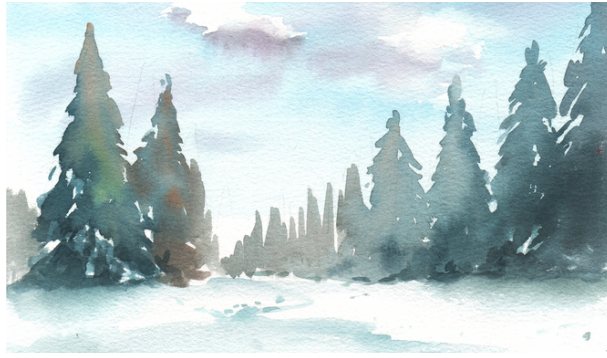


# THINK

## January

### Newsletter



2024

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Dear THINK Academy Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and an opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends. The start of a new year often brings a sense of renewal and hope for the months to come. As we begin 2024, I hope this year brings you and your family much joy, health, and happiness.

As we continue to navigate winter weather, the first three snow days are traditional snow days. Beginning on snow day four, remote learning will take place. In the event we have a fourth snow day, 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.

December was certainly a busy and exciting month at THINK! We had a 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 120 runners and walkers! It was truly an exciting morning! Thank you to those who were able to join us in the Rudolph Country Christmas parade or wave to us along the parade route! To wrap up the month, our Holiday Concert was held at the PAC. Our students did such a phenomenal job! I was so proud of them and their hard work. Thank you to Mrs. Trudi Bergerson for preparing our students for this special event. Thank you to our classroom teachers for having students practice songs on the days between music classes. I appreciate everyone who was able to attend this festive event 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



## NOETIC Learning Math Contest

This contest is a national math contest given by Noetic Learning. The purpose of the contest is to inspire young students to excel in math and convey the message 'It is COOL to be good at math!' to students.

This fall, we had several students in grades 3-5 participate in the contest. We are pleased to announce that Lonna Kelnhofer was the WRPS Noetic Learning Math Contest winner for the third grade division!

Other students who participated in the contest include: Declan Tritz, Olivia Ashbeck, Cole Adamski, Addison Adamski, Adrian Graf, Rory Nieman, and Kasten Tritz.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in this contest!



## Testing @ THINK

Star Reading Tests will be taking place at THINK in the near future.

Please be sure your student(s) are well rested and have a good breakfast either at home and/or at school.



## Holiday Workshop/Winter Food Drive Success!

THINK was able to help 6 local families this Holiday Season.

Thank you for your generous donations and volunteering to make the Holiday Workshop/Food Drive a success.



Congratulations to *Ivory Mancl (Girls 8-9)* and *Khloe Dvoran (Girls 10-11)*, winners for the December 9th 2023 Elks Hoop Shoot!

Way to go girls! Your THINK family is very proud of you!



## THINK Spelling Bee

We are proud of all of our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade spelling bee contestants. Congratulations to Carson Livernash who came in 1st place and Jameson Hucke who came in 2nd place! Way to go boys!

- Sawyer Reblin
- Creedence Herrin
- Lonna Kelnhofer
- Kennedy Edwards
- Elizabeth Briggs
- Nora Leverage
- Maizy Mack
- Peyton Grassl
- Jameson Hucke
- Carson Livernash
- Cole Adamski



CONGRATULATIONS





# Attendance

Regular attendance at school is extremely important to the educational success of your child. Your child is expected to be in school every day unless he/she is ill or has other justifiable reasons for the absence. Parents are required to call the school if their child will be absent. If a child is absent from school, parents should contact the school attendance line (715-424-6765) by 9:15 a.m. or you will be contacted by the school.

The legal statute defines a “habitual truant” as a student who is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part or all five (5) or more days during a semester. Students may not be absent more than a total of ten (10) days for the entire school year. Five late tardies/early leaves = 1 unexcused absence.

“Part of a day” is defined by WRPS elementary buildings as: --Arrival after 10:00 a.m. is considered absent in the AM and is counted as a half-day absence --Arrival after 8:45 a.m. and between 10:00 a.m. is considered tardy --Leave before 2:00 p.m. is considered absent in the PM --Leave after 2:00 p.m. but before the end of the day is considered early dismissal.

Extended absences should be reported to the school so that teachers can schedule students’ assignments or arrange for homebound instruction. While we realize that some absences due to illness are unavoidable, repeated absences produce gaps in learning which may seriously affect a child’s progress in school. Therefore, parents will be contacted by the school when the numbers of absences are determined to be restricting a student’s progress.

