

FEBRUARY 2023

THINK ACADEMY

SCHOOL NEWS



**THINK ACADEMY
GYMNASIUM OPEN HOUSE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH
4:15PM - 6:30PM**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear THINK Academy Families,

It is hard to believe it is already February! We look forward to having an opportunity for families and the community to see the new THINK gym. The Open House on Monday, February 6 at 4:15 p.m. As part of our Open House, we will begin at 4:15 with a ribbon cutting and short program. I would love students to be a part of this program as they will be working on a thank you song. As we get closer to the Open House, we will be asking families if they plan to attend at 4:15 with their child so we have an approximate number of students for this program.

On Tuesday, February 14, classes will have their annual Valentine's Day Party. Thank you to our PTS for contributing \$20 to each classroom to support this fun party for students. Students are welcome to bring valentines for their classmates. We do ask if students choose to bring in valentines to ensure they bring one for each student in their class.

We have a committee who has been planning Read Across America & Dr. Seuss week. This is a fun week to celebrate the joy of reading! These events will take place Monday, February 27 through Thursday, March 2. Students will have an opportunity to participate in activities including dress as a favorite book character, answer trivia questions and enjoy reading during a schoolwide reading time. There will be additional details sent home soon.

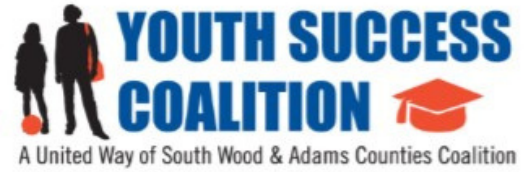
Students will be going outside for recess unless it is too cold or the weather is too wet. If the air temperatures are below zero or the wind chill is too low, then students will remain inside for recess. If students do not have boots and snow pants, they will not be allowed to play in the snow. Students have enjoyed playing in the snow and working on snow forts. They have also shared they are hoping for more snow so they can make more forts and larger snow hills!

Respectfully,
Christine Slattery
Principal





Liam MancI participated in the ELK's Hoop Shoot in Chippewa Falls. After 3 over times, Liam ended up getting 2nd place! Congratulations Liam!



The Cabin Fever Challenge is Back!

With short daylight hours and cold temperatures, winter adds extra challenges to the already difficult tasks of connecting with each other, maintaining healthy activity, and engaging in the community. That's why United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties developed the Cabin Fever Challenge to help families thrive through the final stretch of winter.

With the game board available at www.uwswac.org, complete family activities during February to fill spaces in this version of BINGO. Each row of five family activities earns BINGO, and a chance to win a gift basket! Families can get BINGO up to five times, meaning up to five chances to win.

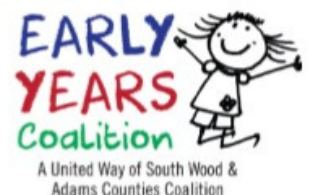
We've included several ideas for fun & enriching activities that align with the goals of the Youth Success & Early Years Coalitions who collaborated to develop this event (Community, Activity, Building Skills, Interests & Hobbies, and New experiences). Links to more ideas can also be found on the United Way website.

Completed game boards must be received by United Way or your child's school by March 1st to be entered to win.

Reach out to Ben at United Way with any questions by emailing ben@uwswac.org or calling 715-421-0390.



United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 1st - March 3rd

Boundary Exception Applications

February 2nd

PTS Meeting @ 5:30pm

February 6th

Spirit Day - THINK Apparel, Red, White
Gym Open House 4:15pm - 6:30pm

February 6th - April 28th

Open Enrollment Applications

February 10th

Spirit Day- Flannel Day
1st Grade Writing Celebration
10:30am - 11:30am

February 14th

Spirit Day - Red, Pink, Purple
Valentine Parties 2:40pm - 3:40pm

February 17th

Spirit Day - Rainbow/Tye Dye

February 21st

OPERA for the Young Visit

February 24th

Spirit Day - NFL Jersey Day



4th Gr Challenge 24 Participants



Cole Adamski
James Ashbeck
Liam Mancl
Jackson Stanton
Rory Nieman
Isaiah Molepske
Colton Pelot
Beckett Johnson
Adrian Graf
Levi Jaminski
Kasten Tritz
Aubree Dickrell
Khloe Dvoran
Peyton Grassl



