

**October 2022**

**THINK Academy**  
6950 Knowledge Ave  
Rudolph, WI 54475

# THINK ACADEMY

## From the Principal...

Dear THINK Families,

Happy Fall! We have had a great start to the school year! Students have been coming to school excited and ready to learn! It has been wonderful seeing your children settle into their school routines. During these first few weeks of school, students have been busy working hard to learn classroom routines and procedures. Teachers have established positive and warm classroom communities with their students. I have seen lots of smiles as they are making connections with students in their classrooms and working with their teachers! We have such amazing students at THINK, and I love seeing the joy and enthusiasm they bring to school each and every day!

The construction has been progressing nicely. We are so fortunate to have an amazing construction team who have been working hard out at THINK! The secure entrance office spaces are mostly complete with a few final touches needed. This month will be an exciting month in the gym as they begin tiling the bathrooms, lots of painting, and installing windows and the gym floor. These are just a few of the highlights they will be working on. I know everyone is excited to see this space once it is complete! Please know there will be an opportunity to see the new gym once it is finished.

During the first week of November, there will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher during Parent/Teacher Conferences. These Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 1 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 3 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. This year you will have an option if you would prefer to meet in person for the conference or attend the conference virtually. More information will be coming soon via Skylert for how to sign-up for a conference time with your child's teacher.

This week we celebrated Fire Prevention Week. We are grateful to the members of the Rudolph Fire Department for their time in sharing important information about fire safety with students!

Our PTS has been busy planning family events for the school year. We are so fortunate to have an incredible PTS group at THINK. This month, there will be pumpkin painting on Thursday, October 20 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at THINK. The PTS meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 in the library. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend these meetings.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Christine Slattery

**Christine Slattery**  
**THINK Principal**

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Attendance Line  
715-424-6765

### Mark Your Calendar

**October 4**  
KG to the PAC

**October 6**  
Gr 4K-2nd to Fire Station  
PTS Meeting (5:30pm)

**October 7**  
Rud Fire Dept Smokehouse  
Gr 3rd—5th

**October 13**  
Butter Braid Pick Up  
3:30—4:30pm Rudolph Park

**October 19**  
Bus Evacuation Drills

**October 20**  
Pumpkin Painting 5:30-7:00 pm

**October 28**  
No School—PD Day

**October 31**  
Halloween Parties @ 2:30 pm

Fall weather has arrived and winter will soon follow! Help your children be prepared at school for daily changes.

Please be sure to watch the weather to see how to dress your kiddos before sending them off to school. It's always a great idea to have an extra sweatshirt/jacket/ pair of shoes and extra socks in your student's locker too!



Thanks for your help!



### Community Events

We have many community organizations, clubs, etc. beginning to host events and/or register youth teams. The district has created a webpage with much of this information.

Visit the link below for more information:

<https://www.wrps.org/parents/communityflyers.cfm>

### Online Verification

If you have not completed the online verification for your child, please be sure to do so.

This process walks you through your child's information as it currently looks in our system.

Thank you in advance for reviewing your child's emergency information—**IT'S IMPORTANT!**

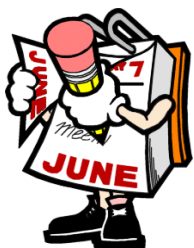


### Happy September Birthdays To:

Noah Linzmeier, Alexander Dunaj, EllieMae Grim, Laila Hamm, Ainsley Proctor, Ren Kremer, Loretta Wilhelm, Easton Hartjes, Jack Lassa, Mrs. Hogue, Mrs. Smihal, Ms. Letty, Olivia Ashbeck, Shane Lewko, Louie Weiler, Harmony Pepowski, Jay Kopchik, Ivory Mancl, Levi Graf, Logan Ranthum, Mrs. Jesdadt, Reid Bushmaker, Olivia Adamski, Josephine Esser, Juan Lopez-Rodriguez, Ms. Baehman

### Happy October Birthdays To:

Beth Ashbeck, Elizabeth Briggs, Ms. Johnson, Harley Johnson, Lonna Kelnhofer, Rowan Mann, Schayana Morgan, Vivian Zacher, Charlie Maciejewski, Mrs. Zieroth, Jayden Szelagowski, Kace Bohl, Jordan Joosten, Libby Scheunemann, James Plawman



### On a side note:

Planning for the 2022-2023 School Year? Check out "School Year Calendar" section of the WRPS Website.