If siblings are going to pick up work for an absent child in the family, we ask that you contact the teacher or office early in the morning to allow the teacher time to prepare the materials.



## Vomiting and Diarrhea

WRPS protocol regarding sickness is to be fever free and medicine free 24 hours after vomiting and/or having diarrhea. Please do not send your student(s) to school giving them medicine in hopes to have them in school. More than likely we will be calling once the meds wear off and they are back to not feeling well. This will help with the spread of illness. We appreciate your cooperation.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Jan. 5th**

Spirit Day - Green and Gold  
Spelling Bee @ 10:00 AM

**Jan. 12th**

Spirit Day - Hat Day

**Jan. 15th**

PD Day - NO SCHOOL

**Jan. 16th**

Monday Schedule

**Jan. 19th**

Spirit Day - Dress to Impress

**Jan. 23rd**

Family Skate Night  
Skate City 6:00-8:30 PM

**Jan. 26th**


Spirit Day - Favorite Celebrity  
5th Gr Wax Museum @ 2:30



### Proper Dress for Recess

Above 50  Short Sleeves 😊

40-50  Long Sleeves

0-39  
Wind-Chill  
\*\*\*\*\*  
 Winter Coats, Hats, Gloves, Boots, Snow Pants

Below 0  
Wind-Chill  
 10 min. Recess

-10 Wind-Chill  No Outside Recess

#### Cold Weather Recess/Playground Procedures:

- 0 degrees, students will not play outside for more than 10 minutes at a time.
- 10 degrees below 0 degrees, children will not go outside at all.
- Short sleeve recess: 50+ on the wind-chill thermometer
- Long sleeve recess: 40 - 49 on the wind-chill thermometer
- Winter clothes: -10 to -39 on the wind-chill thermometer

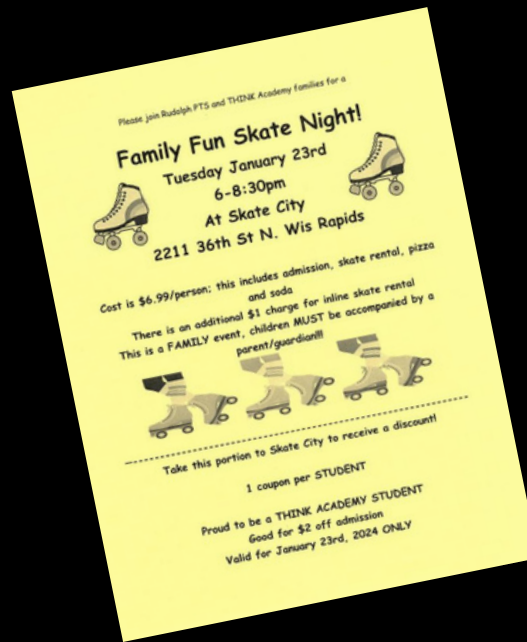


## Extra Clothes

It would be a good idea to have an extra pair of clothes in your student's locker. Accidents happen and things get wet from out at recess. Also, having shoes while inside the classroom and for gym class is necessary.



Please consider bringing in your old/burnt out/unwanted Christmas lights. We take them to Express Recycling in Wisconsin Rapids. The funds generated are returned back to THINK Academy. Thank you for your help!



## January Birthdays

Bentley Ashbeck-Emberson, Ben Briggs, Khloe Dvoran, Demi Ruesch, Ms. Cheryl Burmeister, Miss Beyer, Gage Zellner, Mrs. Matulewicz, Grady Gillette, Ms. Missy Froehle, Lincoln Hilgart, Mrs. Bergerson, Emmalyne Mancl, Maizy Mack, Violet King, Colton Pelot, Connor Van Asten, Jax O'Keefe





**WISCONSIN RAPIDS  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



**2023-2024 ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY STATEMENT  
INCLEMENT WEATHER DAY PROCEDURES**

**CANCELLATION**

If bad weather during the night makes it impossible for buses to run in the morning, the following procedure will be used:

Announcements will be made using our Skylert system for parents, posts on the WRPS District webpage ([www.wrps.org](http://www.wrps.org)), the Nixle alert system, and also reported to these media outlets **as early as possible**, but in no case later than 6:30 a.m.:

- |                              |                        |                         |                        |                                    |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>WGLX (103.3 FM)</b>       | <b>WFHR (AM 1320)</b>  | <b>WSPT (97.9 FM)</b>   | <b>WAXX (104.5 FM)</b> | <b>WIFC (95.5 FM)</b>              |
| <b>BIG CHEESE (107.9 FM)</b> | <b>WDLB (AM 1450)</b>  | <b>WKQH (B 104.9FM)</b> | <b>WAYY (AM 790)</b>   | <b>WDEZ (101.9 FM)</b>             |
| <b>WYTE (106.5 FM)</b>       | <b>WLJY (105.5 FM)</b> | <b>WPCN (AM 1010)</b>   | <b>I-94 (94.1 FM)</b>  | <b>WRIG (AM 1390)</b>              |
| <b>HOT (96.7 FM)</b>         | <b>WOSQ (92.3 FM)</b>  | <b>WAOW-TV 9</b>        | <b>WSAW-TV 7</b>       | <b>WOZZ (94.7 FM)</b>              |
|                              |                        |                         |                        | <b>WSAU (AM 550<br/>or 99.9FM)</b> |

**EARLY DISMISSAL**

If bad weather develops during the morning while school is in session, the following procedure will be used:

- ◆ Lunches will be served before the students are dismissed. (There is no lunch for 4K students.)
- ◆ Buses will run according to the following schedule:

Middle School	12:00 p.m.	
Assumption High School	12:10 p.m.	
Lincoln High School	12:20 p.m.	
River Cities High School (a.m. session)	11:00 a.m. (as usual)	<i>** Afternoon RCHS sessions will be canceled.</i>
Elementary Schools (Public & Parochial)	1:00 p.m.	<i>** Afternoon early education unit sessions will be canceled.</i>
Morning 4-Year Old Kindergarten Session	10:45 a.m.	<i>** Afternoon 4K sessions will be canceled.</i>

Announcements of the early dismissal will be made on the above listed stations by 10:00 a.m., advising parents that their children will be sent home early.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

If an event or trip is canceled, it is the responsibility of the coach/advisor to inform the participants (the news stations listed above may be used for this communication). The safety of our students and staff is the primary consideration when making these decisions. While the "importance" of an event, the difficulties of rescheduling, and other inconveniences are recognized; safety is the only issue that is a factor in these decisions. Your cooperation, understanding, and assistance in these matters will be appreciated.

Questions regarding this Administrative Policy Statement should be referred to Superintendent Craig Broeren at 715-424-6701.

Craig Broeren  
Superintendent

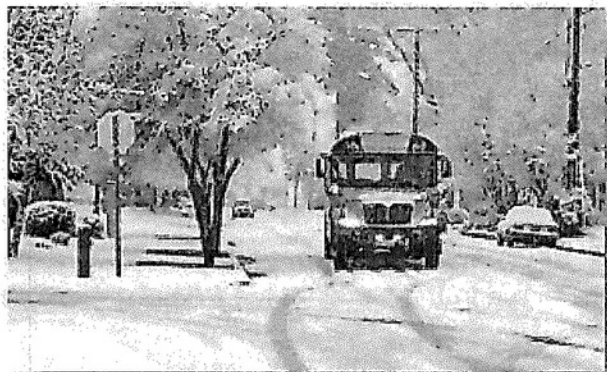


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Facebook account, or  
follow us on Twitter to  
get up-to-date weather  
closure information!*

## How does school get canceled due to weather?



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Parents may be interested to know how school closure decisions get made when inclement weather sweeps across our area. The number one priority in every closure decision is the safety of our students, and what is in the best interest of all students. When schools close, we lose valuable learning time with your child(ren), and many families have concerns or complications surrounding childcare. Furthermore, there may be times when parents feel differently about whether school should be open or closed based upon the weather. Should this happen, the District encourages parents to make a decision that they believe is best for their child's health and safety.

Decisions to close school are not taken lightly; and a great deal of thought and communication is involved in the process. Following are some details about what is involved in the weather-related school closure process, and how a final decision gets made:

As the Superintendent of Schools, I monitor weather conditions relative to snow/ice precipitation and gather input and feedback from all appropriate sources including meteorologists, transportation providers, and area highway personnel and/or law enforcement agencies that have personnel out driving on our roadways. Additionally, in cases of extremely cold temperatures and/or wind chills, a decision to close generally comes into play when temperatures will continue to remain around 35 degrees below zero or lower.

