Hawk Happenings

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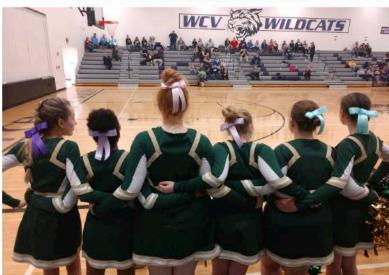
March 2019























By W-G Superintendent Brad Anderson

ELC/Elementary Playground

On behalf of the District I would like to take the opportunity to Thank the Elementary PTO, parents and community members in helping to financially support the Early Learning Center (ELC) and Elementary playgrounds. Your contribution to this project will go far in making this project a more functional and safer environment for students.

Below is an outline of some of the more common questions we have received about the plans and progress of the ELC/ Elementary playground areas.

Why isn't the school paying for this?

The Woodward-Granger School Board committed \$35K towards the project in the summer of 2018. With this initial investment old equipment was taken out and new concrete poured for students to play on during winter months. This investment expensed \$28K of this investment. The Board will continue to look at potential additional contributions towards this project as plans continue to take shape.

Why have the PTO fundraising dollars not been spent?

The PTO has been meeting with both the Elementary Principal Mr. Brummond and myself to inquire about plans to utilize the fundraising dollars. The lack of progress is no fault of the PTO's but one that is undergoing investigation by the District from a capacity and demographics vantage point. This study is important to the master planning of the playground as a whole because of the long-term investment in placement of equipment and overall playground structures.

Is there a master plan? What's included?

There is a concept of a master plan that includes added green space, alternative locations for equipment and an all-inclusive fence. However, this plan will not be finalized until the District has thoroughly reviewed data from a recent demographics study. Once the data is available the Board can make a decision on the long-term direction of the facility and a master playground plan will be completed.

Why is this process taking so long?

Because we want to get this right the first time around the process (which is based on demographic growth data) is being taken into consideration. This is causing a slight delay in the process but in the end we are confident the correct decision will be made.

Are we getting a fence on the ELC portion of the playground?

Yes, the conceptual plan calls for a fully fenced in playground. Dimensions will be determined as the amount of green space becomes more clearly defined.

What new equipment has been talked about?

Most recently basketball hoops and painting for the cement pad have been discussed. However, there are plans in the making for additional equipment, green spaces and additional play areas for students.

When can we expect to see progress?

Data from the District demographics study is scheduled to be in the hands of the District sometime in later March. Once an overall plan can be determined the PTO in combination with the District will move swiftly to try and secure needed bids for the summer of 2019. The goal is to have phase I of the project (however that is defined) finished for the start of school in August of 2019.

What can we do to help?

Keep supporting the PTO and know that the processes will be moving rather quickly this summer. If needed please volunteer your time to assist with any further PTO projects or fundraising efforts towards this monumental task.

If you have any further questions about this article please contact Brad Anderson, Superintendent at 515-999-8022 Ext. 1101 or at bradanderson@wghawks.school Thank you for your continued support.

YOU are invited to SPRING SIAC

On Tuesday April 16th from 6-8 p.m. in the Middle School/ High School media center (Woodward) the Woodward-Granger CSD will host its Spring School Improvement Advisory meeting. All community members are invited and encouraged to attend. During the meeting the community will be informed of the results of the Iowa Youth Survey, Anti Bullying and Harassment Task Force updates, be informed of the District's Curriculum plans for the fall of 2019 and will delve into student achievement growth data for the 2018-2019 school year.

We encourage you to come out and provide your input on the direction you would like to see our district go as this information will be directly shared with the WG Board of Education.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you there!

Preschool Class



Miss Van Houten's preschool class visited the nursing home in February. The students and residents worked together to make a torn paper craft. The kids and adults spent the entire time talking and sharing stories and even helped each other with their work! The preschoolers enjoyed sharing the stories they heard with their classmates and



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teachers when they returned

to school!

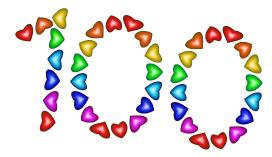
Don't forget that the 2019 Spring Scholastic Book Fair will again be held in the Elementary Library during conferences! Help support literacy at the ELC and Elementary by purchasing books for your students. You will also be able to help out your child's teacher by purchasing books for their classroom libraries.



Celebrating our 100th Day!



Second graders celebrated their 100th day by bringing in 100 items for the Granger Food Pantry. It made us feel good knowing we are helping other families. Thank you to all the kids who brought items in.



