

Howe School Mission Statement

We are a community of engaged learners, focused on academic and social growth, preparing for our changing world.

Paw Prints



Howe Elementary School
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Mrs. Miller, Principal

June 2023

Dear Howe Families,

Welcome to Summer!

We have had a busy and growing year at Howe School. Our new office space is safe and secure and heavily used. We are grateful for the community support to make important safety updates in our schools.

Due to some wonderful donations and working with our school picture company, we were able to offer a yearbook to each student for free! We thank our Howe 50th Anniversary students for their generous and thoughtful donations.

We wish our parting 5th grade students well and welcome our new kindergarteners, who happen to be the class of 2036! Talk about making me feel old! Howe School is a great place to learn. We are so glad to partner with you. I look forward to our August Lemonade Social and all of the back to school events that August brings.

I hope you have a wonderful summer, and don't forget to READ!!

Mrs. Miller



Mark your calendar:

Wednesday, August 23rd.....Howe Family Lemonade Social 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 30th.....Open House 3:30-5:30 p.m. (Families will receive a link in August to sign up for a time slot)

Tuesday, September 5th.....First day back to school for students

Thursday, September 21st.....School Picture Day



Free Summer Meals

WRPS will again be serving free summer meals for all children ages 18 and under. See the attached flyer for details.

Stuff the Desk

Stuff the Desk will be held August 18-19, 2023. Students must be pre-registered by August 3rd. To pre-register, visit uwsvac.org or dial 2-1-1 Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. More information is available on the attached flyer.



Student Classroom Assignments

Student classroom assignments will be available for parents to view on Skyward Family Access August 24th, 2023.



School Supply Lists

A supply list for the 2023-2024 school year is attached to this newsletter. Lists will also be available this summer at area stores.

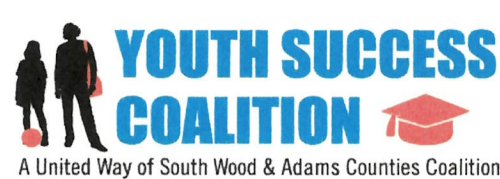
The Future Forward Program: Don't miss out!

Howe School offers a program called FUTURE FORWARD for grades K-2, which provides 90 minutes a week of one-on-one supplemental literacy tutoring for students during non-instructional class time. Beyond the tutoring (three 30-minute sessions a week), students also receive free books and literacy materials to take home, receive prizes as incentives, and are invited to a monthly Family Night with dinner, crafts, games, and raffle prizes.

If you think your child would benefit from this program, you are welcome to fill out a consent form for participation (the program is funded by a federal grant so the consent form is necessary) at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/FutureForward2324English>. Please note that filling out this form does not guarantee your child's participation in the program but puts him or her on a list of potential candidates. Students will be selected in the fall based on need.

Beyond self-selection, in the fall, students may also be identified by Reading Interventionists and classroom teachers as someone who could benefit from additional work on literacy skills. If you have questions about the program or your child's participation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Pam Anderson, Instructional Coordinator, Future Forward
pam@futureforwardliteracy.org or 608-320-1099



The Great Book Giveaway is Almost Here!

United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties is dedicated to preventing the summer slide and giving children the tools they need to succeed—which is why every year, free books are available to children through the Great Book Giveaway! At these events, volunteers read books to children, then each

child selects books to take home and keep. Reading with young children is one of the most effective ways to improve school readiness, boost literacy skills, and stimulate brain development. Join us at this year's events listed below! 2023 Great Book Giveaway Events:

6/8—YMCA, 10:30am

6/8—Nekoosa Library, 1:30pm

6/9—Adams Library, 10:30am

6/9—Rome Library, 1:30pm

6/13—Vesper Library, 12:30pm

For more information, contact United Way

call 715-421-0390 or emailben@uwsvac.org





Summer 2023 - Free Meals for All Kids!

Stressing the importance of offering nutritious meals to children during the summer months, the School District of Wisconsin Rapids announces the sponsorship of the *Summer Food Service Program*.

The Summer Food Service Program provides nutritious meals to children during the summer when free and reduced-price school meals are typically unavailable. **Free meals will be made available to all children 18 years of age and under.** Persons over 18 years of age who are determined by a state or local public educational agency to be mentally or physically disabled and who also participate in a public or private non-profit school program during the regular school year may receive free meals as well.

