



# THINK NEWSLETTER

January 2023

Dear THINK Academy Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and an opportunity to enjoy time with family. The start of a new year often brings a sense of renewal and hope for the months to come. As we begin 2023, I hope this year brings you and your family much joy, health, and happiness.

As we continue to navigate winter weather, any future inclement weather days will result in at-home or virtual learning days. Teachers will communicate via SeeSaw with your child's specific plans for the day. We ask families to do what they can to complete these tasks and reach out to their child's teacher with any questions or concerns that may arise. If internet access is a concern, please reach out to your child's teacher and we will work with you.

The new gym is nearing completion. We are waiting for an air handler unit to arrive. Unfortunately, this was delayed and we anticipate it arriving in early January. As soon as this arrives, we will be able to set a date for an Open House for the community to see this new beautiful space. I am so excited for you to see this new gym area! We have had an absolutely incredible construction crew working on this project!

December was certainly a busy and exciting month at THINK! We had another successful Run Run Rudolph event! Thank you to the many people who made this happen including our amazing PTS, parent volunteers, and staff members. A crew ensured the race route was safe for participants. We had about 170 runners and walkers! It was truly an exciting morning! This year we started a new tradition by having a THINK Academy float in the Rudolph Country Christmas parade. Thank you to those who were able to join or wave to us along the parade route! To wrap up the month, we were able to bring back our Holiday Concert at the PAC. Our students did such an amazing job! I was so proud of them and their hard work. Thank you to Mrs. Lori Thompson for preparing our students for this special event. I appreciate everyone who was able to attend to support our students!

During these winter months as we anticipate more snow, students need to wear hats, gloves, a winter coat, boots and snow pants for recess. If you need 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. 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.

Thank you for your continued support this school year. On behalf of the entire staff at THINK Academy, Happy New Year!

Respectfully,  
Christine Slattery  
Principal



# Mark Your Calendar

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**January 2**

Return from Winter Break

**January 6**

Spirit Day

Green/Gold/Packer Colors

**January 9**

Cup Stacking Club

3:45 - 4:30

**January 11**

Vision Screenings

**January 13**

Spirit Day

Red/White/THINK apparel

**January 16**

NO SCHOOL - PD Day

**January 20**

Spirit Day

Dress as a Teacher/Staff Member

**January 23**

Cup Stacking Club

3:45 - 4:30

**January 27**

Spirit Day

Crazy Hair Day

**January 30**

Cup Stacking Club

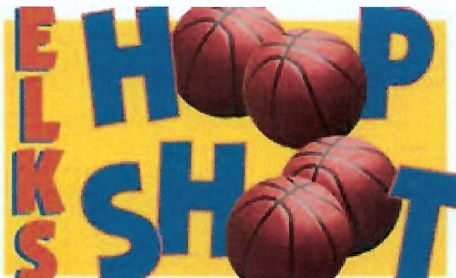
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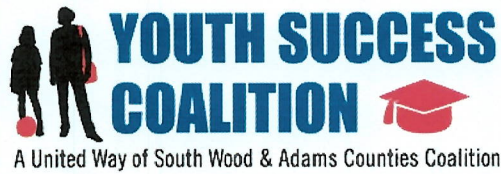
**Allison Hamm**

Allison won herself a VISA Gift Card and THINK Academy \$175.00.



Congratulations to Liam Mancl! Liam won the 8-9 year old Boys Division for the Elks Hoop Shoot.





