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Link Letter

Principally Speaking

Open House

Please make plans to attend the annual Open House on Wednesday, February 22, 6:00-7:30 PM. Today, your child brought home two Open House invitations. One invitation is for your family to keep as a reminder, the other invitation is to share with another family who may be interested in joining this great community at GRCDC!

You can also really help us by joining our Facebook event for the Open House: <https://goo.gl/ZRd1zq>. We'd love you to click on the link now, click Going (or at least *Interested), and then share the event with at least one other family.

Families sharing our story with other families has always been our best advertisement, so thank you for spreading the word about GRCDC!



Great Outpouring of Care

Thank you all for the care you shared with the Rising Grinds support initiative, and what that means for families in our community. The cans were piled as high as our student who helped spark all of this. Many volunteers helped to count the change. Stay tuned for the final counts this Friday at afternoon meeting.



Now, please make room for helping us with our Open House. In addition to getting the word out, you can also help by coming on Saturday, February 11th for a Family Team volunteer event to clean and polish the school.



Some of the items in my column today are also in the Family Team Corner. Please take a look there for more details. As always, thanks for reading, Be Kind, Keep Discovering, and have a great week!

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Family Team Corner

The Rising Grinds Penny Drive was a wonderful success! We will be announcing the total amount raised & the winner of the pizza party at Afternoon Meeting on Friday, February 3rd. Thank you to the folks that helped us count and roll coins. Great job everyone!

February's First Friday Food is this Friday, the 3rd & the theme is Comfort Food! Let's spoil our teachers with a tasty lunch! Your dish can be dropped off in the Resource Room in the morning after drop off or no later than 10:45am. Please plan to pick up your dish/bowl/pan at the end of the day. Sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/HiDHd4> (if you forget to sign up, just bring food, we won't turn any away!)

Movie Night is also on Friday, February 3rd! Doors open at 5:30, the movie starts at 6pm. We'll be watching The Secret Life of Pets! Bring a blanket/pillow/something comfy - the Family Team will have treats & drinks to purchase at our Concession Stand. All \$ raised will go to our upcoming Skating Party! We need families willing to help set up, sell concessions and help clean up. Sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/6NBqzt>

In preparation for the Open House, the Family Team is hosting our Annual School Clean Up Day! We're going to scrub and shine on Saturday, February 11th from 10am-1pm. Here's the link to sign up <http://signup.com/go/sqvGcg> - donations of cleaning supplies are appreciated!

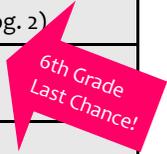
Central Office Updates

- **Report Cards** are coming home on February 6th. Your students and teachers are working hard on mid-year assessments in preparation for report cards. Give them some extra encouragement in this important work!
- School is **in session this coming Monday, February 6th**. The GRPS schools have this day off, but we do not. The next day we have off is for Mid-Winter Break February 20th & 22nd.
- Mark your calendars now, invite your neighbors and make plans to attend **GRCDC's 17th Annual Open House** on Wednesday, February 22nd. This will be a time to build relationships with other families, engage in a math experience with your family and meet some new families who are hoping to attend GRCDC next school year. It is also a good time to turn in the Intent to Enroll form, if you have not done so already. Join us on February 22nd, from 6:00—7:30 PM (Central Office Updates continued on page 2)

Calendar

The calendar also available at grcdc.org

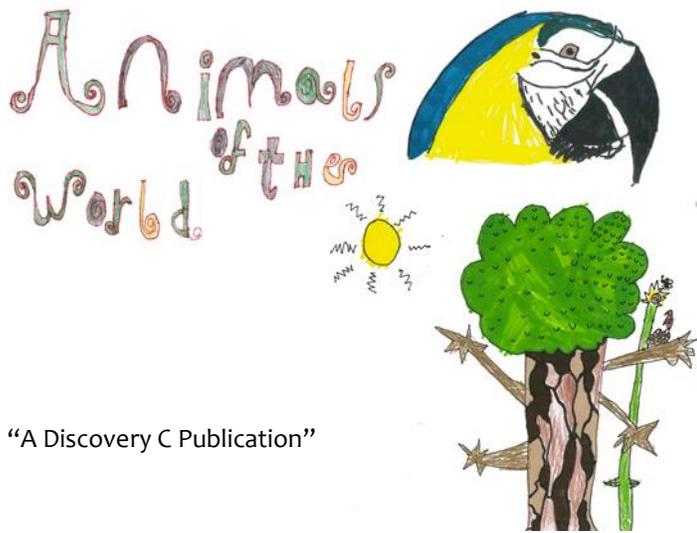
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| 1/31 | GRPS Applications for 6th grade are due (link on pg. 2) |
| 1/31 & 2/1 | Hearing Screening for K, 2nd and 4th grade Vision Screening for 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade |
| 2/1 | Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:10 PM |
| 2/2 | Odyssey of the Mind practice until 5:00 PM |
| 2/3 | First Friday Food—10:45 AM http://signup.com/go/HiDHd4 Afternoon Meeting, 3:00 PM (Penny Drive Announcement!) 3 events today! Movie Night hosted by the Family Team: "The Secret Life of Pets" Doors open 5:30, Movie @ 6:00 Sign up to help: http://signup.com/go/6NBqzt |
| 2/6 | School is in session today as usual (GRPS has the day off) Report Cards will be sent home today |
| 2/9 | Mobile Dentist @ GRCDC |
| 2/10 | Ticket Reservations for Sound of Music due (see Community Corner on page 2 for more details) |
| 2/11 | School Clean Up Day, 10:00 AM—1:00 PM Sign up to help: http://signup.com/go/sqvGcg |
| 2/20-2/21 | NO SCHOOL—Mid Winter Break |
| 2/22 | GRCDC Open House, 6:00—7:30 PM (*NEW TIME!*) |



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.

