




# GRANT ELEMENTARY

# GRIZZLY NEWS November 2024

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 Grant Elementary-WRPS

### From the Desk of Mrs. Calteux....

Dear Grizzly Family,

November has arrived, and it's hard to believe how quickly the year is flying by! October was a fantastic month filled with wonderful memories and community-building events. Our Outdoor Movie Night brought together so many families for an evening under the stars, and Picture Day gave us some great snapshots of your smiling students. Halloween was another highlight, with students and staff alike joining in the fun, showcasing creative costumes and school spirit.

As we look forward to November, there are plenty of things to be thankful for and to keep on our calendars.

### Important Dates

#### - Parent-Teacher Conferences -

We're excited to connect with you on either Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, or Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. These conferences are invaluable opportunities to discuss your child's growth and ways we can support their success together. Please see ParentSquare for more information from your child's classroom teacher.

#### - Grant School Showcase to the School Board -

On November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, we're thrilled to highlight our wonderful Grant School Forest. This showcase will allow us to share the many unique learning opportunities the forest offers, from exploration and environmental studies to outdoor play and hands-on discovery.

### Academic Support at Home

In addition to reading daily with your child, which helps build a strong foundation, learning math facts with *automaticity* is crucial for our students. Quick recall of basic math facts allows students to solve problems efficiently and tackle more complex math with confidence. Practicing at home makes a significant difference in your child's success, and there are many engaging ways to help strengthen this skill.

**PLEASE CALL BEFORE 11 AM  
WITH AFTER SCHOOL CHANGES**



### November Calendar

- 01 No School  
Autumn Break
- 07 Parent/Teacher Conf.  
3:45-7:45 pm
- 12 Parent/Teacher Conf.  
3:45-7:15 pm
- 14 Absentee/Retake  
Picture Day
- 27 No School  
Record Keeping
- 28- No School
- 29 Thanksgiving Break

### MEALTIME PRICES

Check your account via

[Qmlativ - Family Access](#)

#### Breakfast

Paid	\$1.75
Free/Reduced	\$0.00

#### Lunch

Paid	\$2.30
Reduced	\$0.40
Free	\$0.00

**Milk \$0.50**

Students who take milk for their cold lunch, or an extra milk with hot lunch, will be **charged \$0.50**, regardless of pay status (i.e., Free, Reduced).

## From the Desk of Mrs. Calteux....continued:

Here are a few game ideas to make math fact practice fun:

- *Roll & Solve* - Roll two dice to create an addition, subtraction, or multiplication problem (e.g., if you roll a 3 and a 5, the problem could be  $3 + 5$  or  $3 \times 5$ ).
- *Math Bingo* - Use bingo cards with math facts, and call out answers instead of numbers.
- *Math Card War* - Use a deck of cards (remove face cards or assign them values). Each player flips two cards to create a math problem, and the one with the higher answer wins the round.
- *Math Fact Hopscotch* - Write math facts in each hopscotch square. As they hop on each square, they must solve the math fact.

### Thankful for Our Grizzly Family

As Thanksgiving approaches, we want to express our gratitude for all our students, families, and staff who make our Grant community so special. It's truly a pleasure to be part of such a supportive and enthusiastic school family.

Wishing you all a safe, happy Thanksgiving filled with joy and gratitude!

With pride,

Mrs. Calteux

**2024 - 2025**



**Raised for the Grant School PAG.**

**Thank you to our wonderful students, our awesome Grant families, and fantastic school community for a successful fundraiser!**

The **It's Poppin** Grant School PAG fundraiser has started. Information went home with students on Monday, October 28th.



Order forms are due back to School  
**Wednesday, November 20, 2024**

# Meet Youth Success Coalition Partner: The LEO Program

The LEO (Learn and Empower Oneself) Program is an evidence-based, interactive substance prevention program that seeks to empower youth to understand their unique brains and quickly improve resilience, adaptability, and fearlessness in a rapidly changing world. By promoting higher-brain activation and resiliency through key tools, youth can reduce stress and anxiety, and improve memory, creativity, self-awareness, and overall quality of life - each of which are key factors in preventing substance use.



