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MARCH

THINK Academy News

March 2023

March 3
No School - PD Day

March 6
3rd Trimester Begins

March 7
PTS meeting 5:30 in THINK Library
Little League Practice 3:45-5:15

March 10
Spirit Day - Denim Day

March 14
Progress Reports available online
Little League Practice 3:45-5:15

March 15
Paper Progress Reports sent
home
4th Gr Fieldtrip to Symphony

March 17
Spirit Day - Wear Green

March 21
Rud Little League Practice 3:45-
5:15

March 22
4K & KG Fieldtrips to Rocky Rococo

March 24
Spirit Day - Pajama Day

March 27 - March 31
SPRING BREAK

From the Principal

Dear THINK Academy Families,

Welcome to March! Students had an exciting week as they had an opportunity to participate in themed based activities and dress-up days in honor of Read Across America Week. Students enjoyed the Sock Hop after school. They enjoyed dancing, the Photo Booth and pizza. Thank you to the THINK PTS for sponsoring this fun event! These activities are a fun way for us to recognize the importance and joy of reading.

As we recently shared, we have begun the Salad Bar during lunch at THINK. Students are enjoying having the opportunity to choose which fruits and vegetables they would like to include with their lunch. Additionally, students are able to choose their entree while in the lunch line instead of during the morning routine. Students have done an excellent job with these new lunch routines! We are very appreciative of our district's School Nutrition Program, Ms. Laurie and Ms. Letty for supporting these lunch program updates.

This year students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will be taking the Wisconsin State FORWARD exam beginning in late March through April. Classroom teachers will be working with students to prepare them for these computer-based assessments. The schedule is included in this newsletter.

As we begin March and the weather can vary, students are required to wear their coats until the temperature reaches 55 degrees. Additionally, if students choose to play in the snow, they will need to continue to wear their boots and snow pants.

During our March PTS meeting this week, we will be planning activities for the remainder of the year. We have a committee of teachers who are planning an upcoming math event which will take place on Thursday, April 20.

Respectfully,

Christine Slattery
Principal

March News



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Camden Graf, Creedence Herrin,
Chad Hamel, Allison Hamm,
Trinity Bell, Ms. Brezinski, Ryan
Johnson, Cade Fuller, Willow
Mann, Mrs. Briggs, Henry King,
Nigel Schultz, Christina Neilitz,
Mrs. Baumann, Wyatt Worzalla,
Wyatt Fuller, Evelyn Jeske, Leo
Kelnhofer, Logan Scheunemann,
Hayden Polansky, Leiten
Schaetzka, Adalynn Bell, Justin
Szlagowski, Ryden Slattery

FRIDAY SPIRIT DAYS AT THINK

March 10
Denim Day

March 17
Wear Green

March 24
Pajama Day

NEXT WEEK

4th grade has the wonderful opportunity to go to the symphony Wednesday, March 15th. Students will listen to, sing with, and perform with the symphony in Stevens Point at the Sentry Theatre. They have started playing recorders so they can join the symphony and play a couple songs together. Please encourage your 4th grade students to practice their recorders a lot because our field trip is only one week away. Music for the field trip can be accessed on my Clever page in the Recorders unit. I also sent paper copies of the songs with every 4th grade student. Please feel free to email me (Mrs. Bergerson) at Trudi.Bergerson@wrps.net if you have any questions or concerns. You may also use the Seesaw messaging to send a question or concern.



MATH NIGHT AND BOOK FAIR



The Scholastic Book Fair will be available during the week of April 17th through April 21st.

Mark your Calendars! Math Night will be Thursday, April 20th at 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Our Spring Door Decorating Contest will be voted on that night and that night ONLY! No facebook voting this year! We hope you can make this family fun learning night!

REMOTE LEARNING DAYS

In the event we have additional remote learning days, teachers will continue to 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.