[WRPS School Year Calendars](#)

## Material Fees

Thanks to those who have already paid for your child's material fee. We are still waiting for some, so this is simply a friendly reminder. If there is a hardship, a payment schedule can be set up in the office, so please call if that is a concern, and be assured that everything is confidential. The cost is \$20 for each elementary student and covers agenda planners and consumable workbooks and materials. Also, as a reminder, unpaid material fees carry over from year to year and from building to building. Your student may not be able to participate in graduation ceremonies if any fees are unpaid at graduation time, per District policy. Thank you.



Parent  
+  
Teacher  
Educated  
Child

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, November 1st  
4:00 — 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 3rd  
4:00 — 7:00 p.m.

This year you will have an option if you would prefer to meet in person or attend the conference virtually. More information will be coming soon via Skylert for how to sign up for a conference time.



Be sure to "LIKE" our  
THINK Academy Face  
Book Page!

### Paper Copies

Please be aware that the THINK Newsletters along with most communication will be sent out electronically rather than paper copies sent home. Please be sure to check emails from Skylerts or the THINK webpage and Facebook page for information.

Also, the WRPS district has set up a "Other Community Programs" link under the WRPS home page "Community" tab. You can find many community opportunities and information there that normally may come home in paper form.

### Picture Retake Days

Tuesday, November 1st





## Halloween Guidelines for Parents and Students



Halloween is approaching and the staff at THINK Academy would like you to know that we have the following expectations for students on the Halloween room party day (Oct. 31st):

1. Costumes should be non-violent in nature. Blood, toy weapons of any kind, gore, etc. are not appropriate in school.
2. Students should be able to put on costumes by themselves in a couple of minutes.
3. In order to keep this day as normal as possible, no party activities will begin until 2:30 pm. Please do not send your child to school in costume.
4. As always, parents who choose not to have their children participate in Halloween parties may pick their children up at 2:15, or contact the child's teacher for alternate activities for the last hour.
5. Children should not be bringing their Halloween candy to school in the days following the party.

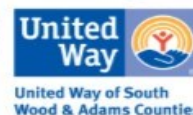


### Fall Update from Coalition Partner McMillan Library

Here at McMillan Memorial Library, we had a great summer full of fun and exciting experiences for the teens between the ages of 11 to 18. We had a wide variety of programs including Anime Otaku, Teen Book Club, Monday Makers, Game Days, and The McMillan Teen Garden Club - With Miss Alicia. We also had some special events like a 'Magic the Gathering' gathering and a long challenging Bike trip to Nekoosa. The Summer Reading program was very successful, the teens read for over 128,000 minutes, earning 796 badges in our online program.

This Fall we have even more fun planned for our teens. We will be painting the community garden on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5:30PM in September. Aside from our regularly scheduled Anime Otaku, Teen Book Club, Monday Makers, and Game Days, we will also start Teen Cookery again where teens will have a chance to create delicious meals from organic hydroponically grown food. Additionally, we will have a short History Bike Trip to the north of Wisconsin Rapids, and Teens can look forward to an Anime Art competition and a Gingerbread house competition in late Fall.

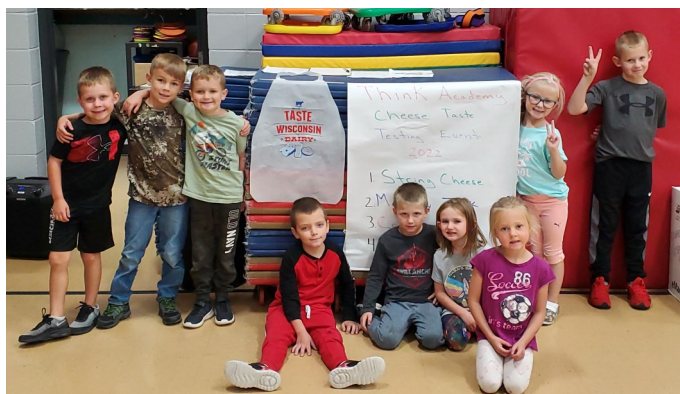
Check out our webpage at [www.mcmillanlibrary.org](http://www.mcmillanlibrary.org) and our social media presence for more updates on all of the great things you and your family can do with the McMillan Library.



