



# WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

Newsletter, February 2024

## Upcoming Events

February

- February 16th- School Carnival



### 23-24 Family Handbook

Please review our policies and procedures.

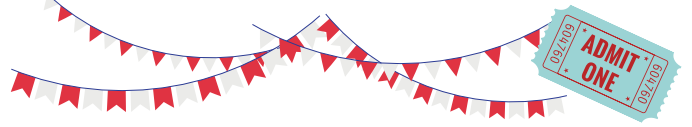
## Absences must be reported to the office!

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.

Proper Dress for Recess		
Above 50		Short Sleeves ☺
40-50		Long Sleeves
0-39 Wind-Chill *****		Winter Coats, Hats, Gloves, Boots, Snow Pants
Below 0 Wind-Chill		10 min. Recess
-10 Wind-Chill		No Outside Recess

# Wolf Pack Pride News

February brings our KINDNESS Challenge to our Washington Classrooms. Students have the chance to fill their classroom heart chart with each act of kindness. The classroom goals are 100 acts of kindness!



February also brings the one and only Washington School Carnival. Families are invited on February 16th from 4:00-7:00. Game play is \$5 all night, raffle tickets at \$.50 each, and dinner is available for purchase. This event is packed with family fun and allows us to keep our field trip costs at a minimum due to the PTAC's support. Can't wait to see you there!

## Inclement Weather Procedure

The number one priority in every closure decision is the safety of our students, and what is in the best interest of all students. We will do our best to make a school closure decision no later than 6:30 am.



Find out about school closure decisions by:

- Email, text, and phone alerts (Sign up for alerts through Family Access)
- Following the district Facebook page
- Visiting [www.wrps.org](http://www.wrps.org) (weather closure alerts get posted on the top of the main page)
- Sign up for community related alerts through [Nixle](#)
- Listening to local radio

[Learn more about inclement weather procedures here.](#)



**FREE** WISCONSIN RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

For ALL children 0-5 years of age living in the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools district attendance area. Screenings provided by WRPS, Wood County Head Start, and Wood County Birth to Three program.

**Thursday, February 29, 2024**  
Pitsch Early Learning Center  
501 17th St. So.

**Must register by Friday, February 23**

**TO REGISTER:**  
Call Paula Tesch at 715-424-6700 or email [paula.tesch@wrps.net](mailto:paula.tesch@wrps.net)



Washington Elementary, WRPS @WRPSWashingtonWolves

[www.wrps.org/schools/washington](http://www.wrps.org/schools/washington)



Check out community events and activities by clicking [here](#).

[CLICK HERE](#)  
for upcoming  
events at  
[McMillan  
Library](#)



## Information for 4- and 5- year old Kindergarten Registration



[Click Here!](#)

WASHINGTON SCHOOL  
**CARNIVAL**  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16  
4-7 PM  
GAMES | FOOD | RAFFLES | PRIZES  
Thank you parent volunteers & Washington PTAC  
**WRISTBANDES: \$5**

**CONTACT US**  
2911 Washington Street  
Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494  
715-424-6788  
715-315-9626 (Cell Phone)

# PTAC Updates (Parent Teacher Activity Committee)

Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:00-7:00 p.m. They are in person in our school cafeteria or via zoom by clicking [here](#). All families are welcome to attend. You make a difference! **Next Meeting February 21.**

### Officers:

President: Steph Manka  
Vice President: Jenny Wollschlager  
Secretary: Jessica Russell  
Treasurer: Staci Dewitt

### Agenda Items for February:

- **Carnival Wrap-Up and Thank You notes**
- **Financial Requests**
- **Miscellaneous**

## CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

Help our teachers stock their classrooms with supplies! Scan the QR code for a link to our supply list!

### POWER UP with SWEET POTATO



- Select** – Choose sweet potatoes that are firm and smooth.
- Store** – Store in a cool, dark place for 3-5 weeks.
- Prepare** – Rinse under cool, running water and scrub to remove dirt.

### Sweet Potatoes are the Harvest of the Month!

Add sweet potatoes to your favorite family meals:

- Slice, toss with oil and seasonings, and bake to make sweet potato fries.
  - Mash with butter and cinnamon for a sweet side dish.
  - Bake whole and top with black beans & salsa or maple syrup & toasted pecans.
- Make meals and memories together. It's a lesson kids will use for life.

#### Did you know?

Sometimes people call sweet potatoes yams, but yams and sweet potatoes are different vegetables! Sweet potatoes are root vegetables that came from the tropical regions of Central and South America. Yams are large, starchy roots from Africa and Asia.



Nutritious, Delicious, Wisconsin!  
#WISharvestoftheMonth



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# School Nursing Updates



## Medications:

If your child needs over the counter medications please make sure they are labeled with the child's name and are in the original packaging. We must administer the recommended dosage and will inform you if it is given.

## Contact Information:

Please keep contact information up to date in Skyward. In an emergency we want to be able to reach you!

## Questions for the nurse?

Call 715-424-6788.



## District Information



SCAN TO SIGN UP!

**Kids don't come with instructions.** Bright by Text sends helpful parenting tips, activities & resources right to your phone—for free! Text 'BADGER' to 274448 to sign up!

Bright by Text supports a 'whole child, whole family' approach to early childhood that improves parents' confidence, competence, and connections with their children.

Each message links to age-appropriate resources (short videos, articles, books, games, & activities) with content from trusted sources like Bright by Three, Cooking Matters, Delta Dental, PBS, Sesame Street, Vroom, and partners like local libraries, museums, and health organizations.

**Questions?** Contact Ben at United Way at 715-421-0390 or ben@uwsvac.org.



**WISCONSIN RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**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. Please review Board Policy 411 for additional information. Incidents of discrimination or harassment should be reported to a teacher, administrator, supervisor, or other District employee to be addressed or forwarded to District Compliance Officer Brian Oswall.

**Special Statement Regarding Sex Discrimination Under Title IX:** In compliance with the federal Title IX statutes and regulations set forth in Chapter 106 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the District does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that the District operates. Title IX's requirement not to discriminate in any education program or activity extends to cover, but is not limited to, District students, certain admissions processes, and District employment. Inquiries regarding how Title IX and the federal Title IX regulations apply to the District may be referred to the District's Title IX Coordinator (as designated below), to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education, or to both. Please refer to Board Policy 411.11 for additional information.

WRPS Title IX Coordinators

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