This semester, the Advanced Culinary classes have been hard at work creating take and bake meals and marketing these meals around the school. This is a new direction for this class. Our goals for this class are to get students to start thinking about preparing food for other people rather than for just themselves. By adjusting our way of thinking about food production, I'm hoping students will begin connecting what

we are learning in the classroom to the food industry. Although some students may not have their sights set on working in a restaurant, it is reported that almost 70% of "first-time jobs" are in the food industry. Hopefully, these students will walk away with some real-world knowledge of how the food industry operates!

How do we operate our "business"? It's a bit complex but designed to get students experience in every aspect of the process. Our semester will be broken into 4 units, each unit will represent a separate take and bake meal. Students were placed in 2 different groups - a kitchen group that they cook with and a committee group that they execute part of the process with. The committees are made up of one person from each kitchen. The purpose of this was two-fold, one so that students can experience working with different teams and two so that our business is cohesive across all 4 kitchen groups. The 4 committees are: Marketing and Evaluation, Selling Process, Planning Process, and Recipe Development.

To say we are all learning is quite the understatement, I am learning right along with the students in this course! Luckily, our high school instructional coach, Mindy Buck, has been there anytime I need a sounding board to bounce ideas off of. She has even observed in our classroom to help me figure out how to get this complex system off the ground. My intentions are for this to be a student-run business, I'm

hoping that as we work through the process, the students will need less and less direction from me. We are in the last week of our first unit, we just collected orders for our first take and bake meal. For the first round, the students selected Manicotti, Lasagna, Chicken Taquitos, Chicken Pot Pie, Loaded Baked Potato Soup, Three Cheese Potatoes and Chicken, Baked Mac n Cheese, and Creamy Whole Wheat Pasta. The meals are made to

feed 6 people and were \$15 each. We collected 35 orders for the first round! We are excited to begin our second round and perfect our process. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me at melissamccord@wghawks.school

FIRST LEGO League

There were two teams of WG Middle School students that participated in FIRST LEGO League competitions. One team went to the Waukee competition and another chose to compete at the Science Center. Competitions took place in early December. Neither team advanced to State competition, but both did a great job!

Each team built robots, programmed them to complete different tasks to earn them points in competition, and had to complete a project. The theme this year was Into Orbit. There were space themed challenges on a mat for their robots to complete. They built their own robot designs and they did their own programming. Through lots of trial and error they determined which of the challenges they thought they could make their robot complete in competition.

Each team also had to complete a project. They were challenged with coming up with a problem in space and find a possible solution to their problem with research. The teams are encouraged to reach out to an expert. One team was able to have a conference call with an astronaut Loren Shriver. It was a great experience for them to hear from someone that has been in space.

The FIRST LEGO League promotes many great team skills that they call their Core Values. Some of the Core Values are discovery and innovation as they design their robot and are creative with their programming. Impact is another core value that they work on as they come up with a real-world problem to solve. Through the whole experience, they learn how to work as a team, include and respect others, and have fun.

















GRANDWOOD NEWSLETTER

Grandwood will provide functional and transitional learning experiences in a positive and structured environment while advancing student independence.



- -Kleenex
- -Hand Sanitizer
- -Dry Erase Markers
- -Notecards
- -Plastic Silverware
- -Binder clips
- -Glue sticks

MARCH REMINDERS

Please contact your student's teacher for specific details.

Conferences:

March 12th- 4:00pm-8:00pm

2:15 Early Out:

March 12th & 14th

No School:

March 15th

Spring Break:

March 18th-March 22nd

Please contact your students teacher or call Grandwood to schedule a conference time.

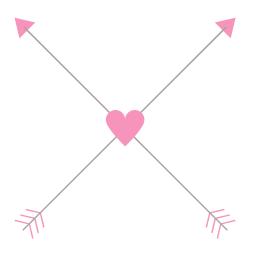




"I really like that each of the kids picked a class and everyone got a valentine!"- Mrs. T









Woodward-Granger 2019 Multiple Activities Schedule (as of 02-21-2019)