## Meet New Coalition Member: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Wisconsin

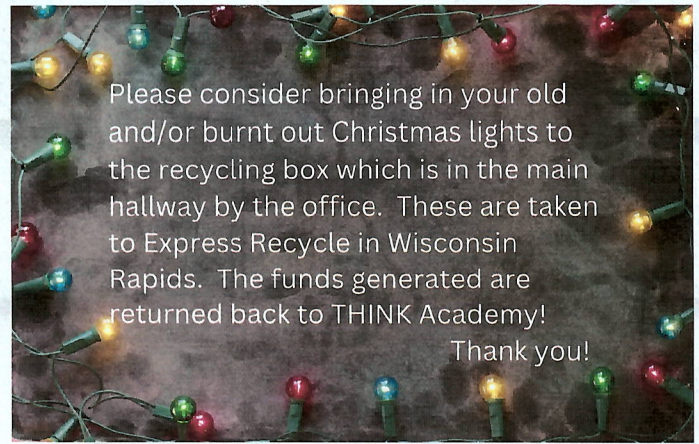
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Wisconsin (BBBSCW) is excited to bring youth mentoring to the Wisconsin Rapids area. Our mission is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. Our agency offers two mentoring options for children ages 5-17 to take part in. Each program asks for a year commitment to make the most out of the mentoring relationship.

The traditional Community-Based program would allow a child and mentor to take part in low-cost/no-cost activities around the Wisconsin Rapids area. These activities could include going to a library, park, going for walks or bike rides, attending community events, or partaking in favorite hobbies. Matches would meet 2-4 times a month for about an hour each time.

Additionally, in partnership with Howe Elementary School, we are excited to pilot our Site-Based program. Elementary students would meet once a week with their mentor at school, during their school day for 30-45 minutes. Each week they meet, the match could play games, do arts/crafts, talk, possibly have lunch together or have time outside together.

BBBSCW believes every child has the potential to do exceptional things. All children, regardless of background, can benefit from having a positive influence in their life that can give them undivided attention. Someone that can remind them how important they are and give them a safe space to express their thoughts, feelings and aspirations.

To learn more, please contact Beth Kohnert, Director of Operations, at [bethk@bigimpact.org](mailto:bethk@bigimpact.org) or 715-341-0661.



Please consider bringing in your old and/or burnt out Christmas lights to the recycling box which is in the main hallway by the office. These are taken to Express Recycle in Wisconsin Rapids. The funds generated are returned back to THINK Academy!

Thank you!



## Happy Birthday in January...

*Imogene Schultz, Ben Briggs, Khloe Dvoran, Demi Ruesch, Ms. Cheryl Burmeister, Ms. Haley Beyer, Gage Zellner, Mrs. Matulewicz, Grady Gillette, Lincoln Hilgart, Mrs. Bergerson, Maizy Mack, Colton Pelot, Paisley Wiernik, Will Johnson, Callen Swisher, Jax O'Keefe*



## WRPS Cup Stacking Club for 3rd-4th-5th Grades

January 9, 23, and 30  
3:45 pm - 4:30 pm



Nutritious · Delicious · Wisconsin

Greetings,

Our school is participating in [Wisconsin Harvest of the Month](#)! Harvest of the Month is a statewide campaign that encourages students to eat more fruits and vegetables. Each month, our school will feature one Wisconsin-grown fruit or vegetable that is seasonally available. We will encourage students to taste, explore, and learn about the importance of eating fruits and vegetables in the classroom and cafeteria.

Watch the school menu and [Harvest of the Month](#) page on the WRPS website for more information about the Harvest of the Month fruits and vegetables. We will feature fruits and veggies from this list:

FEATURED FRUITS & VEGGIES	
<b>autumn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>apples</li><li>winter squash</li><li>broccoli</li><li>cranberries</li><li>kale</li></ul>
<b>winter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>carrots</li><li>sweet potatoes</li><li>cabbage</li><li>potatoes</li><li>beets</li></ul>
<b>spring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>greens</li><li>asparagus</li><li>sweet peas</li><li>lettuce</li><li>radish</li></ul>
<b>summer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>summer squash</li><li>peppers</li><li>tomatoes</li><li>corn</li><li>cucumber</li></ul>

Ask your child about Harvest of the Month foods and prepare these foods at home. Providing many opportunities for your child to try new foods is important for building healthy eating habits and adventurous eaters.

We hope you join us in this opportunity to promote eating fruits and vegetables!



**FOOD WISE**  
Healthy choices, healthy lives.

UW-MADISON EXTENSION

Wisconsin Harvest of the Month is a project of The University of Wisconsin- Madison Division of Extension FoodWise program.

