

# THINK NEWS

OCTOBER 2023

THINK Academy Newsletter



From: Ms. Slattery, 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 students 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!

In 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 14 from 4:15-7:30 p.m. and Thursday, November 16 from 4:15-7:30 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.

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 Monday, October 23 from 5:30-6:30 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  
Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 9  
4H Meeting 5:00-7:00 pm

Oct 10  
Bus Evacuation Drills 9:00-10:30 am

Oct 13  
Spirit Day - Pajama Day

Oct 12  
Butter Braid Pick Up 2:45-4:15 pm

Oct 17  
Play Works 5:30-6:30 pm

Oct 19  
4th/5th to Madison Capital/Zoo

Oct 20  
Spirit Day - Cowboy/girl Day

Oct 26  
3rd to Madison Zoo  
Spirit Day - Hat Day

Oct 27  
NO SCHOOL - Autumn Break

Oct 31  
Halloween Parties 2:40-3:40 pm





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Dear Families,

For the 2023-24 school year, WRPS elementary schools will be completing a teacher survey called the SAEBRS and a student survey called the mySAEBRS to support our students in successful participation throughout the school day. Teachers will complete surveys for students in grades K-12, and students in grades 2-12 will also complete a self-rating survey. The self-rating survey for students will only take a few minutes to complete and will be completed 2 or 3 times throughout the school year. The SAEBRS and mySAEBRS are universal screening tools to gather information about student behaviors in the following 3 domains:

● Social behaviors - students will rate themselves on the following:

- I argue with others
- I get along with my peers
- I lose my temper
- I disrupt class
- I am respectful
- Other people like me
- I have trouble waiting my turn

● Academic behaviors - students will rate themselves on the following:

- I like school
- I am ready for class
- I get good grades
- I have trouble working alone
- It's hard to pay attention in class
- I participate in class

● Emotional behaviors - students will rate themselves on the following:

- I feel sad
- I feel nervous
- I like to try new things
- I am happy
- I am worried
- When something bad happens, it takes awhile for me to feel better
- I like being alone

The information that we obtain from the teacher and student surveys will allow classroom teachers and support staff to identify strategies and interventions that may be helpful in the classroom environment to best support learning for all students.

The student survey will be administered to all students unless parents contact the building principal to have them opt out. Student surveys will take place between October 1-15, 2023.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's participation in this student survey, please contact your child's elementary building principal.



Dear Parents and Students,

The staff at THINK Academy are excited to welcome you to a new school year filled with opportunities to learn and engage!

Getting into the habit of daily attendance is more important than ever. It helps to:

- reduce stress
- make it easier to connect with friends and teachers
- support learning
- Please call us if you need help with attendance. [Olivia Baehman 715-424-6784 ext. 2571]



## Background Checks

If you are wanting to be a volunteer in any capacity for your students at THINK Academy, you will need to complete the district background check. Here is the link and/or directions to do so:

<https://www.wrps.org/community/inschoolopportunities.cfm>

- WRPS website
- Community Tab
- Volunteer Opportunities
- In School Volunteer Information

# Play Works



For more than 25 years, Play Works has been leading the way for safe and healthy play at elementary schools every day. But our work is far from done. We're creating a place for every kid on the playground to feel included, be active, and build valuable social and emotional skills. Our Recess Team will proactively engage in the development of students, the success of recess, and the build of positive school climate.



We will host a "Play Works Family Informational Recess Night" on Tuesday, October 17 from 5:30-6:30. All are invited to come, play and learn more about Play Works and how it will be implemented at THINK!



Happy  
**BIRTHDAY**



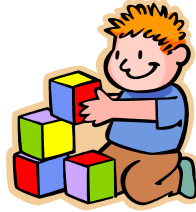
Beth Ashbeck, Elizabeth Briggs, Ms. Johnson, Adrianna Webb, Lonna Kelnhofer, Olivia Pupols, Rowan Mann, Schayana Morgan, Hendrick Polansky, Charlie Maciejewski, Ms. Aja Heuss, Jayden Szelagowski, Joseph Newby, Kace Bohl, Charlie Weiler, Jordan Joosten, Libby Scheunemann, James Plawman, Lynelle Wennesheimer

Please see the below chart and send your children with the appropriate clothing for recess.