Activity	Time Versus	Location	Location Detail	Comments
ATURDAY, MAR 02, 2019				
HS Instrumental Music				JAZZ BAND at the Hoover Jazz Festival a Hoover HS in Des Moines
MS Instrumental Music				MS Jazz Band to Hoover Jazz Festival at Hoover HS in Des Moines.
MONDAY, MAR 04, 2019				
MS Instrumental Music	7:00pm			JR HIGH BANE - WCAC Conference Band Festival at Des Moines Christian. Concert open to the public starts at 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, MAR 05, 2019				
High School	5:45pm			College Planning night. This presentation is geared toward Sophomores and Juniors. Parents and students should attend.
High School	7:00pm			Financial Aid night. This presentation is geared toward Juniors. Parents and students should attend.
WEDNESDAY, MAR 06, 2019				
Early Dismissal	2:15pm			
THURSDAY, MAR 07, 2019				
HS Instrumental Music	7:00pm			BAND - 5th- 12th Grade Band Concert at HS Gym
MS Instrumental Music	7:00pm			BAND - 5th- 12th Grade Band Concert at HS Gym
Elementary	7:00pm			BAND - 5th- 12th Grade Band Concert at HS Gym

SATURDAY, MAR 09, 2019

HS Speech

State Individual Speech Competition at Nevada

TUESDAY, MAR 12, 2019

WGCSD 2:15pm 2:15 Early Dismissal. Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAR 13, 2019

Early Dismissal 2:15pm

THURSDAY, MAR 14, 2019

WGCSD 2:15pm 2:15 Early Dismissal. Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 PM

FRIDAY, MAR 15, 2019

WGCSD 2:15pm No School

MONDAY, MAR 18, 2019

SPRING BREAK - No School WGCSD

TUESDAY, MAR 19, 2019

SPRING BREAK - No School WGCSD

WEDNESDAY, MAR 20, 2019

SPRING BREAK - No School WGCSD

THURSDAY, MAR 21, 2019

SPRING BREAK - No WGCSD

School

FRIDAY, MAR 22, 2019

SPRING BREAK - No School WGCSD

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MONDAY, MAR 25, 2019

HS Speech

All-State Individual Speech Destival at UNI

TUESDAY, MAR 26, 2019

High School

7:00pm

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony in the Auditorium.

WEDNESDAY, MAR 27, 2019

Early Dismissal

2:15pm

FRIDAY, MAR 29, 2019

Track: Boys JV/Varsity Meet

4:30pm Winterset

Van Meter High School

Due to construction, this meet will be held at Van Meter High School

SATURDAY, MAR 30, 2019

HS Instrumental Music

BAND - State Solo and Ensemble Contest at Guthrie Center

HS Vocal Music

HS CHOIR -State Solo and Ensemble Contest at Guthrie Center.

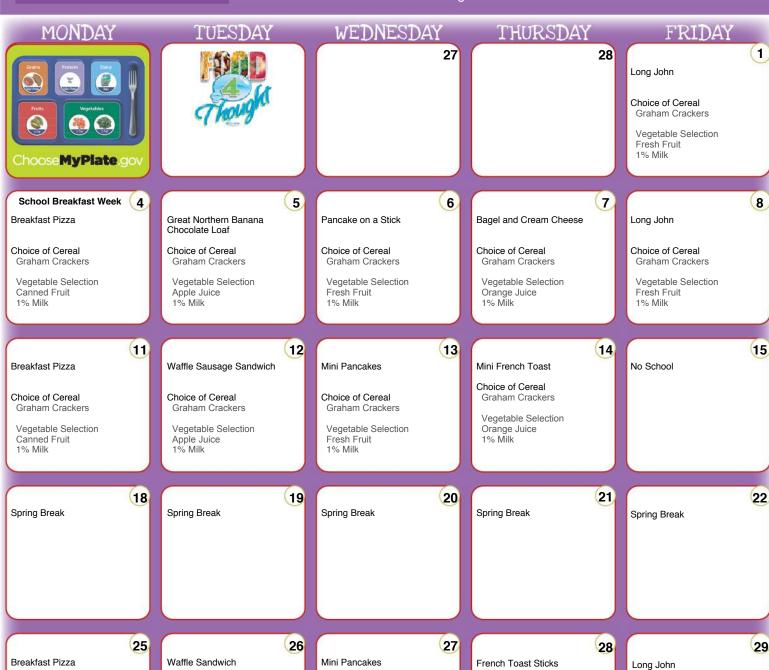


Don't Forget to Eat Your Vegetables

Woodward-Granger Breakfast

Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit are Offered Daily on the Fruit and Vegetable Bar