The LEO Program serves youth ages 12-20 and works with school and community partners to deliver program curriculum and one-on-one mentorship to youth. The LEO Program operates two separate contracts funded through the Brighter Futures Initiative Substance Prevention grant via the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families in both Adams County (operated by Adams County Health and Human Services in partnership with CW Solutions) and Wood County (operated by Wood County Human Services in partnership with CW Solutions). If you're interested in learning more, connect with us at [leoprogram@changewithin.net](mailto:leoprogram@changewithin.net).



Wood County Human Services Department is excited to host Empower to Connect. This training on Wednesday, November 13 will offer attachment-rich, healing-centered training resources that emphasize root causes and community support. Participants will be equipped with the skills to identify trauma's effects, apply attachment-based principles, and support self-care. Please attend the session that best fits into your schedule.

**Service Provider Session: 8:30am-12:30pm**

This time will focus on how providers can implement the ETC principles into their daily professional work. Session open to anyone interested including services providers, school staff, parents, care givers, foster families.

**Community Member Session: 5-7pm**

\*will include meal and child care options

This time will be directed towards families and others supporting families to implement the ETC principles into their homes. Session is open to anyone interested in supporting families including service providers, school staff, parents, care givers, foster families

**Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/GeqqJrRyxMuKm1mVA>

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STREET, WIS RAPIDS  
RIVERBLOCK 206



**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.

**Monday, November 25, 2024**  
Pitsch Early Learning Center  
501 17th St. So.  
**Must register by Friday, November 22**

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



## FREE VISION SCREENING

Lions KidSight USA will be at Grant Elementary School on **Tuesday, November 19, 2024**, to administer FREE vision screenings for all students.

All Grant Elementary School students will be participating in the vision screening. If you DO NOT want your student(s) to participate please complete the [Vision Screening OPT-OUT Form](#) and return it before Tuesday, November 19th.






# Grant Elementary

# Keep Kids Warm



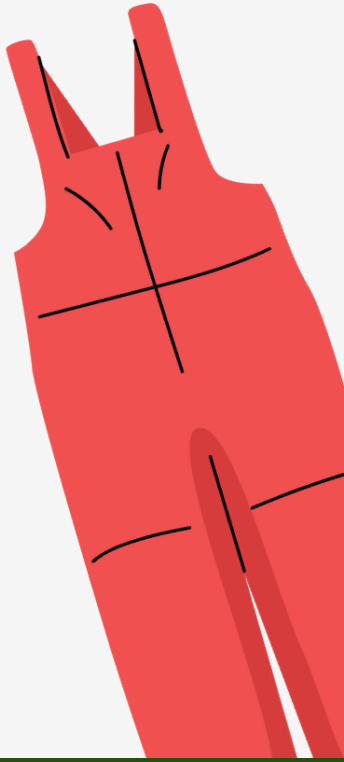



**November, 8th @ 12-3pm**  
**November, 21st @ 9am-12pm**



If your child is in need of winter gear  
(coats, snow pants, hats, gloves,  
and/or boots), please attend our Keep  
Kids Warm events!

**East Junior High (311 Lincoln St, Wisconsin  
Rapids) in Room 103. Please enter through the  
front entrance.**

If you have any questions, contact  
Grant School Social Worker, Atiya Cantarella at  
(715) 424-6740 ex. 3068



Sign Up Here!





Dear Mom, Dad, or Caregiver;

The people of South Wood County have historically been very generous during the holiday season to help assist families in need. One such generosity is the Marine Corps Reserve, "Toys for Tots" (TFT) Christmas for Children program. During the 2024 holiday season, "Toys for Tots" will be jointly operated by the Grand Rapids Lions and FOCUS ("Feeding Our Communities with United Services").