The following locations will be serving free meals this summer:



BREAKFAST ONLY (available Monday through Friday)

Lincoln High School

1801 16th Street South
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Dates: June 12 – July 20 (no meals on July 3 or 4)
7:30 am – 8:30 am

Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School

1921 27th Avenue South
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

Dates: June 12 – July 30 (no meals on July 3-7)
8:00 am – 8:30 am

LUNCH ONLY (available Monday through Friday)

Mead Park – Near Splash Pad

14th Avenue South
between Chase and Alton Street
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

Dates: June 12 – August 18 (no meals on July 3-7)
11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Witter Park – Shelter outside of Aquatic Center

681 Chestnut St.
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Dates: June 12 – August 18 (no meals on July 3-7)
11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Please note that all meals must be consumed on-site and cannot be taken as a “to-go” meal. Meals are provided to all children regardless of race, color, national origin, age, gender or disability and there will be no discrimination during meal service.

Questions? Contact us at schoolnutrition@wrps.net.

Non-discrimination Statement: In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA’s TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant’s name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

MAIL: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

FAX: 202-690-7442

EMAIL: program.intake@usda.gov

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Summer READING

WRPS IS PARTNERING WITH MCMILLAN LIBRARY TO HOST 3 SPECIAL EVENTS THIS SUMMER THAT PROMOTE READING AND FUN!

Games - Prizes - Food - Read Alouds

1:00PM - 3:00PM

June 6th
Tom Pease

July 11th
Spoon Man

August 8th
Dance Party

Check out some
BOOKS while you're
there!

**ALL
TOGETHER
NOW**

McMillan Memorial
Library

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to apply for a new login and password every school year? No, once you receive the initial login information, it stays with your family until your youngest student graduates from high school.

What if I forget my password? Go to the Family Access login screen and click on the blue, underlined Forgot your login or password? On the screen that pops up, type in the Email Address that you have on file with the school district and click the Submit button. Our system will match up your email address and automatically email your login information back to you.

Can I change my password? Yes. After you log in, simply click on the My Account button on the top right of your screen. After clicking on the Change Password box, fill in the information on the bottom of the pop-up box to change the password. Be sure to click the Save button to exit.

What if I don't have Internet access at home? You can access the website from any computer, from work, at our local library, or from a friend's computer.

We are excited about this opportunity to partner with our WRPS families as we work to streamline school paperwork. Thanks for your continued support of our schools!



Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools

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Working together with home and community, we are dedicated to providing the best education for every student, enabling each to be a thoughtful, responsible contributor to a changing world.

Online Verification Information



Welcome to Online Verification

The Wisconsin Rapids Public School District requires Online Verification to be completed for each of your current students. The expectation is that this process **be completed before orientation/open house**. If you haven't completed the process by that time you can take care of this requirement when you arrive at school for your child's orientation/open house.

To do this, you will use the login and password you have used to complete this process in the past. Your login credentials are one per family AND SHOULD NOT BE SHARED WITH YOUR STUDENT(S). (Students in grades 6-12 each have their own, individual Student Access logins which they use for schoolwork.) In other words, you will be able to see all of your students in the district from one login. This is the same login and password you use for Family Access in our secondary schools. Keep in mind that elementary student families do not see all of the same information (such as progress reports/grades) as secondary student families. At this time progress information is viewable only for students in grades 6-12.

To access - go to our district website at www.wrps.org. Click on Family Access in the "Quick Links" drop-down on the right sidebar. Click Family Access on the screen that pops up and insert your login and password. If you don't know your login and password click on the "Forgot your Login/Password?" link and follow the instructions to receive your login information. **If your screen appears to go blank after you type in your login and password, make sure your popup blocker is DISABLED for our website.**

Once you are logged in, you will see the "Online Enrollment Verification is now open" message. Click on "Go to Online Enrollment Verification for (student's name)". You will have to complete the steps for each student listed.

Step 1 contains 4 different screens:

- A. Student Information
- B. Family Address
- C. Family Information
- D. Emergency Contacts

- Verify the information on each screen
- Make any necessary changes
- Check the box in front of "I have completed this step" as you finish each screen

When you have completed Step 1, proceed to Step 2—Medical Information.

