



WOLF PACK PRIDE NEWS

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

October 2025

Welcome, families! As we get our school year started, we want to give a friendly reminder about how important it is for kids to come to school every day. When kids are at school, they get to learn and have fun with their friends and teachers. If you ever need help getting your child to school, please let us know! We are always here to help.

Also, we have a new way of sending out attendance letters. You will now get an email from us if your child has missed 5 days or more, even if they had a doctor's note. This is just an automatic message to keep you in the loop. You can see the letter by logging into Family Access. If you don't get a chance to open it, we will be reaching out to see if we can help in any way.

Thank you for being such a great partner in your child's learning!

SCHOOL SAFETY



Each year we practice various safety drills to ensure we are prepared to act if and when the need arises. This letter provides detailed information on the topic. Friday, September 5th will be our Washington Safety day. We will be practicing being leaders of the pack by reviewing behavior expectations and practicing our safety drills.

WASHINGTON REMINDERS

- All community members who wish to assist at a school event, in the classroom, or go on a field trip must complete a background check. [Please click here to complete the application process.](#)



- Absences must be reported to the office! If your student is not well enough to come to school or will be missing school for any other reason, please report their absence to the office through Skyward or call the attendance line: (715)424-6788, press 1.

REMINDER

- MONDAY:** DOORS OPEN AT 9:15 AND CLASSES BEGIN AT 9:30
- TUESDAY-FRIDAY:** DOORS OPEN AT 8:30 AND CLASSES BEGIN AT 8:45
- MONDAY-FRIDAY:** DISMISSAL IS AT 3:30

QUICK LINKS

- [COMMUNITY EVENTS](#)
- [LIBRARY EVENTS](#)
- [BOX TOP INFO](#)
- [SKYWARD](#)
- [WEBSITE](#)
- [PARENT SQUARE](#)
- [ATTENDANCE POLICY](#)
- [ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES](#)

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Oct 3- Professional Development day- No School
- October 30- Fall Harvest
- October 31- Autumn Break- No School



WOLF HAPPENINGS

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PTAC UPDATES

Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 4:00-5:00 p.m. They are in person in our school cafeteria or online by clicking [here](#). All families are welcome to attend. You make a difference! Next Meeting Oct 9th.

HERITAGE MONTH

October Holidays
Around the World

Community: a group of people living in the same place
Celebration: a fun event or enjoyable occasion
Diaspora: dispersion or immigrating from one's homeland
Ritual: a series of actions usually religious
Tradition: beliefs or actions that continue from generation to generation

OCTOBER 31ST
HALLOWEEN
is "celebrated in Western countries around the world and stems from the ancient festival in Ireland-Samhain.

OCTOBER 20TH
DIWALI
is an Indian New Year's festival. It is a time to celebrate the light in the world. Indians form one of the world's largest "diasporas" therefore this festival is "celebrated all around the world, especially with large Indian "communities like South Africa and California.

OCTOBER 6TH
MID AUTUMN FESTIVAL
is "celebrated in many countries in East Asia. In China it is known as the Mooncake festival or Zong Qiu Jie. In Korea it is called Chuseok. In Japan it is known as Tsukimi. The 3-5 day festival depends on the moon sighting and is a "celebration of the harvests where families meet to eat good food!

OCTOBER 25TH
YAM FESTIVAL
known as the "king of crops" in West Africa. This is a time to "celebrate the previous harvest and pray for success in the next farming cycle. Feasting on yams, dancing, and spiritual "rituals are key to the "celebration in the Igbo and Benin "communities.

NOVEMBER 1ST-2ND
DIA DE LOS MUERTOS
or Day of the Dead is a time to remember loved ones who have passed away. Graves are decorated and streets are filled with parades of skeletons or calacas to "celebrate this event. This festival stems from ancient Aztec "traditions.

Agenda items for will include:

- Fall Harvest Activities
- Parent Teacher Conferences

NURSES CORNER

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL
September 2025
Notes from The Nurse

Hello everyone! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break! It is excited to see all of our new and returning students for another fantastic school year! I am starting my first full year as your WRSU School Nurse and I hope that these upcoming year children will have a great year and that you will be a part of their success. I am excited to provide your students with the resources to keep them healthy and safe while in our schools so that they can be great learners. The following sections will detail what resources should be provided for the health office prior to the start of the school year.

