

East Junior High Newsletter

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News from the Principal

On Tuesday, September 5th, the doors at East Junior High School opened for approximately seven hundred students to begin the 2017-2018 School Year. In case you weren't aware, in 1931, this building opened its doors for the first time for students as they entered into what was at that time Lincoln High School. That means that this year marks the eighty-seventh year that this building has housed Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools students. While we don't know what this building will become next year or how it will be utilized, we do know for certain that it will not be a home for our eighth and ninth grade students. As most, if not all of you are aware, beginning with the 2018-2019 School Year, Lincoln High School will become home for the 9-12 grade students and WRAMS will house the 6-8 grade classes.

As a tribute to this building and the thousands of students, educators, parents and community members who have passed through this place during the last 87 years, we are going to take each month of the school year and post pictures and remember important school, community, and world events that occurred during the time this building has stood. September will be devoted to the 1930's, October to the 40's, November to the 50's and so on. The display cases in the entry way just inside the front doors will have pictures and events depicted that occurred during these decades. We will attempt to include them for you to view in the newsletters beginning in October. If you visit the building during September, feel free to check out the display cases to see events of the 1930's and look at pictures of this building during those times.

In doing a little research regarding events and statistics from 1931, I discovered that the Empire State Building opened in 1931 and at that time was the tallest building in the World. Las Vegas voted to legalize gambling. The population of Las Vegas at that time was 5,165 people. Dust Bowls caused by the over-working of farm lands and drought impacts twenty-seven states across the central United States. The "Star Spangled Banner" is officially adopted as the national anthem of the United States. The first around-the-world flight covering 15,000 miles and lasting approximately 8 days occurred in June of 1931. The average cost of a new house is \$6,790; a gallon of gas is 10 cents; a pound of hamburger is 11 cents; and house rent runs approximately \$18 per month. Unemployment doubles to 16.8% from the previous year. In the world, civil war occurs in Spain; an earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale destroys most of Napier in New Zealand; the deadliest natural disaster of historic times, the Yellow River flood, kills between 900,000 and 2,000,000 people in China; and Australia gains independence from Great Britain. It is incredible to think that these "historic" events occurred during the same time this building was being occupied for the first time by WRPS students eighty seven years ago.

If you have pictures, events, or items that you feel are newsworthy to be included on the display, please contact me. Old yearbooks, posters, newspapers, and other historical documents are welcomed and appreciated.

Kevin Yeske, Principal



Spirit Week 2017 October 2 - 6

Monday, October 2:

Jersey Day

Football, hockey, basketball or baseball ... pick one or wear them all!

Tuesday, October 3:

USA/Patriotic Day

Dress up in your red, white and blue and support your country!

Wednesday, October 4:

Blackout Day

Just like AC/DC said ... "I'm back in black! Yes, I'm back ... in ... black!" This is also the Girls PowderPuff football game at LHS at 5:00 pm.

Thursday, October 5:

Character Day

Dress as your favorite character from any movie or TV show!

Friday, October 6:

Rapids Pride Day

Wear Rapids apparel to show your pride on homecoming game day! The homecoming football game will be at 7:30 pm at LHS Come cheer on Lincoln to victory!



STUDENT
DROP-OFF
AND
PICK-UP
AREA

Please remember that student drop-off is **NOT** allowed on Peach Street. Students should only be dropped off on 6th Street. We recognize this requires patience, however it is for everyone's safety. Please continue to stay on the west side of the street when dropping off your son or daughter.

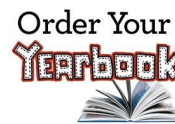
As a Reminder, please recall that:

- 6th Street is a one lane-one way street from East Grand Avenue to Apple Street.
- No stopping, standing or parking is allowed on the east side of 6th Street between Peach Street and Apple Street from 6:00 am - 6:00 pm on school days.
- No parking is allowed on the west side of 6th Street between 6:40 am - 7:30 am and 2:15 pm - 3:00 pm on school days. This will be a 5 minute loading and unloading area.

If you are picking your child up after school, please use the 6th street parking lot. A reminder, parents should not be dropping off or picking up students in the Taco Johns parking lot.

If you are dropping your student off after 7:30 am, you must drop them off at the front of the building (Lincoln Street). The back doors are locked at 7:30 am.