Proper Dress for Recess		
Above 50		Short Sleeves ☺
40-50		Long Sleeves
0-39 Wind-Chill *****		Winter Coats, Hats, Gloves, Boots, Snow Pants
<u>Below 0</u> 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



**FREE**

## **Developmental Screening**

Who: For ALL children **0-5 years** of age living in the Wisconsin Rapids School district area.

When: October 13, 2023

(children ages 3-5)

Where: Biron Head Start

**\*\*Registration must be received by Oct. 10, 2023\*\***

Children age 0-2 will be screened by Wood County Birth to three by separately scheduled appointment.

For more information please call Paula Tesch

(715)-424-6700

Screenings provided by Wisconsin Rapids Public School district, Wood County Head Start and Wood County Birth to Three program.



## Make a Difference— Volunteer for Day of Caring!

Fall is here, visible in the vibrant red, yellow, and orange leaves spreading across treetops—and soon to be piling up in yards.

Unfortunately, many of our elderly and disabled neighbors can't handle yard cleanup activities like leaf raking, and need our help.

That's why every October, United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties organizes hundreds of volunteers to rake leaves for those in-need during the annual Day of Caring event.

Volunteers of all ages can participate, making Day of Caring a great opportunity for families and youth! Register online at [uwsvac.org](http://uwsvac.org) & get a free t-shirt!

Join over 400 other community members, groups, teams, and youth organizations in helping our elderly and disabled neighbors in-need on Saturday, October 21st—register today!

For more information, contact Amy at United Way by email at [amy@uwsvac.org](mailto:amy@uwsvac.org) or by phone at 715-421-0390.

## What is

**Bright by** 

Bright by Text is a free program that sends tips and resources for healthy child development to parents' & caregivers' cell phones.

Research based messages help parents and caregivers feel prepared, and local messages from United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties keep them informed. In fact, 92% of parents are more confident as a result of receiving messages from Bright by Text!

Each text message has a link to a landing page with information, including short modeling videos, related books, games, and other resources. Content comes from sources you can trust, including: Bright by Three, Cooking Matters, Delta Dental, PBS Parents, PBS Learning Media, Sesame Street, Vroom, and other partners like local libraries, museums, and health organizations.

United Way is excited to help parents be more informed and engaged with Bright by Text.

Sign up to receive Bright by Text messages by texting BADGER to 274448. For more information, reach out to Ben at United Way by calling 715-421-0390 or emailing [ben@uwsvac.org](mailto:ben@uwsvac.org).

Please join Rudolph PTS and THINK Academy for a



# Family Fun Pumpkin Painting Night!

Monday, October 23rd

5:30-6:30pm



## THINK Academy Cafeteria

Please bring a pumpkin and your creativity!  
PTS will provide painting supplies and snacks!

This is a family event! Kids **MUST** be accompanied  
by a parent/guardian

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Family Fun Pumpkin Painting!

Please RSVP by Thursday October 19th

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergies \_\_\_\_\_



# PLAY AND LEARN

*WRPS is excited to offer a play group for any 3- and 4-year-old children that reside within our school district area and do not currently attend another preschool or 4K program. Play and Learn sessions will be held on Friday mornings from 9:30-11:00, beginning in October.*

- ✓ Learn in a play-based environment
- ✓ Participate in activities led by certified teachers
- ✓ Connect with other families

**SEND ME INFO**

**ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT  
PITSCH EARLY LEARNING CENTER**  
*Weekly attendance encouraged  
but not required*

 **Questions?**  
Call 715.424.6779, Option 1







# KEEP KIDS WARM DONATIONS NEEDED

*Help students stay warm this winter.*

## ITEMS NEEDED:

***Winter Coats, Boots, Snow  
Pants, Waterproof Gloves***

 *October 1st- 30th*

 *Drop off at any WRPS  
elementary school or  
WRAMS*

*\*Signup's for clothing distribution will be sent out  
at a later date*



# Book Giveaway

October 19, 2023  
12:00 - 6:00 pm

East Junior High (Room 120)  
311 Lincoln Street, Wisconsin Rapids  
(Enter through Door "W" - south end off of Lincoln Street)

**The community is invited to choose from a large assortment of books - including textbooks, novels, children's books and much more!**



If you have any questions, please contact  
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