Care plans for Health Conditions
You may have or will be required to provide a care plan if your child has been identified as having a health condition (food allergies, asthma, diabetes, seizures, etc.). Please make sure to fill these out and send them back to our nurse as soon as possible. This is important to help keep your student safe while at school. If you haven't received a letter, please reach out.

Medication
Medication should be administered at school if your child has been identified as having a health condition. Please provide your child with a letter stating the medication and the school nurse will administer the medication. Please provide your child with a letter stating the medication and the school nurse will administer the medication. Please provide your child with a letter stating the medication and the school nurse will administer the medication.

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Lakeland: 715-424-6785 Extension 2608



Check out our nurse's monthly newsletter!

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**WISCONSIN RAPIDS
AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL**



6th Grade Science Kicks Off with Inquiry and Exploration!

Our 6th graders have jumped right into the world of science by learning how scientists think and ask questions through the Inquiry Process. To bring this to life, students headed out to the school prairie for some hands-on exploration. They practiced the skills real scientists use every day—observing carefully, comparing plants, classifying species, taking measurements, and making thoughtful inferences.

One of the highlights of the week was a trust-building activity called "Meet a Tree," where students relied on their senses (instead of their eyes!) to get to know a tree with the help of a classmate. It was a fun way to connect teamwork with scientific observation.

With curiosity leading the way, our 6th-grade scientists are off to a fantastic start!

PRINCIPAL: TRACY

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[WEBSITE](#)



WRPS AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

October 2025

DON'T MISS OUT ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Wisconsin Rapids community has a ton of events and activities for WRPS families.

- ODC Presents Dreadmore Keep Haunted House
- Exciting news from WRPS Children's and Junior Theatre
- PARTNER HIGHLIGHT: Scouting America

AND MORE...are posted on the WRPS webpage under Community Events



DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY FLYERS



CLICK INDIVIDUAL FLYERS TO ENLARGE

Pupil Non-Discrimination Statement

The School District of Wisconsin Rapids is committed to equal educational opportunity for all District students. The District will not deny any person admission to, participation in, or the benefits of any curricular, extra-curricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of a person's gender, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, transgender status, gender identity, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected under State or Federal civil rights laws. Incidents of discrimination or harassment should be reported to a teacher, administrator, supervisor, or other District employee to be addressed or forwarded on to District Compliance Officer Brian Oswald.

Special Statement Regarding Sex Discrimination Under Title IX

The Board of the School District of Wisconsin Rapids does not discriminate on the basis of sex and prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates, as required by Title IX and its regulations, including in admission and employment. Inquiries about Title IX may be referred to the District's Title IX Coordinator, the U.S.

Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights ("OCR"), or both. The District's Title IX Coordinators are:

Steven Hepp, Director of Pupil Services
School District of Wisconsin Rapids
510 Peach Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
P: 715-424-6724
E: titleixcoordinator@wrps.net

Brian Oswald, Director of Human Resources
School District of Wisconsin Rapids
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The Board's nondiscrimination policy and grievance procedures can be located under the Board policies area of the District website located at www.wrps.org.

Statement Concerning Special Accommodations for District Related Communication

English

WRPS is committed to ensuring that all students and parents have access to school district information, policies, procedures, and programs. If you need assistance with interpreter or translation services, or other special accommodations that would be helpful to you, please contact either your child's school office or call the Pupil Services Department at 715-424-6724 so that we can assist you.

Spanish

WRPS está comprometido/a a garantizar que todos los estudiantes y padres tengan acceso a la información del distrito escolar, pólizas, procedimientos y programas. Si necesita ayuda con servicios de intérpretes o traducción, o cualquier otra adaptación especial que le sea útil, por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina de la escuela de su hijo/a o llame al Departamento de Servicios para Alumnos al 715-424-6724 para que podamos ayudarle.

Hmong

WRPS xav kom txhua tus menyuam thiab niam txiv sawsdaws tau kev pab ntawd lawv lus tsev kawm ntawv txog peb cov ntaub ntawv, kev cai, thiab lub hom phiaj. Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais lus lossis lwm yam, thov hu rau koj tu menyuam lub tsev kawm ntawv lossis hu rau Pupil Services Department ntawd tu xov tooj 715-424-6724. Peb zoo siab pab koj.