



PITSCH

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ★ **April 5 - Farm Expo Field Trip**
Mrs. Stilson & Mrs. Lang
- ★ **April 12 - Pitsch Pride**
Wear Pitsch apparel or red & white
- ★ **April 19 - NO SCHOOL**
Professional Dev. Day
- ★ **April 23 - IGA Field Trip-**
Mrs. Stilson & Mrs. Jessica
- ★ **May 16 - Popsicles on the
Playground - 3:45-5:45**
- ★ **May 23 - 4K Graduation
Ceremony - Pitsch Gym**
AM Classes: 10:15 am
PM Classes: 2:00 pm

LAST DAY OF 4K IS MONDAY, JUNE 3

IMPORTANT NOTES

Morning

8:50-9:00 Drop Off/Bus Arrival

11:35 Pick Up/Bus Dismissal

Afternoon

12:40 – 12:50 Drop Off/Bus Arrival

3:25 Pick Up/Bus Dismissal

Please call the attendance line if your student will not be in school. (see below)

If your pick up plans change, please notify the office at least **30 minutes prior** to dismissal to ensure the message is delivered promptly.

CONTACT US

501 17TH Street South
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

715.424.6779

Press 0 - Secretary Tracy Weiss

Press 2 - Attendance Line

Bus Companies

Safeway 715.423.1130

(Typically east of Wisconsin River)

Lamers 715.421.2400 opt. 2

(Typically west of Wisconsin River)

Hello Pitsch Families,

At Pitsch Early Learning Center we use our “**Panda Pal Guidelines**” to set behavior expectations with our students. Each month we will focus on a different guideline so that you can follow through with discussions at home.

This month’s guideline is **BE KIND**. We encourage our students to use **kind words and actions** with their classmates, teachers, and others. This includes using caring words with friends, being safe with their hands and feet, and being respectful to all adults that they encounter. Our staff follows the same expectations in their interactions with students. We are a school that works hard to **BE KIND**. Please take a few minutes to discuss this guideline with your child and set the expectation to use kind words and actions at home too.

It’s hard to believe that we are already looking ahead to the end of the year. There will be a lot of communication between now and then regarding special activities and events. Please remember to check Seesaw for regular updates, and read information that comes home.

It’s already starting to feel like spring! Enjoy the sunshine!

Your partners in education,

Kelly Schaeffer, Principal
Teri Thomas, 4K Coordinator
Tracy Weiss, Secretary
715-424-6779





Notes From the Nurse

Happy April everyone! April is National Move More Month! For children, play is a great form of hidden exercise! Some examples of physical play could include jumping rope, playing catch, dancing, hula hoop, swinging and kicking a ball around. When participating in physical play activities, children increase muscle strength and endurance, strengthen their bones and boost their metabolism. Did you know that physical activity can also help students in school? It can help improve cognitive performance and improve brain health. They also refine and develop their motor fitness skills, including speed, agility, power, coordination and balance. Keeping physically active can not only help children develop strong bones and muscles, but it can help children sleep better, reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression, and reduce the risk of heart disease and cancer.

Nurse Mandy

CREATIVE CORNER

Activities to do at home to support your child's learning.



Springtime

(To the tune of "Are You Sleeping")

I see rain clouds
I see birds' nests,
Butterflies too!
Flowers too!

Everything is growing.
The wind is gently blowing.
Spring is here!
Spring is here!



SUPPLIES:

Small paper bag
Streamers
String
Glue, scissors
Paint, markers, stickers for decorating
Piece of construction paper or cardstock

Paperbag Kite Craft



INSTRUCTIONS::

1. Decorate the paper bag.
2. Cut paper to fit inside the bottom of the bag.
3. Open bag and glue the paper inside the bag.
4. Poke two small holes through the bottom about an inch in from the sides.
5. Run the string inside and through the holes. Take the 2 ends of the string and tie a knot.
6. Cut 10 streamers about 10 inches.
7. Glue streamers to the inside open end of the bag.
8. Once it is all dry attach long string to the knotted string on the bag. Then open your bag, wait for a breezy moment and let your kite fly!

PEEPS Playdough

WHAT YOU NEED:

- 5 PEEPS Marshmallow Chicks
- 3 Tbsp cornstarch
- 2 tsp coconut oil

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Measure cornstarch and coconut oil into a microwave safe bowl.
2. Separate PEEPS and add to the mixture
3. Microwave for 30 seconds.
4. Mix with spoon immediately to make sure all ingredients are mixed evenly.
5. Wait until mixture is cool to the touch. Use hands to start and shape and play with PEEPS playdough.
6. Leave your designs out to air dry and harden for 24 hours.



Popsicles on the Playground



Open House

Thursday, May 16
3:45-5:45 pm

Join the Pitsch staff for a fun evening of treats, raffle baskets, outdoor play, and classroom visits.

Every family will receive a complimentary raffle basket ticket for attending.



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SAVE THE DATE

4K End-Of-Year Celebration

May 23

10:15 am
Morning Classes
2:00 pm
Afternoon Classes



WRPS

4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN Registration is Open

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Child must be 4 years old by
September 1, 2024.



Questions about 4K?
Contact:

Pitsch Early Learning Center
715.424.6779 Tracy.Weiss@wrps.net

ENROLL NOW



WRPS Enrollment Center
311 Lincoln Street

Visit [WRPS.org](https://www.wrps.org) - Families-Registration/Enrollment to pre-print your registration paperwork.

WINTER CLOTHING DONATIONS

HAS YOUR CHILD OUTGROWN THEIR SNOW PANTS, JACKETS, OR BOOTS?

LET US TAKE THE GEAR OFF YOUR HANDS!

Pitsch Early Learning Center accepts gently used winter gear for our students to play in the snow.



Send in your donations anytime. Please put the items in a bag and mark it "Winter Donation." Thank you!



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Statement Concerning Special Accommodations to Include in Handbooks, Newsletters, and All School or District Related Communication

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 ayudarlo.

Hmong

WRPS xav kom txhua tus menyuam thiab niam txiv sawsdaws tau kev pab ntauw lawv lus tsev kawm ntauw txog peb cov ntauw ntauw, 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 ntauw lossis hu rau Pupil Services Department ntauw tu xov tooj 715-424-6724. Peb zoo siab pab koj.



Dads have a huge impact on their children's lives. When kids feel supported, understood, and loved by their fathers, they grow up more resilient and more successful in school.

Here are a few ways having a loving and involved dad can positively affect children's lives:

- An involved father makes children feel more confident and prepared to tackle life's challenges.
- A child with a loving father is more likely to do well in school.
- Children who spend a lot of time with dads have fewer problems in school.

Children who have a lot of positive time with dads grow up to be more understanding and compassionate as adults.

Source: Sesame Workshop