Order your East Junior High yearbook now for the best pricing! The cost is \$20 but will increase after November. The school does not take any yearbook orders. There are three ways to order: online at www.jostensyearbooks.com (search for Wisconsin Rapids Junior High School), mail in an order form (order forms are available in the office or in student services) or call 1-877-767-5217.



thank you!

2017-18 is off to a great start! THANK YOU for supporting your child, getting them to school on time, and talking to them about what is going on at school. Remember to stay in contact with your child's teachers and counselor, and check Family Access for academic progress. We are excited to work with your children and to offer them a rich curriculum and learning environment. I know that it will take some time for students and staff to adjust to the routines of school after having the last three months out of the building. Expect that your child may be more tired, struggle to wake in the morning, or resist the change from their summer schedule, especially as it relates to activity and sleeping hours at home.

If you notice that your child is struggling to move into the "School Routine" at home, please contact the school to find out if we are seeing the same struggles at school. The earlier we diagnose the struggles, the faster we can work together on a plan to get your child back on track. Email staff using the East Junior High School website or call the office or guidance counselors to share or gather information on what you are seeing at home or what we are noticing at school.

I am expecting that we will be able to work together to make this year very successful for your child!

East Junior High Homework Link ... will be up and available for parents and students to view beginning September 25th.

Please use the following steps to find the daily homework assignments for all teachers at East.

1. www.wrps.org
2. Click on "Schools"
3. Click on "East Junior High"
4. Scroll down and find the EJH Daily Homework link on the left side
5. Locate your child's teacher and click on their name
6. That link will take you to their webpage, google classroom or google document where you can find what was done in class, what is due and other valuable information related to the class.

If, for some reason, you cannot access the class assignments from a staff member, especially the staff using google classroom to post homework, please request access from the teacher by sending them an email. Your child will have access using their school email whenever they log in.

BOX TOPS

East Junior High is collecting Box Tops for Education. Beginning next week, Eagle Time classes will be competing with each other to see which class can bring in the most money from Box Tops. The top two Eagle Time classes will each receive a pizza party! The money earned from Box Tops helps pay for student rewards and incentives throughout the year such as school movies, prizes, treat bags, pizza or ice cream parties, and the school picnic. Help out East Junior High by getting your family and friends involved collecting Box Tops for Education. The Eagle Time competition will end on Friday, October 20th.



8th Grade “Heavy Metal Tour”

On Wednesday, October 4th, all of our 8th grade students will be attending the Heavy Metal Bus Tour sponsored by Mid-State Technical College and the North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board. As part of the tour, students will be visiting various manufacturing facilities located in the Central Wisconsin area. In the past, this Heavy Metal Bus Tour required the school to select interested students. We are delighted and excited for this opportunity for ALL of our 8th grade students to attend in hopes that they will gain an appreciation for the businesses and facilities they tour.

Students will board buses at approximately 9:00 am on October 4th and return to school around 2:00 pm. They will be served lunch at Mid-State’s Technical College Wisconsin Rapids campus.

Important Dates to Remember

Friday, September 29	Professional Development Day - No School
Wednesday, October 4	Heavy Metal Tour, 8th grade students
Thursday, October 5	Picture Re-Take Day
Monday, October 16	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-6:00 pm
Friday, October 27	Professional Development Day - No School

WRPS PUPIL NONDISCRIMINATION 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 on to District Compliance Officer Ryan Christianson.

EJH Important Phone Numbers

<u>Main Office:</u>	715-424-6730
<u>Student Services:</u>	715-424-6735
<u>Attendance Line:</u>	715-424-6765
<u>Fax:</u>	715-422-6270

Homework Club: Beginning on Monday, September 11th, after school tutoring is available for all students, Monday thru Thursday, 2:40 - 3:30 pm in Room 301. The program is monitored by adult tutors.



STEM SCOUTS®

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An exciting new program will be taking place at Mid-State Technical College campus this fall and all East Junior High and Lincoln High students are invited.

STEM Scouts is a coed pilot program that is designed to focus on the fun and exciting opportunities for youth in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Through weekly meetings and four to six week modules that cover a variety of disciplines, STEM Scouts is designed to be fast-paced, thought provoking, and fun. The program will show youth how to apply STEM in their everyday lives and encourage them to develop those experiences into a future career.