FORWARD EXAM SCHEDULE

- March 21 - 4th Social Studies
- March 22 - 4th Science
- March 23 - 4th Science, 5th Writing
- April 4 - 3rd, 4th, 5th Reading
- April 5 - 3rd Writing, 4th, 5th Writing/Language & Listening
- April 6 - 3rd Writing/Language & Listening, 4th Writing
- April 11 - 4th, 5th Math
- April 12 - 4th, 5th Math
- April 13 - 3rd Math
- April 14 - 3rd Math





Opera for the Young was so much Fun!

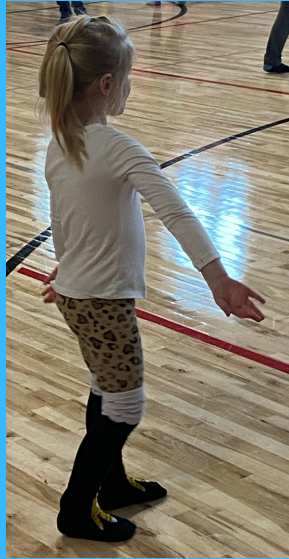




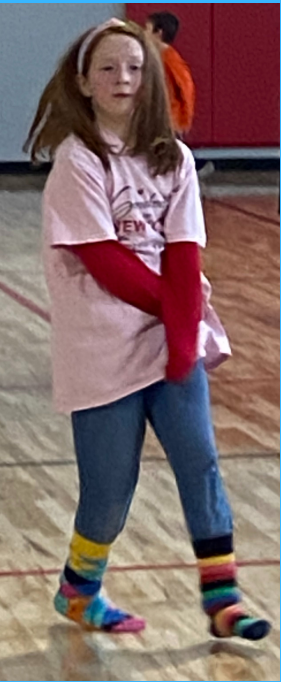
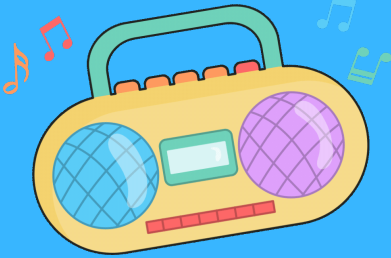
READ Across AMERICA Week At THINK!



Sock Hop!



READ *across* AMERICA



Students



asked...

Miron's superintendent, Mike Gagas, fielded some burning questions from the students about the project's construction.

Q: Are there fans in the new gym?

A: Yes, the fans are built into the big round ducts above to supply heat or air conditioning.

Q: Are there any storage rooms?

Yes, right next to each of the new big bathrooms and the PE teacher's office.

Q: Is the PE office big?

Coach says yes, but I say no.

Q: How many cement blocks did it take?

Right around 22,600!

Q: How many people can fit in the gym?

436 people

Q: How big is it?

Everything, including the gym, is 16,000 square feet. That's about as big as 9 houses.

Q: Will we get new gym equipment?

That's a question for the principal!

Q: How many boards are in the gym floor?

A lot (12,000 square feet)—a whole semi full!

Q: How tall is the new gym?

32 feet, 8 inches tall.

Q: When can we use the new gym?

Today!

Q: How long did it take to build?

10 months

Q: How much did it cost?

\$4,600,000 (four million, six hundred thousand dollars)

Q: How many workers did it take?

Throughout the whole project, there were 137 different workers.