I will make every attempt to make a school closure decision as early as possible, and in no case later than 6:30 a.m. of the morning when school is to be in session. When feasible, decisions are made on the evening prior to the school day so that parents can make the appropriate arrangements necessary for childcare, if needed. Unfortunately, this early decision is not always possible given the unique weather patterns of Wisconsin.

You can find out about school closure decisions in a variety of ways:

- ⇒ Through email, text, and phone alerts generated by our Skylert notification system - you can sign up for these alerts through your "Family Access" account
- ⇒ By liking the District Facebook page, you will see inclement weather-related posts

from WRPS come up in your newsfeed (facebook.com/wrpsdistrict)

- ⇒ By going to our [www.wrps.org](http://www.wrps.org) webpage - weather closure alerts get posted at the top of the main District page, once a decision has been made
- ⇒ You can sign up for community related alerts through Nixle and receive a variety of school district, law enforcement, and other notifications for our area which you may find of interest
- ⇒ By listening to local radio and television news stations

Note that when school gets canceled, all other activities scheduled in school buildings for that day are also canceled. As outlined in Board Policy 723.1, **it is possible that certain dates will be designated as Remote Learning Days** - your school will individually communicate more about expectations for students on these dates when they occur.

Once school begins for the day, schools generally will not dismiss early unless absolutely necessary in order to avoid complications with transportation and childcare arrangements. Again, the safety of our students is always at the forefront of the decision-making process.

A decision to close during the school day will occur by 10:00 a.m., and lunches will be served to students in grades KG-12 before they are dismissed. **Middle school students will be dismissed first at 12:00 p.m., followed by Lincoln High students at 12:20 p.m.; and the elementary students will dismiss last at 1:00 p.m.** Afternoon sessions for our 4K and River Cities High School programs are automatically canceled if we close early. Communication to parents about an early release is similar - via Skylert, our District webpage and social media pages, Nixle, and various local media outlets.

School closure decisions are not always popular, and I can appreciate that parents may have different opinions about whether or not school should be canceled. Again, we always leave the final decision up to parents about whether to keep their child(ren) home if they feel this is best for their circumstance.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and support when school closure decisions become necessary on inclement weather days. The decisions are not always easy, but they are definitely made with the best interest of all students in mind.

If you have questions concerning this information, feel free to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Broeren'.

Craig Broeren  
Superintendent  
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715-424-6701



**NEW!**

AS PART OF A DISTRICT-WIDE NUTRITION-FOCUSED INITIATIVE, WE'RE WORKING TO PROVIDE A **HEARTIER, HEALTHIER BREAKFAST**, WITH **LESS SUGAR** AND **MORE PROTEIN**, TO GIVE STUDENTS A GREAT START TO THEIR DAY! OUR EGG AND CHEESE BREAKFAST SANDWICHES AND BURRITOS ARE MADE IN-HOUSE WITH **SIMPLE, WHOLE INGREDIENTS**. THESE DELICIOUS MEALS ARE SURE TO FILL STUDENTS UP WITH THE ENERGY THEY NEED TO LEARN, GROW, AND PLAY.



<b>M</b> 1 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	<b>T</b> 2 COLD CEREAL CHEESE STICK	<b>W</b> 3 BREAKFAST PIZZA	<b>TH</b> 4 WHOLE GRAIN MUFFIN YOGURT	<b>F</b> 5 CHEESE OMELET WHOLE GRAIN TOAST
<b>M</b> 8 COLD CEREAL CHEESE STICK	<b>T</b> 9 EGG + CHEESE BREAKFAST SANDWICH	<b>W</b> 10 BAGEL W/ CREAM CHEESE HARD BOILED EGG	<b>TH</b> 11 HOMEMADE GRANOLA YOGURT	<b>F</b> 12 EGG + CHEESE BREAKFAST BURRITO
<b>M</b> 15 NO SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY	<b>T</b> 16 COLD CEREAL CHEESE STICK	<b>W</b> 17 BREAKFAST PIZZA	<b>TH</b> 18 WHOLE GRAIN MUFFIN YOGURT	<b>F</b> 19 CHEESE OMELET WHOLE GRAIN TOAST
<b>M</b> 22 COLD CEREAL CHEESE STICK	<b>T</b> 23 EGG + CHEESE BREAKFAST SANDWICH	<b>W</b> 24 BAGEL W/ CREAM CHEESE CHEESE STICK	<b>TH</b> 25 HOMEMADE GRANOLA YOGURT	<b>F</b> 26 EGG + CHEESE BREAKFAST BURRITO
<b>M</b> 29 COLD CEREAL CHEESE STICK	<b>T</b> 30 EGG + CHEESE BREAKFAST SANDWICH	<b>W</b> 31 BREAKFAST PIZZA	<p>Questions about school breakfast or lunch? Contact us at <a href="mailto:schoolnutrition@wrps.net">schoolnutrition@wrps.net</a></p>	