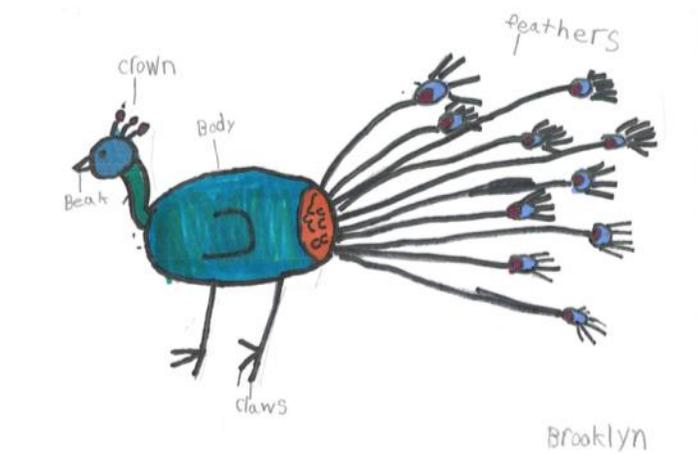
Dismissal is 3:15 pm M, T, Th, F and 1:10 pm on Wednesdays

The Philosophy by guest columnist, Kay Waterson

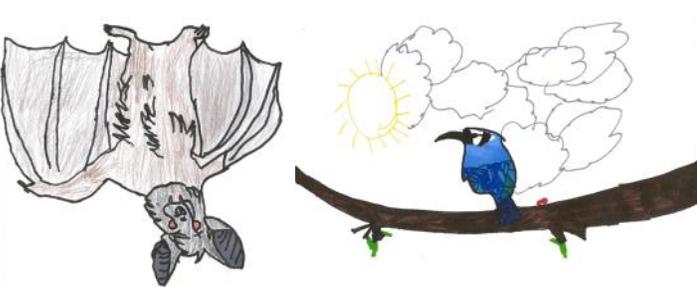


“A Discovery C Publication”

In Studio, Discovery C students have been studying informational text, specifically involving animals, adaptation, and ecosystems. We looked at a variety of magazine sources to analyze how graphic designers combine text with images. The students created a list of jobs that they imagined were necessary to create a publication. We took the list and reimagined the studio as a weekly publication business where students perform these jobs and are rewarded a paycheck (classroom behavior ticket) at the end of the block. Our talented Jr. designers, illustrators, writers, typists, editors, journalists, and publishers have been working for the last 3 weeks to compile an informational magazine packed full of fun animal facts, opinions, and interviews.



Our first issue “pack animals” is designed around standards from our science curriculum. The students document their theories around how pack animals function. What adaptations do these animals have for survival? How does that change according to the habitat that they occupy? What happens when a pack animal is removed from their pack? I hate to leave you in suspense but you will have to wait to read the first issue to find out!



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Grand Rapids Nutrition Center

The full menu is available on our website:
<http://grcdc.org/be-connected/link-letters/>

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| Breakfast (\$1.50): | Lunch (\$2.75): |
| Milk only: \$0.50 | |
| T—Mini egg & cheese | Italian meatball sub |
| W— French toast sticks | Waffle, turkey sausage |
| Th— Scrambled eggs | Chicken quesadilla |
| F— Egg, cheese, sausage slider | Double stuff cheese pizza |
| M 2/6—Cinnamon toast | Fiestada pizza |

Central Office Updates, continued

- **Attention Parents of Siblings** who will be new students at GRCDC in the Fall of 2017. Please make sure to submit the “2017-2018 Application for Enrollment” along with the required documentation listed at the top of the enrollment application.
- **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 or if you can not find your form.
- **School Closings:** In the case of inclement weather, we will make a decision to close school as early as possible. We will send an email blast out to our E-Link list and inform the news agencies (television and radio) if we decide to close. **Look or listen** for our school’s name ‘Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center’ or ‘GR Child Discovery Center’. We will also **change the voice mail** to indicate that school is closed for the day. If you have any questions about this policy, please let us know. If you are not receiving email notices, please send an email to Rachel at harthrac@grcdc.org to be added to the E-Link list.
 - * The decision to close school will be made by 6:00 AM that morning. In extreme weather situations, the decision to close school might be made by 11:00 PM the night before. However, this will be a rare occurrence and you can always plan to check by 6:00 AM to be sure.
- If you didn’t get your **Mobile Dentist** form in, you can still turn it in this week, but as soon as possible. Here is a link to the form: <http://bit.ly/2j5KogL>

Community Corner

Don’t forget, **GRPS Applications** for 6th grade are due Tuesday, January 31st! Apply here: <http://apply.grps.org/>

Do you need **utility assistance**? Consumers Energy and DTE can help! The next Customer Assistance Day is Wednesday, February 15th from 10:00 AM—5:00 PM at the LINC UP Gallery, 1167 Madison Ave SE. For more info, go to truenorthservices.org

Our school has been given **free tickets** (limit of 100) for families to see the Broadway Grand Rapids production “**Sound of Music**” at the DeVos Performance Hall. This year, Broadway GR is asking that we only order the number of tickets that are needed, so we are asking you to reserve your spot with this survey by February 10th. Please only reserve the tickets if you are sure you will be able to attend. The date and time that has been reserved for GRCDC to attend this wonderful production is Saturday, February 25 at 2:00 PM. Here is a link to the survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/eObQmoomoDjSAkLs2>

Do you need to make **child care arrangements for Spring Break**? Spring Break is Friday, March 31st —Friday, April 7th. The Discovery Care program will be providing child care that week. You may email Megan Dillingham for more information: megand-grcdc@gmail.com

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