



# December 2022 Newsletter



## **Mark Your Calendars**

**Dec. 5th - 9th**

Holiday Workshop  
Donation Drop off  
(8am-4pm)

**Dec. 8th**

PTS Meeting in  
Library @ 5:30 pm

**Dec. 10th**

Run Run Rudolph  
Country Christmas

**Dec. 13th - 15th**

Holiday Workshop

**Dec. 13th**

Holiday Concert,  
LHS-PAC @ 6:30  
pm (doors open @  
6:00 pm)

**Dec. 22nd**

Holiday Classroom  
Parties @ 2:40 pm

**Dec. 23rd - 30th**

Winter Break - NO  
SCHOOL

**Jan. 2nd**

Students Return

Dear THINK Academy Families,

This time of year reminds us of the many reasons that we are grateful. As I think about the THINK community, I am constantly reminded of how incredible and amazing our students are. I love hearing their stories, hearing about what they enjoy at school as well as outside of school, and seeing them excited to come to school!

In November, we had an opportunity to honor the Veterans in our community. This was such a special event as students sang songs and read poems for them. Thank you to those who were able to attend this event.

This December is filled with school traditions and special activities. The THINK Holiday Concert will be Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center (PAC). Mrs. Lori Thompson, our substitute music teacher (and former music teacher at THINK), has been busy working with students to prepare them for the concert. The Holiday Workshop will take place December 13-15. The PTS is hosting the Run Run Rudolph Race on Saturday, December 10. We will have our annual Christmas/winter classroom parties on Thursday, December 22. This is certainly a joyous time of year!

November 23, 2022 marked the end of the first trimester. Progress reports will be available online by the evening on December 5. Additionally, we will be sending copies of progress reports home on Tuesday, December 6.

The construction is nearing completion. There is a team who are installing the gym floor, which looks amazing! Then they will install the bleachers and there are various final items. We have been so fortunate to have an outstanding construction team working on this project!

As the weather continues to become colder, students need to wear hats, gloves, a winter coat, boots and snow pants for recess. Students will be going outside for recess unless it is too cold or the weather is too wet. If students do not have boots and snow pants, they will not be allowed to play in the snow. If you need support in obtaining snow gear for your children, (hats, gloves, snow pants, boots), please contact Olivia Baehman at [olivia.baehman@wrps.net](mailto:olivia.baehman@wrps.net) or Amy Fuller at THINK Academy.

Winter Break will begin on Friday, December 23, 2022 and students will return on Monday, January 2, 2023. On behalf of the THINK Academy staff, I wish you a wonderful holiday season and hope you enjoy this time with your family.

Gratefully,

Christine Slattery  
Principal





# THINK Holiday Concert

Tuesday, December 13th

LHS - PAC 1801 16th St. Wis. Rapids

Doors Open @ 6:00 pm, Program @ 6:30 pm

THINK Academy is hosting a food drive at the holiday concert. Please bring any non-perishables, paper towel, toilet paper, etc. to the PAC the night of the concert. We appreciate your kindness in joining us in helping others this Holiday Season.

Greetings!

This is Mrs. Thompson, the long-term substitute for Mrs. Bergerson. It has been great to be back at THINK Academy again, especially at my favorite time of year.

CHRISTMAS!!! We have been working very hard in music class on our music for the Christmas program. It will be held at Lincoln High School/Performing Arts Center at 6:30pm on December 13th. There will be more details later with logistics on where students need to go when they get dropped off. We are so fortunate to hold this special event at the Performing Arts Center. During the program, there will be an opportunity to take pictures of each grade level group. We ask our guests in the audience to refrain from conversations while the students are performing so everyone can enjoy hearing their hard work! I'm looking forward to seeing parents and former students at the program. Have a great holiday season!

Mrs. Lori Thompson





# THINK Holiday Workshop



Dear THINK Families:

The THINK Holiday Workshop will take place again this year! Any items that are gently used and /or new gift items can be sent in and are greatly appreciated. Gifts for men and boys are harder to find items so please be on the lookout for those as well.