5th Gr Challenge 24 Participants

Bennett Ortner
Vivian Zacher
Abrietta Hartjes
Chad Hamel
Allis Herrin
Braeden Tracy
Cade Fuller
Grady Ruesch
Callen Swisher
Ben Rakoci





February 2023 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



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WG = Whole Grain

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6 Cold Breakfast Variety Choice of Fruit Milk	 7 Breakfast Pizza Choice of Fruit Milk	1 Whole Grain Frudel Choice of Fruit Milk	2 WG Oatmeal Bar Yogurt Choice of Fruit Milk	3 Cheese Omelet WG Toast Choice of Fruit Milk
13 Cold Breakfast Variety Choice of Fruit Milk	14 Bagel with Cream Cheese Yogurt Choice of Fruit Milk	8 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Burrito Choice of Fruit Milk	9 Cinnamon Goldfish Cheese Stick Choice of Fruit Milk	10 Banana Bread Squares Yogurt Choice of Fruit Milk
20 Cold Breakfast Variety Choice of Fruit Milk	21 Cereal Bar Hard Boiled Egg Choice of Fruit Milk	15 WG Homemade Muffin Cheese Stick Choice of Fruit Milk	16 WG Scooby Doos Sun Butter Apple Slices Milk	17 Cheese Omelet WG Toast Choice of Fruit Milk
27 Cold Breakfast Variety Choice of Fruit Milk	28 Breakfast Pizza Choice of Fruit Milk	22 WG Mini Cinni Buns Choice of Fruit Milk	23 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Burrito Choice of Fruit Milk	24 Fruit & Yogurt Parfait Homemade Granola Choice of Fruit Milk

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February 2023 - Elementary Lunch Menu

All Meals Offer 8 oz Serving of Milk - Choices Include - 1%, Skim, Skim Chocolate

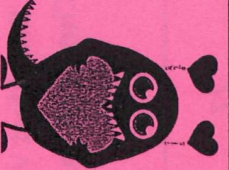
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Cold Meat And Ham Items are Made with Turkey Meat

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Daily Lunch Prices

Paid - \$2.15
 Reduced - \$.40
 Adult - \$4.65 / Child Visitor - \$3.00
 Extra Milk- \$0.45