Parents help teach your kids about the benefits of physical activity, eating healthy, and leadership by signing them up online. FUTP60 is trying to reach more kids so their new platform is through their app. So if you're interested in being part of Mr. Mlodik's Minions please do the following.



1. Get a device
2. Go to your app store and search Fuel Up To Play 60
3. Install on your device
4. Start doing challenges to earn badges
5. Send Mr. Mlodik a screenshot from your device of 1 badge you have earned this school year to (kevin.mlodik@wrps.net)
6. I will get you a T-shirt and prizes for getting involved.



THINK FUTP60 students had a cheese taste testing event the 2nd week of September. Most students tried all 4 cheeses, with mixed results. The winner was Gouda with 57 votes followed by String with 32, Monterey Jack with 27, and Colby had 26. By doing a kick-off event we were one of the lucky winners of Packer tickets for the Patriot game on Oct. 2nd. Cole Adamski was the lucky winner from THINK! He had a great time at the game! Congratulations Cole!







## Veterans Program

The Veteran's Day Program is Friday, November 11, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Zieroth is putting together the slideshow this year. If you have pictures of family members that are/were veterans and would like them included in the slide show, please submit a hard copy to Mrs. Zieroth or email her the photo at [marijo.zieroth@wrps.net](mailto:marijo.zieroth@wrps.net) by October 30<sup>th</sup>. Hard copies will be returned immediately. If you have submitted pictures in the past, please check with Mrs. Zieroth to ensure that the picture will be included in the slide show this year. We don't want any veterans to be missed. Please include name, years of service and branch that they served. Thank you!

### Parents:

**Please check for any school library materials from last spring. Should you find any, please be sure to send them to school with your child. We appreciate the help in returning school items.**



### Regarding Asthma:

If your child has asthma...please be sure to have an inhaler at school. Cold weather, illness or physical activity often triggers asthma. As we approach cold and flu season the chance that your child will have problems with asthma increases. Your health care provider can FAX an order for an inhaler directly to school at 715-424-6785. We will keep your child's inhaler in the office and administer it when needed. Providing and inhaler now can prevent an emergency situation from occurring. Thank you!



# Butter Braids

Butter Braid pick-up location has been changed due to construction at school. The new location will be at the Rudolph Lions Park from 3:30-4:30 pm on Thurs. Oct. 13th. If you cannot make the pick up, please have someone pick them up in your place as these are frozen items.



# Spirit Days

## Fridays in October

- Oct 7th — Fall Colors
- Oct 14th — Dress to Un-impress
- Oct 21st — Hat Day
- Oct 28th — Blaze Orange/Camo

## Visiting During School Hours

Please remember that visiting during operational school hours is prohibited unless coming through the office first. Stopping on school grounds during school hours while kids are outside at recess or gym class could result in a call to the Sheriff. For safety and security reasons all visitors must report to the main office.

# VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity at THINK Academy you will need to complete the Volunteer Application Process. Please see instructions below. (fieldtrips, class parties, lunch w/student, etc.)

- WRPS Website
- Community Tab
- Volunteer Opportunities
- In School Volunteer Information
- 3/4 way down (**volunteer application**)
- Complete the application and wait for approval via email



## Fire Safety



## Fire Prevention Week At THINK

This week we celebrated Fire Prevention Week. Students learned about fire safety. Students in grades 4K-2 visited the Rudolph Fire Department. They enjoyed seeing a teacher or parent dress up in a firefighter's gear, see the fire truck and meet Sparky. Upper grade students learned fire safety routes in the smokehouse, saw the fire truck and practiced using the hose from the fire truck. We are grateful to the members of the Rudolph Fire Department for their time in learning about fire safety!