- Donations will be accepted from Monday, Dec. 5th through Friday, Dec. 9th. Please drop them off at the school office from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm on these dates.
- The Holiday Workshop will be open to students, ***Tues., Dec. 13th through Thurs., Dec. 15th.***
- Please DO NOT donate used candles, lotions/toiletries or clothing.

## **Note:**

Envelopes will be coming home for each student the week of Dec. 5th. This envelope serves as a list of people to buy for, along with a place to contain their shopping money. ***Items are priced \$0.25, \$.50 and \$1.00.***

**4K - 2nd Grade** will get an envelope with tags in it. Please complete the list on the outside of the envelope and also fill out the tags inside for people the students will purchase gifts for.

**3rd - 5th Grade** will only get an envelope. Tags will be provided for them at school to fill out but they should still fill out the list on the envelope. This will remind them of who to buy for.

Thank you for your support of this school-wide project! Your donations are appreciated! Happy Holidays!

*THINK Academy Staff and Students*

## Holiday Workshop Elves Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help students shop, check out and wrap presents for our annual THINK Academy Holiday Workshop!

If you have completed the volunteer process and would be willing to help us Dec. 13th, 14th and 15th, we would love to have your help!

Please contact the office if you are an interested volunteer and what your availability would be.



Thank you!



## December Birthdays

**Annalee Esser, Alaina Vollert, Mrs. Klein, Adrian Graf, Hudson Polansky, Emma Hamm, Alejandro Kizewski, Eric VanAsten, Kelton Armagost, Jameson Hucke, Logan Duckett, Matthew Wilhelm, Ms. Slattery, Kinsley Slattery, Leo Weiler, Isaiah Molepske, Axel Larsen, Braeden Tracy, Carsen Dickrell, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Martin, Ms. Amy M., Rory Nieman**





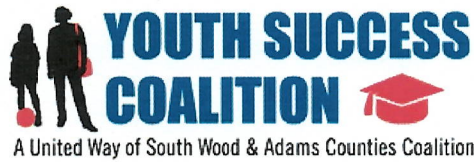


## Rudolph Country Christmas Parade

Join us at THINK Academy at 5:45 pm sharp this Saturday, Dec. 10th, if you would like to walk the parade route with our THINK Float! (Wear lights, antlers, THINK apparel, etc. for fun!)

Parade starts at 6:00 pm followed by fireworks!





## Learn the Latest from Coalition Member The Boys & Girls Club of the Wisconsin Rapids Area

The Boys & Girls Club of the Wisconsin Rapids Area is dedicated to providing a safe, fun space for local youth ages 6-18 before school, after school, and all summer long! Each Club member has access to high-quality role models, homework help, healthy meals/snacks, and a variety of enrichment programs that focus on academic success, good character, and healthy lifestyles. Our Club mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Fall after-school programming is off to a great start, with over 400 members enrolled at our WR Center, Port Edwards and Nekoosa school sites. We focus on three important learning components: Healthy Lifestyles (Social Emotional Learning/Physical Activity/Healthy Habits), STEM, and art projects. We are lucky to partner with the YMCA to utilize the gym, pool, playground, and sports field. Members have the opportunity to grow and advance in educational learning and provide insight about the community.

Included at our WR location is the Teen Center, where members aged 11-18 participate in a variety of programs including Career Launch and Teen Cuisine. Members aged 14 and up can become Teen Associates through the Work Force program, which allows them to receive training, learn job skills, and get paid for working right at Club. Our Jumpstart Morning Program, a before-school program held at six elementary schools (Howe, Grove, Mead, Think, Washington, and Woodside), kicked off this school year with over 250 total enrolled members.