March 2019



Choice of Cereal

Fresh Fruit

1% Milk

Graham Crackers

Vegetable Selection

Price	5
Regular	\$1.80
Reduced	\$.30
Adult	\$2.50
Extra Milk	\$.50

Choice of Cereal

Canned Fruit

1% Milk

Graham Crackers

Vegetable Selection



EXTRA INFO

1% Milk

Choice of Cereal

Orange Juice

Graham Crackers

Vegetable Selection

Milk Choice of 1%, Skim or Chocolate Skim is included with Lunch. Entree Salads are served with a Dinner Roll. For Questions or Comments, contact Meladee Steele at 515-438-2115 ext 5129 or email meladeesteele@wghawks.school



Choice of Cereal

Fresh Fruit

Graham Crackers

Vegetable Selection

Choice of Cereal

Apple Juice

Graham Crackers

Vegetable Selection



Don't Forget to Eat Your Vegetables

Woodward-Granger **ELC** and **Elementary**

Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit are Offered Daily on the Fruit and Vegetable Bar

March 2019

FRIDAY

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MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

27

6

13

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THURSDAY

Dr. Seuss' Birthday

28

Stuffed Crust Pizza

Chef Salad

Lettuce Salad Monster Cookie

Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch

School Breakfast Week

Corn Dog Macaroni & Cheese

Chef Salad

Green Beans

Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch

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National Nutrition Month

Chicken Tenders Waffles

Deli Sandwich

Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch

Fish Sandwich with Cheese

Chef Salad

Golden French Fries

Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch

Beefy Nachos & Homemade Cheese Sauce

Deli Sandwich

Black Beans Lettuce and Tomato

Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch

HOM Spinach

Cheese Pizza

Chef Salad

Corn

14

Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch

Walking Taco

Chef Salad

Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa Black Beans

Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch

Lasagna Rollup with Sauce
Bread Stick

Deli Sandwich

Caesar Salad

Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch

Roasted Hot Dog on a Bun

Chef Salad

Potato Wedges

Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch

Pi Day

3.14 Personal Pizza

Deli Sandwich

Broccoli Florets

No School

15

Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch

Spring Break

Spring Break

Spring Break

19

26

Spring Break

21 Spring Break

28

22

29

Fried Chicken

Chef Salad

Mashed Potatoes Muffin

Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch

French Toast Sticks Cherry Vanilla Yogurt

Deli Sandwich

Warm Cinnamon Apples

Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch

27

Chef Salad

Cinnamon Roll

Steamed Carrots

Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch

Crispito with Chili and Cheese

Turkey Deli Sandwich

Mexican Corn Homemade Brownie

Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch

Taco Pizza

Chef Salad

Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa

Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch

Prices

 Regular
 \$2.85

 Reduced
 \$.40

 Adult
 \$3.70

Extra Milk \$

HARVEST OF THE MONTH



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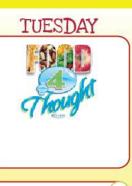
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March 2019

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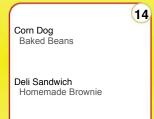




Sweet n Sour Chicken Bites Brown Rice	11
Chef Salad	







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Spring Break	21



Crispito with Chili and Chee	ese
Potato Oles	

Chef Salad

25

Cheese Bosco Stick Refried Beans	
Deli Sandwich	

Cheese Calzone Corn	(2
Chef Salad	

Pulled Pork on Pretzel Bun Coleslaw	28	
Deli Sandwich		

29
Fish Nuggets Golden French Fries
Chef Salad

Prices	
Regular	\$3.00
Reduced	\$.40
Adult	\$3.70
Extra Entree	\$2.65
Extra Milk	\$.50



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Woodward-Granger Middle School / High School Lunch Menu