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 6 1* Cheese Omelet OR 2* Yogurt / String Cheese Whole Grain Waffles / Syrup Dell Roaster Potatoes Strawberries & Blueberries Dragon Punch Juice	7 1* Whole Grain Toasted Cheese Sandwich OR 2* Whole Grain Turkey Stacker Tomato Soup / Saline Crackers Fresh Carrots & Broccoli / Low Fat Dip Pineapple Tidbits	1 1* Chicken Strip Wrap OR 2* Whole Grain Ham Stacker Sweet Potato Fries Sugar Snap Peas / Low Fat Dip Fresh Fruit	2 1* Cheese Ravioli / Whole Grain Roll OR 2* Grilled Chicken Patty on WG Bun Carrots / Low Fat Dip Steamed Broccoli Applesauce WG Chocolate Chip Cookie	3 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
13 1* Sloppy Joe on Whole Grain Bun OR 2* Turkey Hot Dog / Bun Baked French Fries Green Beans Fresh Fruit	14 1* Cheese Calzone OR 2* Chicken Drumstick w/ WG Bun Cooked Carrots Romaine / Spinach Salad / Dressing Pineapple Tidbits	8 1* Turkey in Gravy OR 2* Crunchy Fish Sticks Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Fresh Fruit Whole Grain Roll	9 1* Portesi Whole Grain Cheese Fries / Pizza Sauce OR 2* Breakfast Power Pack Romaine / Spinach Salad / Dressing Steamed Cauliflower Mandarin Oranges	10 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
20 1* Mandarin Chicken OR 2* Crunchy Fish Sticks Brown Rice Steamed Vegetable Blend Variety Fresh Celery Sticks / Low Fat Dip Mandarin Oranges	21 1* Soft Shell Pork Taco w/ Cheese OR 2* Whole Grain Turkey Stacker Shredded Lettuce / Diced Tomatoes Refried Beans Salsa 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* Popcorn Chicken / Sauces / Whole Grain Breadstick OR 2* Whole Grain Ham Stacker Peas Fresh Cukes & Tomatoes / Dip Sliced Peaches	17 1* Cheeseburger / Bun / Pickles OR 2* Breaded Fish Patty / Bun Vegetarian Baked Beans Fresh Vegetable Variety / Low Fat Dip Applesauce
27 1* Whole Grain Pizza OR 2* SunButter & Jelly Sandwich / String Cheese Fresh Carrots & Bell Peppers / Dip Vegetarian Baked Beans Fresh Fruit	28 1* Hamburger / Bun / Pickles OR 2* Whole Grain Turkey Stacker Taco Chips / Salsa Whole Kernel Corn Fresh Broccoli / Low Fat Dip Peas	22 1* Baked Chicken Nuggets / Sauces / Whole Grain Roll OR 2* Pizzable Sweet Potato Fries Peas Fresh Fruit	23 ****WISCONSIN CHILI LUNCH DAY**** 1* Whole Grain Cheese Filled Breadsticks / Pizza Sauce OR 2* Whole Grain Ham Stacker Wisconsin Chili / Salties Romaine / Spinach Salad / Dressing Pineapple Tidbits	24 1* Baked Mini Corn Dogs OR 2* Baked Potato w/ Ham & Cheese / Whole Grain Roll Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cucumbers / Low Fat Dip Sliced Peaches



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HOUSE

NEW THINK Gymnasium

Monday - February 6, 2023

4:15pm to 6:30pm

Ribbon Cutting 4:15

Please stay & visit our new space following the ribbon cutting ceremony.





2023-2024 4-AND 5-YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

WHAT TO BRING

- Child's certified birth certificate, baptismal certificate, or passport for verification
- Immunization record

MARCH 1
12:00 -
6:00

MARCH 2
8:00 -
4:00

MARCH 7
12:00 -
6:00

Registration will be held at the WRPS Enrollment Center, 311 Lincoln Street (enter through the front door)



QUESTIONS ABOUT 4-YEAR-OLD-KINDERGARTEN?

Attend an Information Session
Thursday, February 23 5:00-6:00 pm
Pitsch Early Learning Center
501 17th Street S
715.424.6779

4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN

- Child must be 4 years old by September 1, 2023.
- At the time of registration you will be able to indicate your site preference .

5-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN

- Child must be 5 years old by September 1, 2023. If you have a question about early admission, call our Pupil Services Office at 715.424.6724.
- If your child is currently enrolled in district 4K program you DO NOT need to register for 5K.

4K COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



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2023-2024 Full-Time Open Enrollment Regular Application Period for Wisconsin Public Schools

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

YOU MAY APPLY FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT FROM FEBRUARY 6 – APRIL 28, 2023.

What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school district other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts if the pupil wishes to attend a brick and mortar school. There are no limitations to the number of open enrollment applications that can be submitted to a virtual charter school.

How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment regular application period for the 2023-24 school year is from February 6-April 28, 2023. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

Parents may apply online at <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

Can I apply to a virtual charter school under open enrollment?

A pupil may only open enroll to an online/virtual school if: (1) the school has been created as a virtual charter school that meets the requirements of the charter school law [Wis. Stats. 118.40 (8)] or (2) the pupil is required to physically attend school on a regular basis in a school located in the nonresident school district on the days that school is in session. Other important things to know about applying to virtual charter schools:

- A virtual charter school is not homeschooling. Pupils attending virtual charter schools are public school pupils.
- You must know the nonresident school district in which the virtual charter school is located.
- You must know your resident school district to apply.
- A list of virtual charter schools may be found at <https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/charter-schools/virtual-charter-schools>.