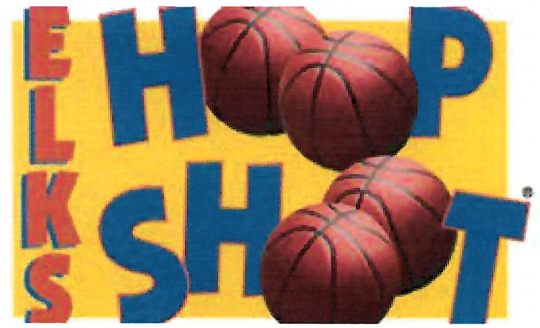
Stay tuned—Summer Program registration will open in March 2023, accessible online at [www.bgwra.org](http://www.bgwra.org). Follow our Facebook for more details. Please contact Member Service Director Cheyenne Kester at [ckester@bgcwra.org](mailto:ckester@bgcwra.org) or 715-818-5252 with specific registration or membership questions.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties



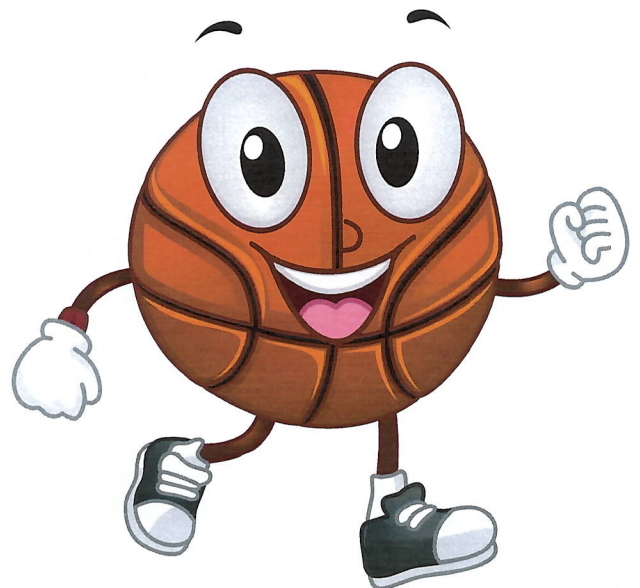
The following students will be representing THINK Academy for the Annual ELKS Hoop Shoot on Sunday, December 10th at East Jr. High! Good Luck Students!

### 8-9 yr old bracket

Liam Mancl  
Audrey Dickrell

### 10-11 yr old bracket

Carsen Dickrell  
Emily Lassa







For the 2022-23 school year, WRPS elementary schools will be piloting a teacher survey called the SAEBRS and a student survey called the mySAEBRS to support our students in successful participation throughout the school day. Teachers will complete surveys for students grades K through 5th, and students in grades 2nd through 5th will also complete a self-rating survey. The self-rating survey for students will only take a few minutes to complete and will be completed 2 or 3 times throughout the school year. The SAEBRS and mySAEBRS are universal screening tools to gather information about student behaviors in the following 3 domains: Social, Emotional and Academics.

The information that we obtain from the teacher and student surveys will allow for classroom teachers and support staff to identify strategies and interventions that may be helpful in the classroom environment to best support learning for all students.

The student survey will be administered to all students unless parents contact the building principal to have them opted out. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's participation in this student survey, please contact your child's elementary building principal.

## VETERANS DAY







# Sign Up Today!

## Wisconsin Rapids Youth Wrestling (K-5)

Start Date: Tuesday January 3rd, 2023

Schedule : Every Tuesday/Thursday 5:30-7:00

Location: East Jr. High Cafeteria

Parents meeting is on Thursday, December 8th at 5:30pm in the East Jr. High cafeteria for more information



Great Families, Great Kids, Great Coaches, Great Experience!





