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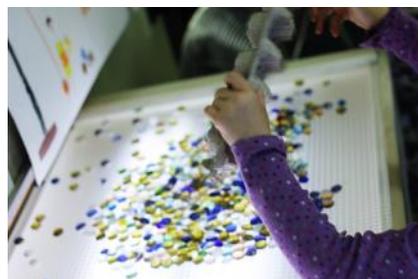
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Link Letter

Principally Speaking

Happy 2017!

I hope you all had a great break. As we start off 2017, there is a lot of energy here at school. Thank you again for your part in supporting that energy, and again for all the ways you help make our school community magical! (That includes our Penny Drive for "Rising Grinds"! Please see more info in the Family Team Corner)



Discovery E

As we start off 2017 with Ms. Gabby in the teacher role, another familiar face is re-joining us. Mrs. Casey is back to help in the paraprofessional role as we conduct our teacher search. Please say hi and thanks to both when you see them.

We looked at candidates before break, and will be looking again this week. The hiring process will continue over the next couple weeks with the goal of someone accepting an offer by the end of the month, and transitioning in as soon as possible after. If you have any questions about the process, please get in touch with me.

grcdc.org/about/employment-opportunities/

Fresh Start

No matter how your child's year started in terms of attendance, you can re-commit to great attendance in 2017! You may have heard me say we're born happy, and born awesome. So we want your awesome children here every day possible. It is good for us and our classroom communities, as well as for your children.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school—regardless of the reason—it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent—which means missing 18 or more days over the course of an entire school year.



Please see my letter about attendance here:

<https://goo.gl/xhY18J>

Let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they can show up for school on time every day.

Re-Enrollment Forms

Do we have your re-enrollment form yet? We'd love to have yours asap! Thanks to everyone who turned theirs in already.

That's it for this week. As always, I invite you to Be Kind, Keep Discovering, and have a great 2017!

Coach

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Family Team Corner

Time to dig through those couch cushions! GRDC is running a Penny Drive to help raise funds to rebuild "Rising Grinds". The drive is going through Friday, January 20th. Donations don't have to be just pennies, we welcome all coins! To support the penny drive, the Family Team is looking for volunteers to:

- Donate a container, like a coffee can or something larger, for each Discovery.
- After the month is up, come to school to count & roll up all of the donated change.
- Donate to the pizza party for the Discovery that collects the most money.
- Spread the word to your family & friends and collect change to bring in.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Central Office Updates

- **Attention Parents of Siblings** who will be new students at GRDC in the Fall of 2017. Please make sure to submit the "2017-2018 Application for Enrollment" along with the following documentation:
 - Certified Birth Certificate (original, not a copy)
 - Copy of all immunizations
 - Request for records (if applicable)
- **Intent to Enroll forms for the 2017-2018** school year are due February 24, 2017. Please contact us if you did not receive this form in the mail.
- **Attendance reminder**—We are paying close attention to students who have missed or are close to missing 10% of the school year. Please be mindful when making decisions about keeping your child home from school or taking vacations on school days. We would be happy to help you figure out solutions if there is an issue with transportation.
- **Class Picture**—If you ordered a class picture as part of the school picture package this fall, your child will bring that home today.
- **Girls on the Run 2017** registration begins today. Please see the attachment to the email Link Letter for more information.

Calendar

The calendar also available at grcdc.org

Through 1/20/17	Penny Drive— see article above
1/3—1/12	Girls on the Run Registration (3rd—5th grade girls only) Use this link to register: http://bit.ly/2josw2t
1/4	Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:10 PM Art Club, 1:30—2:30 PM
1/5	Odyssey of the Mind practice until 5:00 PM
1/6	First Friday Food— http://signup.com/go/AbQJFV Afternoon Meeting, 3:00—3:15 PM
1/9	GRDC Board Meeting, 6:00—8:00 PM Girl Scouts, 6:00 PM
1/10	Family Team Meeting, 8:00—9:30 AM GRPS School Choice Expo @ Gerald R. Ford, 4:00-6:00 PM
1/11	6th Grade Information Night @ GRDC, 5:30—6:30 PM
1/12	MAP testing opportunity for 5th grade students Call 819-2150 to register
1/16	NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/17	LAST opportunity for MAP testing for 5th grade students Call 819-2150 to register

Please arrange for your child to arrive at school between 7:45—8:00 am. Please sign your child in at the office if arrival is after 8:05 am.

Dismissal is 3:15 pm M, T, Th, F and 1:10 pm on Wednesdays

