holiday season!

Warmly, 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

December Calendar

- 12/05: Stranger Danger w/Deputy Johnson (KG)
- 12/10-12/11: Healthy Smiles (2nd/3rd grades)
- 12/15-12/19: Spirit Week
- 12/24-01/02: NO SCHOOL Winter Break

WWW.WRPS.ORG PHONE: 715-424-6766



GRIZZLY HAPPENINGS

December 2025

Buddy Classrooms Connecting Students Through Shared Activities

Building friendships across grade levels while strengthening collaboration and mentorship.









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Check out our nurse's monthly newsletter!

Engineering Club

During the first two sessions of Engineering Club, students have been busy researching, designing, and building their own egg-drop capsules. Next, they'll put their creations to the test by dropping them from a 12-foot height to see whose design can keep an egg safely intact. It's been exciting to watch their creativity and problem-solving skills in action!



PRINCIPAL: TRACY



WRPS AND COMMUNIT

December 2025

DEVELOPMENTAL

CREENING

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





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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, ext. 1022 E: brian.oswall@wrps.net

Roxanne Filtz, Director of Teaching & Learning School District of Wisconsin Rapids 510 Peach Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 P: 715-424-6721 ext. 1053 E: roxanne.filtz@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.

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 ayudarle.

Hmong

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