# December 2022 Breakfast Menu

Menu Items Subject To Change

Paid - \$1.50 / Free & Reduced - No Charge / Adult \$2.60 / Child Visitor \$1.25

Grant, THINK Academy & Woodside



**WISCONSIN RAPIDS  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WG = Whole Grain

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Cheese Omelet WG Toast Choice of Fruit Milk	2 Fruit & Yogurt Parfait Homemade Granola Choice of Fruit Milk
5 Cold Breakfast Variety Choice of Fruit Milk	6 Breakfast Pizza Choice of Fruit Milk	7 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Choice of Fruit Milk	8 Bagel with Cream Cheese Hard Boiled Egg Choice of Fruit Milk	9 Whole Grain Muffin Yogurt Choice of Fruit Milk
12 Cold Breakfast Variety Choice of Fruit Milk	13 Organic Bunny Grahams Cheese Stick Choice of Fruit Milk	14 Whole Grain Frudel Choice of Fruit Milk	15 WG Oatmeal Bar Yogurt Choice of Fruit Milk	16 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Burrito Choice of Fruit Milk
19 Cold Breakfast Variety Choice of Fruit Milk	20 Breakfast Pizza Choice of Fruit Milk	21 Cheese Omelet WG Toast Choice of Fruit Milk	22 Cinnamon Goldfish Cheese Stick Choice of Fruit Milk	23 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK
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# December 2022 - Elementary Lunch Menu

All Meals Offer 8 oz Serving of Milk - Choices Include - 1%, Skim, Skim Chocolate  
Menu Items Subject To Change

Cold Meat And Ham Items are Made with Turkey Meat  
WG = Whole Grain













## Daily Lunch Prices

Paid - \$2.15

Reduced - \$.40

Adult - \$4.65 / Child Visitor - \$3.00

Extra Milk - \$0.45

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 5 1* Sloppy Joe on Whole Grain Bun OR 2* Turkey Hot Dog / Bun Local Roasted Potatoes Green Beans Fresh Fruit 	 6 1* Whole Grain Cheese Filled Breadsticks / Pizza Sauce OR 2* Chicken Drumstick w/ WG Bun Cooked Carrots Romaine / Spinach Salad / Dressing Pineapple Tidbits	 7 1* Homemade Chili / Saltines OR 2* Yogurt / String Cheese Whole Grain Rotini Fresh Broccoli / Low Fat Dip Steamed Vegetable Blend Fresh Fruit	1 1* Wenzel's Farm Beef & Pork Hot Dog / Whole Grain Bun OR 2* Ham & Cheese Chef Salad / Whole Grain Bun Romaine Salad / Low Fat Dressing Potato Smiles Pineapple Tidbits 	2 1* Hot Ham & Cheese on Whole Grain Pretzel Bun OR 2* Falafel Pita w/ Diced Cucumbers & Tomatoes Fresh Vegetable Variety / Low Fat Dip Sweet Potato Fries Applesauce 
12 1* Teriyaki Chicken OR 2* Crunchy Fish Sticks Brown Rice Steamed Vegetable Blend Variety Fresh Celery Sticks / Low Fat Dip Mandarin Oranges	13 1* Soft Shell Pork Taco w/ Cheese OR 2* Whole Grain Ham Stacker Shredded Lettuce / Diced Tomatoes Refried Beans Salsa Fresh Fruit	14 1* Baked Chicken Nuggets / Sauces / Whole Grain Roll OR 2* Pizzable Sweet Potato Fries Peas Fresh Fruit 	15 1* Italian Meatsauce / Whole Grain Spaghetti / Breadstick OR 2* Ham & Cheese Wrap Whole Kernel Corn Lettuce Salad / Low Fat Dressing Mixed Fruit	16 1* Baked Mini Corn Dogs OR 2* Baked Potato w/ Ham & Cheese / Whole Grain Roll Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cucumbers / Low Fat Dip Sliced Peaches 
19 1* Whole Grain Pizza OR 2* SunButter & Jelly Sandwich / String Cheese Fresh Carrots & Bell Peppers / Dip Vegetarian Baked Beans Fresh Fruit	20 1* Hamburger / Bun / Pickles OR 2* Whole Grain Turkey Stacker Taco Chips / Salsa Whole Kernel Corn Fresh Broccoli / Low Fat Dip Mixed Fruit	21 1* Cheese Quesadilla OR 2* Chicken Fajita / Cheese Shredded Lettuce Salsa Fresh Fruit Cooked Carrots	22 1* Whole Grain Macaroni & Cheese / Whole Grain Roll OR 2* Turkey Burger / WG Bun California Blend Vegetables Sliced Peas Romaine / Spinach Salad / Dressing	23 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK 
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