Can parents appeal if an application is denied?

Parents whose applications are denied may appeal to the DPI within 30 days of the denial. State law requires the DPI to uphold the school district's decision unless DPI finds that the decision was arbitrary or unreasonable. The DPI's decision may be appealed to circuit court.

Who may participate in open enrollment?

Pupils in kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

Open enrollment for prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited.

Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

Can an application be rejected?

Nonresident school districts may deny an application if regular or special education space is not available for the pupil; special education or related services are not available; or if the pupil has been referred for a special education evaluation but has not yet been evaluated. Nonresident school districts may also deny an application if the pupil has been expelled during the current or preceding two years for certain violent conduct or if the pupil was habitually truant from the nonresident school district during any semester in the current or previous school year.

If there are more applications than spaces, pupils must be selected randomly, after giving preference to pupils already attending school in the nonresident school district and siblings of currently-attending pupils.

Some school districts establish waiting lists to fill unused spaces, but others do not.

Can a resident district prevent a pupil from leaving?

A resident district can deny a pupil's application for an invalid application (early or late application or missing information), ineligibility due to age (too young or too old), or if the resident district does not offer the same type of prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten, or early childhood program as the nonresident district or the pupil is not eligible for the program in the resident district. These are also reasons that a nonresident district can deny an application.

Must pupils reapply every year?

Once a pupil is accepted into a nonresident school district, the pupil may continue to attend that district without reapplication except that:

- The nonresident district may require a pupil to reapply one time— at the beginning of middle school, junior high or high school.
- A pupil may be returned to the resident school district if the special education required in a new or revised IEP is not available in the nonresident district or there is no space.
- A pupil who has become habitually truant in the nonresident district may be returned to the resident district.

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Is there a cost for parents to participate in the open enrollment program?

There is no tuition cost to parents for participation in open enrollment. Parents of open enrolled pupils may be charged the same fees as resident pupils.

Who is responsible for transportation?

Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from school.

If transportation is required in the IEP for a child with a disability, it must be provided by the nonresident district. School districts may provide transportation to open enrollment pupils if they wish. Usually, if transportation is provided, parents must transport the pupil to a location in

the nonresident district.

Low-income parents may apply to the DPI at the end of the school year for partial reimbursement of their transportation costs.



Can a parent select a specific school in the pupil's nonresident school district?

Yes. A parent may request a specific school or program in the nonresident district. However, assignment to the requested school or program is not guaranteed and your pupil may be assigned to a different school other than the one requested. It is up to each nonresident district to determine a pupil's school assignment.

Can an open enrolled pupil participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities in the nonresident school district?

Open enrolled pupils have the same rights and responsibilities as resident pupils.

Inter-scholastic athletics are governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), which has rules concerning transfer pupils. Parents should check with the school district's athletic director about eligibility.

IMPORTANT ENROLLMENT DATES

OPEN

February 6 – April 28, 2023

Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

June 9, 2023

Nonresident school districts must send notices of approval or denial via US mail or email. If the application is approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the pupil is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 16, 2023

Resident districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 30, 2023

Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident district in the 2023-24 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the pupil to attend the district.



For more information contact:
Public School Open Enrollment Program
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841
Toll-free: 888-245-2732, option 2
openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov
<https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>

2023-24

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Developmental Screening

Developmental Screening is a quick check of your child's development and can identify your child's strengths, uncover new milestones to celebrate, and reveal areas where your child may need support.

Who: *For ALL children 0-5 years* of age living in the Wisconsin Rapids School District Area*

When: Wednesday, March 1st

Children ages 3-5

Where: Pitsch Early Learning Center

501 17th St S, Wisconsin Rapids

*Children ages 0-2 will be screened by Wood or Portage County Birth to Three Program by a separately scheduled appointment

For more information, call WRPS at 715-424-6700

Screenings are provided by Wisconsin Rapids Public School District, Wood County Head Start and Wood and Portage County Birth to Three Programs