If your family is in need this holiday season, please follow the below steps:

- 1) Register your family:
  - a. On or after **Ocotober 15, 2024** please complete the online referral form at <https://wisconsin-rapids-wi.toysfortots.org> and click "Apply for Toys" (Preferred); **OR**
  - b. Fill out the referral form (**please print**) and make sure to include age and gender and a cell phone contact number;
  - c. Return the referral form to the main office of your child's school by **December 02, 2024**.
  - d. **Please only complete one referral form.**
- 2) You will receive an email acknowledgement that your application has been received.
- 3) Toy pickup will be on 12/14/2024 from 9 am-12:30 pm at Mariani Cold Storage located at **1909 32<sup>nd</sup> St N, Wisconsin Rapids. There is no assigned time. Please bring your acknowledgement letter with you.**
- 4) **This will be the only opportunity to pick up your toys. In the event you cannot attend the pickup please send an authorized individual, with your acknowledgment letter, to the pickup on your behalf.**

If you are a FOCUS Client and are in need of a holiday food basket please contact FOCUS at 715-422-2050 after November 1, 2024.

Please do not indicate you want a holiday food basket on the TFT referral form.

Sincerely;

**The Grand Rapids Lions Club and  
FOCUS**



## 2024 REFERRAL FOR TOYS FOR TOTS

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

PLEASE PRINT

FIRST NAME	MID. INTL.	LAST NAME	
STREET ADDRESS			Apt./Lot #
CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE
CELL PHONE		EMAIL ADDRESS	

PLEASE PRINT  
HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION LIST ALL CHILDREN LIVING IN THE HOUSEHOLD

First and Last name (Mandatory)	SCHOOL	Age	Gender
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			

Note: This information may be shared with school staff and other agencies offering holiday assistance. HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ - SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*If you are in need of a Christmas Food Basket please contact the FOCUS Food Pantry at: (715) 422-2050 \*\***





**WISCONSIN RAPIDS  
SCHOOL NUTRITION**  
Real food for Rapids kids

# NOVEMBER

## BREAKFAST MENU

GRANT, THINK ACADEMY & WOODSIDE



**Kale is the Harvest of the Month for November!**

Add kale to your favorite family meals:

Add fresh kale to smoothies or salads.  
Steam fresh kale and season with lemon juice, olive oil, salt and pepper.  
Mix chopped kale into the pot with pasta 5 minutes before it's done.  
Strain and add your favorite sauce.  
Bake it in the oven for crispy kale chips.



<b>M</b> 4 COLD CEREAL CHEESE STICK	<b>T</b> 5 EGG + CHEESE BREAKFAST SANDWICH	<b>W</b> 6 BAGEL W/ CREAM CHEESE CHEESE STICK	<b>TH</b> 7 WHOLE GRAIN MUFFIN YOGURT	<b>F</b> 8 CHEESE OMELET WHOLE GRAIN TOAST
<b>M</b> 11 COLD CEREAL CHEESE STICK	<b>T</b> 12 HOMEMADE CINNAMON COFFEE CAKE YOGURT	<b>W</b> 13 BREAKFAST PIZZA	<b>TH</b> 14 HOMEMADE GRANOLA YOGURT	<b>F</b> 15 EGG + CHEESE BREAKFAST BURRITO
<b>M</b> 18 COLD CEREAL CHEESE STICK	<b>T</b> 19 EGG, CHEESE + POTATO BREAKFAST BOWL W/ WG BISCUIT	<b>W</b> 20 BAGEL W/ CREAM CHEESE CHEESE STICK	<b>TH</b> 21 WHOLE GRAIN MUFFIN YOGURT	<b>F</b> 22 CHEESE OMELET WHOLE GRAIN TOAST
<b>M</b> 25 COLD CEREAL CHEESE STICK	<b>T</b> 26 ZEE ZEE'S BREAKFAST BAR W/ CHEESE STICK	<p><b>Did you know?</b> More than 250 million pounds of potatoes are typically purchased for Thanksgiving? In Wisconsin over 2.8 billion pounds of potatoes were grown last year!</p>		

**School Breakfast Program - Good for Kids and Good for Parents!**

For parents with busy schedules, it can be hard to make sure that kids are eating a healthy breakfast before they go to school in the morning. Sometimes children aren't hungry right after waking up but are hungry when they arrive at school. Fortunately, we have a great breakfast program for all students, and it's available at school every day. If morning meals are difficult for your family, let the School Breakfast Program help you out.