- Read the instructions and click on the "Medical Information" link below the instructions
- Complete the form, sign and date the bottom and click "Save"
- Now click on the box in front of "I have completed this step" and proceed to step 3
- Read the instructions and click on the "Acknowledgement Form" link below the instructions

- Complete the information required in step 3 and click "Save"
- Click on the box in front of "I have completed this step" and proceed to step 4

Step 4 will list the completion status of each step. If everything was properly completed you can click on "Close and Finish". If a step is "not completed" go back and finish that step and then return to step 4.

After you have clicked "Close and Finish" complete your other students by clicking on the + sign on the left side of the screen, selecting Online Enrollment Verification, and then selecting the next student.

To Make Changes during the school year:

- Select "Online Enrollment Verification" from the left menu bar and select the correct student
- Click on "Mark Online Enrollment Verification as not completed and make changes"
- Go to the step that needs changes and uncheck the box in front of "I have completed this step"
- Make the necessary changes and then recheck the box in front of "I have completed this step". Then go back to Step 4 and click on "Close and Finish"

KINDERGARTEN

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| Clorox wipes | |
| 3 boxes of washable "classic colors" markers
(<u>not</u> thin markers) | 1 Kindergarten vinyl folded mat
(Due to a shortage of storage space, we are requesting
the red/blue thin mats) |
| 3 boxes of 24 crayons | 1 box of Easy Zip/Slider Ziploc bags (girls-gallon size
boys-quart size) |
| 6 large glue sticks | Non-perishable snack to share with class
(ex. fruit snacks, cereal, crackers) |
| Watercolor paints (optional) | School box (for crayons, markers, etc.) |
| 2 boxes of Kleenex | Gym shoes <u>to be kept at school</u> |
| Headphones (no earbuds) | Gym shoes <u>to be kept at school</u> |
| 1 school bag or backpack – <i>no wheels</i> | |
| 1 Pink Pearl eraser (no pencil top erasers) | |

Only label rest mat, backpack, headphones, school box and non-perishable snack

GRADE 1

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| 1 box colored pencils, 12 pack | 2 dozen pre-sharpened pencils |
| 2 boxes of Kleenex | 2 containers of disinfecting wipes |
| 2 boxes thick markers – 8 pack | 8 glue sticks |
| 2 spiral notebooks, wide-ruled | 2 plastic pocket folders |
| 2 boxes of 24 count crayons | Boys - gallon Ziploc bags |
| Backpack – <i>No wheels</i> | Girls - quart Ziploc bags |
| Hard school box (for crayons, markers, etc.) | Scissors |
| Gym shoes <u>to be kept at school</u> | No pens, rulers or pencil sharpeners |
| 1 pack of thick black dry erase markers (minimum of 4 total) | |

In addition to classroom supplies, students in the following programs will also need:
Special Education students: 1 wide-lined notebook, 1 pocket folder, 1 box of Kleenex
*Students new to Howe School: headphones (no earbuds)

GRADE 2

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| 1 box of 24 crayons | 1 large container of disinfecting wipes |
| 2 dozen #2 Ticonderoga pencils | 1 large supply box (plastic only) |
| 1 - 12 pack of colored pencils | Scissors |
| 8 permanent glue sticks – no bottles | 2 boxes of Kleenex |
| 2 packs wide markers, classic colors | Gym shoes <u>to be kept at school</u> |
| 1 wide-ruled composition notebook – (<i>no spirals</i>) | |
| 3 three-pronged plastic pocket folders (red, blue, green) | |
- No pens, rulers or sharpeners needed**

PLEASE DO NOT LABEL ANY SUPPLIES

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**A box of crayons for each student in Kindergarten through 3rd grade is being donated district wide thanks to "Kids Growing Flowers For Kids" located in Vesper and their collaboration with our local Wisconsin Rapids Wal-Mart.*



****Please complete the Online Verification before attending Open House.**

Go to www.wrps.org for more information about this process. Thank you.