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# **F** **OCUS**

**FEEDING OUR COMMUNITIES WITH UNITED SERVICES  
NEIGHBORHOOD MEALS**

**\*\*Formerly known as The Neighborhood Table\*\***

A community meal program for those in need of a free meal and/or the companionship of others while sharing a meal.

## **Please Join Us!**

- **Thursdays Only**
- **Open to the public, no reservations necessary**
- **Serving 4:30–6:00 PM in house sit down meals only**
- **No carry outs!**
- **Doors will open at 4:15 PM for seating**
- **We ask that guests arrive no later than 5:45 PM**
- **2321 W Grand Ave (our new home)**

**We look forward to serving you.**

**\*Please note that we are not open on Holidays or if the schools close for weather related reasons.**



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT  
*of* HEALTH SERVICES

# Important Update on BadgerCare and Medicaid Renewals

During the COVID-19 public health emergency, special rules have been in place pausing BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid renewals and terminations. This has allowed members to keep their health insurance even if there is a change to their situation--like their household size or income--that would normally make them lose their insurance.

**Though the public health emergency is still in effect, the federal government has passed a bill to end the policy of continuous Medicaid eligibility beginning April 1, 2023.** This means these special rules for Medicaid and BadgerCare are allowed to come to an end beginning at that time.



Covering Wisconsin helps anyone within Wisconsin on securing health insurance coverage, seeking timely care, and navigating the healthcare system.

**Expert Health Insurance Navigators are federally-licensed to provide free help year-around.**

**Navigators can:**

- Compare plans and prices across coverage options
- Submit applications for Healthcare.gov, BadgerCare Plus or Medicaid
- Answer health insurance questions - big and small
- Resolve billing or coverage problems
- File eligibility appeals
- and more!

**Contact:**

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**WISCONSIN RAPIDS  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WG = Whole Grain

# January 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



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Cold Breakfast Variety Choice of Fruit Milk	3 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Choice of Fruit Milk	4 WG Mini Cinni Buns Choice of Fruit Milk	5 WG Oatmeal Bar Yogurt Choice of Fruit Milk	6 Fruit & Yogurt Parfait Homemade Granola Choice of Fruit Milk
9 Cold Breakfast Variety Choice of Fruit Milk	10 Breakfast Pizza Choice of Fruit Milk	11 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Choice of Fruit Milk	12 Bagel with Cream Cheese Hard Boiled Egg Choice of Fruit Milk	13 Whole Grain Muffin Yogurt Choice of Fruit Milk
16 NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day	17 Organic Bunny Grahams Cheese Stick Choice of Fruit Milk	18 Whole Grain Frudel Choice of Fruit Milk	19 WG Oatmeal Bar Yogurt Choice of Fruit Milk	20 Cheese Omelet WG Toast Choice of Fruit Milk
23 Cold Breakfast Variety Choice of Fruit Milk	24 Breakfast Pizza Choice of Fruit Milk	25 WG Belgian Waffle Yogurt Choice of Fruit Milk	26 Cinnamon Goldfish Cheese Stick Choice of Fruit Milk	27 Banana Bread Squares Yogurt Choice of Fruit Milk
30 Cold Breakfast Variety Choice of Fruit Milk	31 Bagel with Cream Cheese Yogurt Choice of Fruit Milk			

