



HELP KEEP KIDS WARM

Winter is on the way, and every year the District organizes an event through our school counselors and social workers called “Keep Kids Warm.” New or gently used winter clothing is collected in the front lobby at each building (including Central Office located at 510 Peach Street) and then distributed to WRPS students in need. Items collected include coats, boots, snow pants, hats, gloves/mittens, and scarves. Gently used clothing is cleaned by our local Traditions Cleaners. Clothing donations will be accepted through Thursday, November 7th. The clothing will be *distributed* to those in need on Saturday, November 16, 2013 at East Jr. High School from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

NEW THIS YEAR...the Keep Kids Warm organizers are partnering with the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department’s *Operation Warm* program as winter clothing is collected. The way this works is community members can go to the [Operation Warm](#) website to make a donation toward a winter coat(s). The cost of each coat is \$32.00, however; donation increments range from \$20 up to \$500 – whatever one is comfortable in giving. All money collected through the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department *Operation Warm* collection site goes toward purchasing 100% American made coats which get distributed to *Wisconsin Rapids* children at the “Keep Kids Warm” event. Participants who send a check to Operation Warm should be sure to note “Wisconsin Rapids Local 425” on the check for proper crediting to the Wisconsin Rapids winter clothing drive.

Questions about the winter clothing drive may be directed to school social workers and/or counselors at each building. Thank you for helping in any way that you can!