**SELECTION OF MILK & FRUIT OFFERED DAILY**

**BREAKFAST PRICES**  
PAID: \$1.75  
FREE & REDUCED: NO CHARGE  
ADULT: \$2.60 CHILD VISITOR: \$2.00

MENU ITEMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
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**REAL FOOD FOR RAPIDS KIDS**





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# NOVEMBER LUNCH MENU

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\*DAILY ENTREE INCLUDES A CHOICE OF OPTION 1 OR OPTION 2  
\*ALL BREAD/GRAINS OFFERED ARE WHOLE GRAIN RICH

**November's Harvest of the Month is Kale.** Kale is packed with nutrients and helps our bodies stay healthy in many ways. Vitamin A is found in kale and helps keep our skin and bones healthy, resists and fights infection, and helps maintain good eyesight.



**F 1**  
NO SCHOOL  
AUTUMN BREAK

**M 4**  
CHEESE FILLED BREADSTICKS  
PIZZA SAUCE  
OR  
CHICKEN DRUMSTICK  
HOMEMADE ROLL

**T 5**  
TURKEY HOT DOG ON BUN  
OR  
SLOPPY JOE ON BUN  
Seasoned Potato Wedges

**W 6**  
**NEW** HOMEMADE CHILI  
CORNBREAD  
OR  
YOGURT & STRING CHEESE  
VEGGIE CRACKERS

**TH 7**  
POPCORN CHICKEN  
BREADSTICK  
OR  
HAM SANDWICH

**F 8**  
CHEESEBURGER  
OR  
BREADED FISH PATTY  
ON BUN  
Vegetarian Baked Beans  
Pickles

**M 11**  
CHICKEN NUGGETS  
HOMEMADE ROLL  
OR  
PIZZABLE  
Sweet Potato Fries

**T 12**  
SOFT SHELL PORK TACO  
OR  
CHEESE QUESADILLA  
Shredded Lettuce  
Diced Tomatoes  
Salsa

**W 13**  
**NEW** TERIYAKI CHICKEN  
OR  
BEEF TERIYAKI DIPPERS  
Brown Rice

**TH 14**  
ITALIAN MEAT SAUCE  
SPAGHETTI  
BREADSTICK  
OR  
HAM & CHEESE WRAP

**F 15**  
**NEW** WENZEL'S FARM BEEF  
& PORK HOT DOG ON BUN  
OR  
BAKED POTATO W/  
HAM & CHEESE  
HOMEMADE ROLL  
Steamed Broccoli

**M 18**  
CHEESE OR PEPPERONI PIZZA  
OR  
SUNBUTTER & JELLY  
SANDWICH  
STRING CHEESE  
Steamed corn

**T 19**  
HAMBURGER  
OR  
VEGGIE BURGER  
Taco Chips / Salsa  
Pickles

**W 20**  
CHEESE QUESADILLA  
OR  
CHICKEN TACOS  
Shredded Lettuce  
Salsa

**TH 21**  
MACARONI & CHEESE  
HOMEMADE ROLL  
OR  
TURKEY BURGER  
Fresh Kale Salad

**F 22**  
HOMEMADE LASAGNA  
OR  
**NEW** YOGURT & STRING CHEESE  
Homemade Roll

**M 25**  
CHICKEN STRIP WRAP  
OR  
HAM SANDWICH

**T 26**  
TURKEY IN GRAVY  
OR  
CRUNCHY FISH STICKS  
Homemade Roll  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Pumpkin Bar

**W 27**  
NO SCHOOL  
PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT DAY

**TH 28**  
NO SCHOOL  
THANKSGIVING BREAK

**F 29**  
NO SCHOOL  
THANKSGIVING BREAK

**MILK, FRESH FRUIT + VEGETABLES OFFERED DAILY**

**KNOW YOUR FOOD**  
VEGETARIAN  
PURCHASED LOCALLY  
HARVEST OF THE MONTH

**LUNCH PRICES** FREE: NO CHARGE  
PAID: \$2.30 REDUCED: \$0.40  
A LA CARTE MILK: \$0.50  
ADULT: \$4.65 CHILD VISITOR: \$3.00



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