As career prospects within these fields continue to grow, STEM Scout modules will aim to demonstrate to youth the exciting opportunities that a career in STEM can provide. These activities are tailored to a variety of disciplines and will have a lesser focus on traditional outdoor experiences.

The program helps youth prepare for the future with several unique experiences such as interactions with STEM professionals and the opportunity for STEM Scouts at the high school level to publish their work in a peer reviewed journal, all increasing their chances for college scholarships. Adult Lab Managers will lead STEM Scouts Labs and we encourage STEP (Short Term Experienced Professionals) to volunteer to help mentor STEM Scouts, lead special Labs, and host field trips.

STEM Scouts do brand new activities every year! This year some of the subjects covered include: exploring the international space station, learning about the physics of light and dark, discovering how to become an entrepreneur, exploring Raspberry Pi, and building robots.

To sign up visit www.stemscouts.org/weston and choose the MSTC lab or attend the sign up night on October 4 at 6 pm in room 144 at Lincoln High School. The lab will meet every Wednesday from 6-7:30 pm starting on October 11th at Mid-State Technical College Campus. All boys and girls from grades 9th-12th grade are welcome to sign up for the program. The lab is limited to 15 participants. If you are interested in volunteering or have a question please contact Amanda Flannery at stemscouts@samoset.org. For more information visit stemscouts.org.

6th Annual North Central Wisconsin “Heavy Metal Tour”

On Wednesday, October 4, 2017, more than 3800 eighth grade students from 30 school districts will participate in the 6th Annual North Central WI “Heavy Metal Tour” from 9am-2pm. Each student will tour two manufacturing facilities and learn about one of three technical colleges in the region. Locally, Mid-State Technical College (MSTC) will play host to separate tours at its Marshfield, Stevens Point, and Wisconsin Rapids Campuses.

The event is the result of collaboration between the North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, Central Wisconsin Metal Manufacturer’s Alliance (CWIMMA), and three technical colleges, including Mid-State Technical College. The tours of hi-tech manufacturing facilities showcase educational and career opportunities in welding, fabricating, machining, engineering, and manufacturing trades.

Last year’s tour had participation from 55 regional manufacturers and over 3,500 students, making it the largest tour of its kind in the United States. This year’s tour will yield participation from 62 regional manufacturers and over 3,800 students in ten counties.

A survey performed internally in 2015 by 29 of 32 CWIMMA employers demonstrated that regional members of the alliance need to fill 1,559 skilled labor positions in the next three years. Additionally, most employers will lose the majority of their most skilled workforce to retirements over the next 10 years.



EAST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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September 8, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Should an emergency situation ever arise while school is in session, we want you to be aware that the School District has made preparations to respond effectively. Each school conducts periodic safety drills during the school year for a variety of potential emergencies which could occur. Background checks and visitor badges are also utilized in our schools as part of the District safety response and preparedness plan. Plan to check in at the school office when visiting your child's school.

Our school district has a detailed emergency operations plan which has been formulated to respond to a major emergency situation. Your cooperation is necessary in any emergency.

During an emergency situation:

1. Do not telephone the school as the phone lines will be in use by the school district to coordinate emergency services. A hotline will be established as soon as possible for family members to call in order to receive the most up-to-date information concerning the emergency.
2. Do not go to your child's school unless you have been directed to do so.
3. Students will be kept at school or at an off campus evacuation point and only released to a parent/guardian or an adult who has been authorized by you either on a Registration/Enrollment form or through your completion of the On-Line Verification process in Skyward Family Access.
 - a. Parents must be patient with the student release process to ensure the safety of all students.
 - b. While we are familiar with the faces of many of our families, a proof of identification will be requested before a student gets released.
 - c. It is critical that you keep the Emergency Contact information updated in Skyward Family Access at all times.
4. Information from the School District will be distributed through radio/television stations, the School District website, Skyward Family Access message center which sends messages to parent email addresses, and through the Nixle alert system (to sign up for Nixle, please visit our webpage and click on the link found on the right hand side of the main page). If necessary, parents/guardians will be contacted directly by telephone.
5. Prior to an emergency, impress upon your children the need for them to follow the directions of any school or emergency personnel in times of an emergency.

Please discuss these matters with your family. Planning ahead will help alleviate concern during emergencies. Should an emergency situation occur, we thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation. Feel free to contact your Building Principal with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Yeske
East Junior High Principal