March 2019

MONDAY

TUESDAY

THURSDAY

1

RIDAY

Classic Cafe Chicken Alfredo w/Pasta,

Bread Stick

Diner Station Fry Friday- Fries with your Chicken

Patty Sandwich

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

EXTRA INFO



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Lunch Menu

March 2019

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MONDAY

Classic Cafe Italian Stromboli, Glazed

Carrots

Diner Station Breaded Pork Sandwich

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

THURSDAY

Classic Cafe Popcorn Chicken, Cheesy Mashed

Potatoes, Whole Grain Dinner Roll

Pizza Cheese Pizza, Sausage Pizza,

Pepperoni Pizza, Chicken Bacon

Ranch Pizza

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

5

UESDAY

Classic Cafe Beefy Nachos & Homemade Cheese

Sauce, Refried Beans

Pizza Cheese Pizza, Sausage Pizza,

Pepperoni Pizza, Breakfast Pizza

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

8

Classic Cafe Chicken Wings with Choice of

Sauces, Peas and Carrots, Slice of

Bread

Diner Station Pizza Roll

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

WEDNESDAY 9

Classic Cafe Sloppy Joe on a Bun, Coleslaw

Diner Station Fish Sandwich with Cheese

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

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Lunch Menu

March 2019

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MONDAY

Classic Cafe Sweet n Sour Chicken Bites, Brown

Rice, Fortune Cookie

Diner Station BBQ Rib Sandwich

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

14 THURSDAY Classic Cafe Corn Dog, Baked Beans,

Homemade Brownie

Pizza Cheese Pizza, Sausage Pizza,

Pepperoni Pizza, Chicken Bacon

Ranch Pizza

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

12

Classic Cafe Tex Mex Bowl, Churro

Pizza Cheese Pizza, Sausage Pizza,

Pepperoni Pizza, Breakfast Pizza

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

15

No School



WEDNESDAY

Classic Cafe Breakfast Sandwich, Hashbrown Potatoes, Apple Crisp

Diner Station Mini Corn Dogs

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad



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March 2019

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No School

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TUESDAY

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No School

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No School

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Lunch Menu

March 2019

MONDAY

Classic Cafe Crispito with Chili and Cheese,

Potato Oles, Whole Grain Dinner

Diner Station Crispy Chicken Sandwich

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

28

THURSDAY

Classic Cafe Pulled Pork on a Pretzel Bun,

Coleslaw

Pizza Cheese Pizza, Sausage Pizza,

Pepperoni Pizza, Chicken Bacon

Ranch Pizza

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

26

TUESDAY

Classic Cafe Walking Taco, Refried Beans

Pizza Cheese Pizza, Sausage Pizza,

Pepperoni Pizza, Breakfast Pizza

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

29

Classic Cafe Paella, Churro

Diner Station Fish Nuggets

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

WEDNESDAY 12

Classic Cafe Cheese Calzone, Corn

Diner Station Mini Corn Dogs

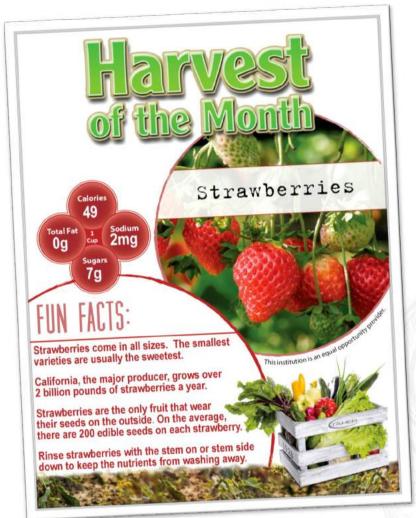
Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad



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Small Changes Matter

When it comes to being physically active and eating right, small changes matter. Don't feel like you need to go all out to see results; taking positive gradual steps goes a long way in becoming healthy.

Keep it simple. Eating right doesn't have to be complicated:

- Eat, don't drink your calories
- Make the first meal of your day the biggest
- Choose whole foods rather than processed
- Don't bother with the "diet" or "low fat" version of the foods you love
- Eat in moderation

Find activities that you enjoy and be physically active most days of the week. Any activity is better than none; daily activities count such as shoveling snow, gardening, and climbing stairs.

Benefits of being physically active include:

- · Feeling more energized
- Better sleep
- Increases concentration and focus
- Mood booster
- Decreases blood pressure and improves blood sugar

Go ahead and leap toward health... one small step at a time.

Melanie Wirth, RDN, LD, MBA, Corporate Dietitian, Taher, Inc.



HARVEST OF THE MONTH RECIPE—MARCH

Strawberry Spinach Mint Feta Salad

DRESSING

orange, juiced 3 Tbs olive oil

2 Tbs apple cider vinegar

½ Tbs honey

salt pepper

SALAD

6 oz bag baby spinach 1/4 cup chopped mint

1/2 cup strawberries, quartered 1/4 cup feta cheese crumbles

For Dressing: Juice the orange. Whisk together the ingredients and set aside.

<u>For Salad</u>: In a bowl, combine spinach, mint and strawberries.

Yield: 3 servings

Whisk the dressing just prior to serving and toss with the spinach, mint and strawberries. Sprinkle the feta cheese crumbles on top.

NUTRITION SNAPSHOT ~ 1 serving

215 calories, 17g total fat,4g sat. fat, 305mg sodium, 12g carbohydrate, 3g fiber 17mg cholesterol, 5g protein, 8g sugar



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2nd Graders conquering the snow at recess.



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