GRADE 3

4 sturdy folders
4 WIDE lined spiral notebooks
Scissors
Crayons, 24 count
2 containers of disinfecting wipes
2 packages pencil top erasers
2 dozen #2 pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)
Pencil box

4 glue sticks
2 boxes of Kleenex
Box of colored pencils
Gym shoes ***to be kept at school***
Water bottle
Girls – sandwich size bags
Boys – gallon size bags

In addition to classroom supplies, students in the following programs will also need:

Special Education students: 1 wide-lined notebook, 1 pocket folder, 1 box of Kleenex

*Students new to Howe School: headphones

GRADE 4

2 dozen Ticonderoga #2 pencils
Colored pencils
Markers
Crayons
Pencil box (should fit all art supplies)
Highlighter
Scissors

3 sturdy folders, your choice
Gym shoes ***to be kept at school***
2 boxes of Kleenex
2 containers disinfecting wipes
4 glue sticks
2 *wide-lined* spiral notebooks
1 pink pearl eraser

In addition to classroom supplies, students in the following programs will also need:

Special Education students: 1 wide-lined notebook, 1 pocket folder, 1 box of Kleenex

*Students new to Howe School: headphones

GRADE 5

3 dozen #2 Ticonderoga pencils
2-4 Expo markers
2 pink pearl erasers
2 boxes of Kleenex
Washable markers
Gym shoes ***to be kept at school***
4 matching folders and notebooks (*red, yellow, blue, green*)

Pencil box or case
1 highlighter
1 scissors, 7 inch
Colored pencils
At least 4 glue sticks
2 containers of disinfecting wipes

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Special Education students: 1 wide-lined notebook, 1 pocket folder, 1 box of Kleenex

*Students new to Howe School: headphones



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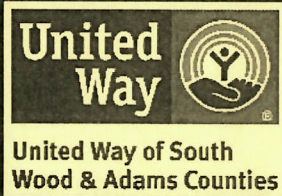
East Junior High School, 311 Lincoln St., Wisconsin Rapids

Pick-up line on back side of school on 6th St. S.

AUGUST 18TH & 19TH, 2023

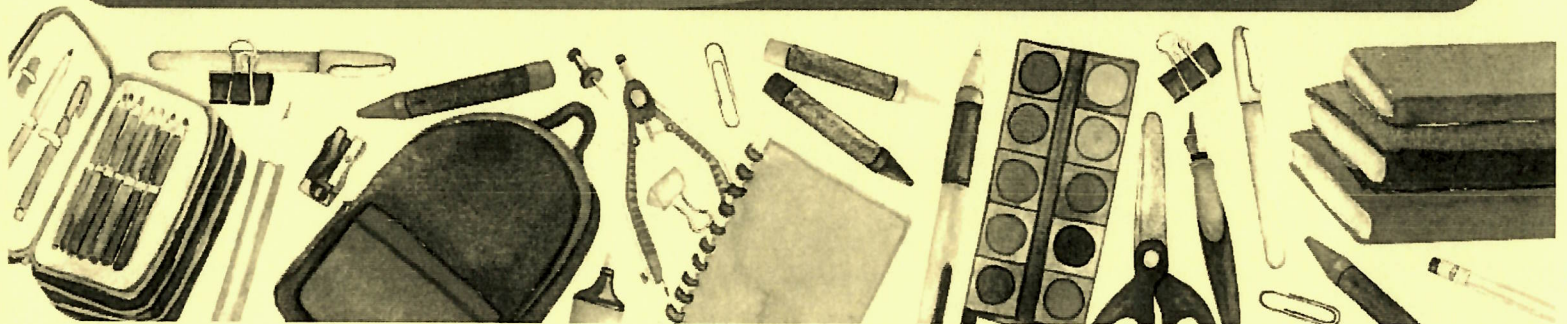
HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Students must pre-register from May 1-August 3, 2023
- Pre-register online by scanning QR Code or visit uwsnac.org
- To pre-register by phone, dial 2-1-1 (or 877-947-2211)
Monday through Friday between 8:00am - 5:00pm
- There will be eight time slots to select from (5 time slots Friday & 3 time slots Saturday)
- Participants will be able to select their time slots on a first-come, first-served basis
- In early August you will receive a postcard reminding you of your time slot



2-1-1

Get Connected. Get Help.



Stuff the Desk Committee Partners:



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