March 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



**WISCONSIN RAPIDS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WG = Whole Grain

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Burrito Choice of Fruit Milk	2 Cinnamon Goldfish Cheese Stick Choice of Fruit Milk	3 NO SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
March 6th - 10th is National School Breakfast Week - Watch for PRIZES				
6 Cold Breakfast Variety Choice of Fruit Milk	7 Bagel with Cream Cheese Yogurt Choice of Fruit Milk	8 WG Homemade Muffin Cheese Stick Choice of Fruit Milk	9 WG Scooby Doos Sun Butter Apple Slices Milk	10 Cheese Omelet WG Toast Choice of Fruit Milk
13 Cold Breakfast Variety Choice of Fruit Milk	14 Cereal Bar Hard Boiled Egg Choice of Fruit Milk	15 Banana Bread Squares Yogurt Choice of Fruit Milk	16 WG Oatmeal Bar Yogurt Choice of Fruit Milk	17 Fruit & Yogurt Parfait Homemade Granola Choice of Fruit Milk
20 Cold Breakfast Variety Choice of Fruit Milk	21 Breakfast Pizza Choice of Fruit Milk	22 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Choice of Fruit Milk	23 Bagel with Cream Cheese Hard Boiled Egg Choice of Fruit Milk	24 Whole Grain Muffin Yogurt Choice of Fruit Milk
27 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	28 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	29 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	30 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	31 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK



March 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>6</p> <p>1* Cheese Omelet OR 2* Yogurt / String Cheese</p> <p>Whole Grain Waffles / Syrup Deli Roaster Potatoes Strawberries & Blueberries Wango Mango Juice</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1* Whole Grain Nachos w/ Ground Pork & Cheese OR 2* Homemade Bean & Cheese Burrito</p> <p>Lettuce / Tomatoes Refried Beans / Salsa Spanish Rice Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1* Cheese Ravioli / Whole Grain Roll OR 2* Grilled Chicken Patty on WG Bun</p> <p>Carrots / Low Fat Dip Steamed Broccoli Applesauce WG Chocolate Chip Cookie</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1* Chicken Strip Wrap OR 2* Whole Grain Ham Stackers</p> <p>Sweet Potato Fries Sugar Snap Peas / Low Fat Dip Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1* Wenzel's Farm Beef & Pork Hot Dog / Whole Grain Bun OR 2* Turkey & Cheese Chef Salad / Whole Grain Bun</p> <p>Romaine Salad / Low Fat Dressing Potato Smiles Pineapple Tidbits</p>
<p>13</p> <p>1* Breaded Chicken Patty on Whole Grain Bun OR 2* Beef Taco Quesadillas / Salsa</p> <p>Vegetarian Baked Beans Fresh Vegetables / Low Fat Dip Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1* Whole Grain Toasted Cheese Sandwich OR 2* Whole Grain Turkey Stackers</p> <p>Tomato Soup / Saltine Crackers Fresh Carrots & Broccoli / Low Fat Dip Pineapple Tidbits</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1* Turkey in Gravy OR 2* Crunchy Fish Sticks</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Fresh Fruit Whole Grain Roll</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1* Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza OR 2* Breakfast Power Pack</p> <p>Romaine / Spinach Salad / Dressing Steamed Cauliflower Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1* Hot Ham & Cheese on Whole Grain Pretzel Bun OR 2* Falafel Pita w/Diced Cucumbers & Tomatoes</p> <p>Fresh Vegetable Variety / Low Fat Dip Sweet Potato Fries Applesauce</p>
<p>20</p> <p>1* Sloppy Joe on WG Bun OR 2* Turkey Hot Dog / WG Bun</p> <p>Baked French Fries Creamy Coleslaw Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1* Whole Grain Cheese Filled Breadsticks / Pizza Sauce OR 2* Chicken Drumstick w/WG Bun</p> <p>Cooked Carrots Romaine / Spinach Salad / Dressing Pineapple Tidbits</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1* Homemade Chili / Saltines OR 2* Yogurt / String Cheese</p> <p>Whole Grain Rotini Fresh Broccoli / Low Fat Dip California Blend Veggies Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1* Baked Chicken Strips / Sauces / Whole Grain Breadstick OR 2* Whole Grain Ham Stackers</p> <p>Peas Fresh Cucumbers & Tomatoes / Dip Sliced Peaches</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1* Cheeseburger / Bun / Pickles OR 2* Breaded Fish Patty / Bun</p> <p>Vegetarian Baked Beans Fresh Vegetable Variety / Low Fat Dip Applesauce</p>
<p>27</p> <p>NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK</p>	<p>28</p> <p>NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK</p>	<p>29</p> <p>NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK</p>	<p>30</p> <p>NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK</p>	<p>31</p> <p>NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK</p>

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FOCUS Family Backpacks

'FOCUS Family Backpacks' (formerly Rapids Family Backpacks) is a free weekend food program for school-aged children and their families.