### SELECTION OF MILK & FRUIT OFFERED DAILY

**BREAKFAST PRICES**

PAID: \$1.50

FREE & REDUCED: NO CHARGE

ADULT: \$2.60 CHILD VISITOR: \$2.00

MENU ITEMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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# JANUARY

## LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY

\*DAILY ENTREE INCLUDES A CHOICE OF OPTION 1 OR OPTION 2  
\*ALL BREAD/GRAINS OFFERED ARE WHOLE GRAIN RICH



NEW YEAR, NEW MENUS! TO ACCOMPANY SOME OF THE FRESH CHANGES WE'VE BEEN MAKING TO THE SCHOOL MEALS RECENTLY, WE WANTED TO BRING YOU A FRESH, NEW LOOK TO OUR MENUS! QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT SCHOOLNUTRITION@WRPS.NET.



<b>M</b> 1 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	<b>T</b> 2 HAMBURGER OR VEGGIE BURGER Taco Chips / Salsa	<b>W</b> 3 CHEESE QUESADILLA OR CHICKEN FAJITA Shredded Lettuce Salsa	<b>TH</b> 4 MACARONI & CHEESE WHOLE GRAIN ROLL OR TURKEY BURGER	<b>F</b> 5 HOMEMADE LASAGNA OR YOGURT STRING CHEESE Whole Grain Roll
<b>M</b> 8 CHICKEN STRIP WRAP OR HAM SANDWICH Steamed Corn	<b>T</b> 9 NO SCHOOL SNOW DAY	<b>W</b> 10 <i>*Menu changed due to snow day*</i> CARNITA PORK NACHOS OR HOMEMADE BEAN & CHEESE BURRITO Lettuce / Tomatoes Spanish Rice / Salsa	<b>TH</b> 11 CHEESE OMELET OR YOGURT STRING CHEESE French Toast Bake Deli Roaster Potatoes	<b>F</b> 12 WENZEL'S FARM BEEF & PORK HOT DOG OR TURKEY & CHEESE CHEF SALAD / WHOLE GRAIN BUN Whole Grain Choc. Chip Cookie
<b>M</b> 15 NO SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY	<b>T</b> 16 TOASTED CHEESE SANDWICH OR TURKEY SANDWICH Tomato Soup Saltine Crackers	<b>W</b> 17 ROASTED TURKEY IN HOMEMADE GRAVY Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Whole Grain Roll	<b>TH</b> 18 PORTESI CHEESE FRIES OR BREAKFAST POWER PACK	<b>F</b> 19 HOT HAM & CHEESE ON PRETZEL BUN OR FALAFEL PITA
<b>M</b> 22 SLOPPY JOE OR TURKEY HOT DOG Seasoned Potato Wedges	<b>T</b> 23 CHEESE FILLED BREADSTICKS OR CHICKEN DRUMSTICK WHOLE GRAIN ROLL Steamed Corn	<b>W</b> 24 HOMEMADE CHILI OR YOGURT STRING CHEESE Whole Grain Rotini	<b>TH</b> 25 POPCORN CHICKEN BREADSTICK OR HAM SANDWICH	<b>F</b> 26 CHEESEBURGER OR BREADED FISH SANDWICH
<b>M</b> 29 MANDARIN CHICKEN OR CRUNCHY FISH STICKS Brown Rice	<b>T</b> 30 SOFT SHELL PORK TACOS OR CHEESE QUESADILLA Shredded Lettuce Diced Tomatoes Salsa	<b>W</b> 31 BAKED CHICKEN NUGGETS WHOLE GRAIN ROLL OR PIZZABLE Sweet Potato Fries	 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>	

### MILK, FRESH FRUIT + VEGETABLES OFFERED DAILY

- KNOW YOUR FOOD
- VEGETARIAN
- FARM TO SCHOOL
- HARVEST OF THE MONTH

- LUNCH PRICES
- PAID: \$2.15    REDUCED: \$0.40
- FREE: NO CHARGE
- ADULT: \$4.65    CHILD VISITOR: \$3.00



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