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# January 2023 - 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
<p>2</p> <p>1* Breaded Chicken Patty on Whole Grain Bun OR</p> <p>2* Beef Taco Quesadillas / Salsa</p> <p>Calico Beans Steamed Vegetable Variety Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1* Whole Grain Toasted Cheese Sandwich OR</p> <p>2* Whole Grain Turkey Stacker</p> <p>Tomato Soup / Saltine Crackers Fresh Carrots / Low Fat Dip Pineapple Tidbits</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1* Chicken in Gravy OR</p> <p>2* Crunchy Fish Sticks</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Fresh Fruit Whole Grain Roll</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1* Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza OR</p> <p>2* Breakfast Power Pack</p> <p>Romaine / Spinach Salad / Dressing Steamed Cauliflower Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1* Hot Ham &amp; Cheese on Whole Grain Pretzel Bun OR</p> <p>2* Falafel Pita w/Diced Cucumbers &amp; Tomatoes</p> <p>Fresh Vegetable Variety / Low Fat Dip Sweet Potato Fries Applesauce</p>
<p>9</p> <p>1* Pulled Pork on Whole Grain Bun OR</p> <p>2* Turkey Hot Dog / Bun</p> <p>Baked French Fries Creamy Coleslaw Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1* Whole Grain Cheese Calzone / Pizza Sauce OR</p> <p>2* Chicken Drumstick w/ WG Bun</p> <p>Cooked Carrots Romaine / Spinach Salad / Dressing Pineapple Tidbits WG Chocolate Chip Cookie</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1* Homemade Chili / Saltines OR</p> <p>2* Yogurt / String Cheese</p> <p>Whole Grain Rotini Fresh Broccoli / Low Fat Dip California Blend Veggies Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1* Baked Chicken Strips / Sauces / Whole Grain Breadstick OR</p> <p>2* Whole Grain Ham Stacker</p> <p>Peas Fresh Cukes &amp; Tomatoes / Dip Sliced Peaches</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1* Cheeseburger / Bun / Pickles OR</p> <p>2* Breaded Fish Patty / Bun</p> <p>Vegetarian Baked Beans Fresh Vegetable Variety / Low Fat Dip Applesauce</p>
<p>16</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Professional Development Day</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1* Soft Shell Pork Taco w/ Cheese OR</p> <p>2* Whole Grain Turkey Stacker</p> <p>Shredded Lettuce / Diced Tomatoes Refried Beans Salsa Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1* Baked Chicken Nuggets / Sauces / Whole Grain Roll OR</p> <p>2* Pizzabile</p> <p>Sweet Potato Fries Peas Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1* Pizzaburger on WG Bun OR</p> <p>2* Ham &amp; Cheese Wrap</p> <p>Whole Kernel Corn Lettuce Salad / Low Fat Dressing Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1* Baked Mini Corn Dogs OR</p> <p>2* Baked Potato w/ Ham &amp; Cheese / Whole Grain Roll</p> <p>Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cucumbers / Low Fat Dip Sliced Peaches</p>
<p>23</p> <p>1* Whole Grain Pizza OR</p> <p>2* SunButter &amp; Jelly Sandwich / String Cheese</p> <p>Fresh Carrots &amp; Bell Peppers / Dip Vegetarian Baked Beans Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1* Hamburger / Bun / Pickles OR</p> <p>2* Whole Grain Turkey Stacker</p> <p>Taco Chips / Salsa Whole Kernel Corn Fresh Broccoli / Low Fat Dip Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1* Cheese Quesadilla OR</p> <p>2* Chicken Fajita / Cheese</p> <p>Shredded Lettuce Salsa Fresh Fruit Cooked Carrots</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1* Whole Grain Macaroni &amp; Cheese / Whole Grain Roll OR</p> <p>2* Turkey Burger / WG Bun</p> <p>California Blend Vegetables Sliced Peas Romaine / Spinach Salad / Dressing</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1* Homemade Lasagna OR</p> <p>2* Yogurt / String Cheese</p> <p>Green Beans Fresh Cauliflower &amp; Peppers / Dip Applesauce Whole Grain Roll</p>
<p>30</p> <p>1* Mandarin Chicken OR</p> <p>2* Crunchy Fish Sticks</p> <p>Brown Rice Steamed Vegetable Blend Variety Fresh Celery Sticks / Low Fat Dip Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1* Whole Grain Nachos w/ Ground Pork &amp; Cheese OR</p> <p>2* Homemade Bean &amp; Cheese Burrito</p> <p>Lettuce / Tomatoes Refried Beans / Salsa Spanish Rice Fresh Fruit</p>			