How it works: Every Friday a plain backpack containing a meal, plus some meal "stretchers" like cereal and peanut butter, is placed in your child's locker. The backpack contains a recipe and all the non-perishable ingredients needed to create the meal. Your child returns the empty backpack to the office on Mondays.

***In addition to our usual rotation of meals, families also have the option now to receive traditional Asian food as an alternative.*

How to sign up: You can:

1. Fill out the enrollment form on the back and have your child return it to school
 2. Contact your school's FOCUS Family Backpacks Representative:
 - Grant- Samantha Radtke, School Counselor, at (715) 424-6766
 - Grove- Barb Bondioli, School Social Worker, at (715) 424-6769
 - Howe- Sarah DeGuire, School Social Worker, at (715) 424-6772
 - Mead- Aisha McDade, School Social Worker, at (715) 424-6777
 - THINK- Olivia Baehman, School Counselor, at (715) 424-6784
 - Washington- Barb Bondioli, School Social Worker, at (715) 424-6788
 - Woodside- Sarah DeGuire, School Social Worker, at (715) 424-6793
 - WRAMS- Tessa Gruszynski, School Social Worker, at (715) 424-6740
- OR
3. Stop in the office at school

Each school has a limited number of backpacks available for each trimester. Sign up is first come, first serve. You will be contacted regarding whether or not you will be participating in the program.



The FOCUS Family Backpacks Program is working to alleviate hunger by providing a nutritious weekend meal-in-a backpack for families facing financial difficulties at Wisconsin Rapids Elementary and Middle Schools.

Eligibility:

Any student and their family are eligible for a backpack (as supplies are available) if they meet the following:

- Contact your child's school social worker and/or school counselor
- 1st come 1st serve basis
- Enrollment form filled out and returned to the school social worker and/or school counselor (below)
- Signed a waiver (below)

Protocol for Receiving Backpack:

- Student will receive backpack on Friday or end of the school week.
- Student will return empty backpack on Monday morning.

Enrollment Form:

(Please fill out one form per family)

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Student receiving the backpack: _____ Phone Number: _____

Names & ages of **all children** living in home: _____

Names & ages of **all adults** living in the home: _____

Meal Preference (Please select one):

- I prefer the 8 meal rotation (pasta, tuna casserole, chicken & rice, beef stew, chili, chicken pot pie, coconut curry, taco soup)
- I prefer traditional Asian meals (Kuv nyiam noj cov zaub mov Esxias dua lwm yam)
- I prefer the 8 meal rotation with a hot plate & basic utensils for use in a motel or other unique living situation

(OPTIONAL): Does your family qualify for the free school lunch program? Yes ____ No ____

(OPTIONAL): Presently, does your family qualify for homeless services (living in motel/car/campsite, in transitional housing, in shelter or foster care, with another family due to loss of housing or economic hardship, in section 8 or military housing, or is student living in own apartment? Yes ____ No ____

(OPTIONAL): What is your race or ethnicity? _____

Waiver:

By signing this waiver, I _____ waive and release Rapids Family Backpacks and FOCUS from any liability, loss, claims, expenses resulting from consumption of food(s) packed within the backpack. These liabilities will include but are not limited to any health hazards resulting from improper or inappropriate handling and storage of food items.

I acknowledge that this waiver and release is being signed by me voluntarily, without coercion, duress, or undue influence and with full knowledge of its terms and effects. I have read the above waiver and release of liability and fully understand its contents.

Name (Print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

FOCUS Family Backpacks is a program of Feeding Our Communities with United Services (FOCUS), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a mission to reduce food insecurity in our community.