



November 7, 2016

John Robinson  
Principal & Executive Director  
robinsonj@grcdc.org

Sarah Cooper  
Pedagogista  
coopesar@grcdc.org

Rachel Harth  
Administrative Assistant  
harthrac@grcdc.org

# Link Letter

## Principally Speaking

### Community Potluck

We had a wonderful Community Potluck on October 28. Thank you everyone who participated. A special thank you to the planning committee, which included staff and families from Discoveries B and E.



## Conferences

We had great participation with Conferences so far. Thank you to everyone who came out. Conferences are such an important part in the life of our school, and us building our relationship with you and your student. If you did not get a chance to come in for Conferences, please contact your student's teachers.

## Staff Care

Thank you for taking such good care of our staff with the First Friday Food provided last week. It is such a treat to have a meal brought in like that, and a chance to enjoy a meal with each other. If you would like to participate next month, keep an eye on the Link Letter for details as we get closer. You may also want to join us at tomorrow's Family Team meeting, 8 am at the school.



## Building in Time for Ice

As colder weather approaches, we anticipate the road conditions disrupting our morning drop off routines. Consider starting to arrive 5-10 minutes earlier now, to have your family ready with a built in cushion when the cold weather conditions slow down our morning drop off.

## Art Contest

Calling all young aviators! Do you have a passion for airplanes, hot air balloons, gliders, or simply like to fly as a passenger? Do you like to draw, paint, or color? If so, here's a fun opportunity for children between the ages of 6 and 17 to combine art and aviation in the International Aviation Art Contest, sponsored by the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI). <https://goo.gl/LFV8VR>

*Coach*

John Robinson, Principal/Executive Director/Superintendent  
[robinsonj@grcdc.org](mailto:robinsonj@grcdc.org)

## Family Team Corner

Please join us for our November Family Team meeting on Tuesday, November 8 at 8:00am, in the gym. Family Team meetings are open to everyone, and children are always welcome.

Thank you to everyone who brought in food or items for our staff lunch last Friday! We do a themed lunch for the staff on the first Friday of every month. Themes are posted on Facebook, in the Link Letter, and sent out via email each month. This is a great way to support our staff and show our appreciation for everything they do!

We are excited to announce that we have a third Odyssey of the Mind team starting! This team will meet on Saturdays at 9:00am, and will be working on one of the more technical problems. There are four spots available for fourth and fifth graders, and we need at least two more to have a full team. Please email Natasha at [GRDCOdyyssey@gmail.com](mailto:GRDCOdyyssey@gmail.com) for more information.

## Central Office Updates

**School Photo Make Up / Re-take Day** is this Thursday November 10th. If your child was absent or if your child's picture did not turn out as you had hoped, please bring your order form or picture package to school on November 10th.

**We had a visit from Griff** last week! Thank you to Bob Kaser and Griff for visiting us. Thank you to Mrs. Kaser for getting us connected! Go Grand Rapids Griffins!



## Calendar

The calendar also available at [grcdc.org](http://grcdc.org)

11/7	Math Club until 4:30 (5th grade) Let Me Run until 5:00 Girl Scouts starting at 6:00
11/8	Family Team Meeting, 8:00—9:30 AM Math Club until 4:30 PM (4th grade)
11/9	GR Symphony @ GRCDC 9:30—10:45 AM Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:10 PM Math Club until 2:30 PM (5th grade) Let Me Run until 3:00 PM
11/10	School Picture Make up / Re-take day Odyssey of the Mind until 5:00 PM Math Club until 4:30 PM (4th grade)
11/11	Afternoon Meeting, 3:00—3:15 PM
11/12	Let Me Run 5K—The community is welcome to participate—sign up here: <a href="http://bit.ly/2dRRKRK">http://bit.ly/2dRRKRK</a>
11/14	GRCDC Board Meeting, 6:00—8:00 PM
11/17	Wreath pick up day, 3:00—3:30 or 5:00—6:00 PM
11/18	Movie Night, Doors open at 5:30, Movie begins at 6:00
11/23-11/25	Thanksgiving Break, NO SCHOOL

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

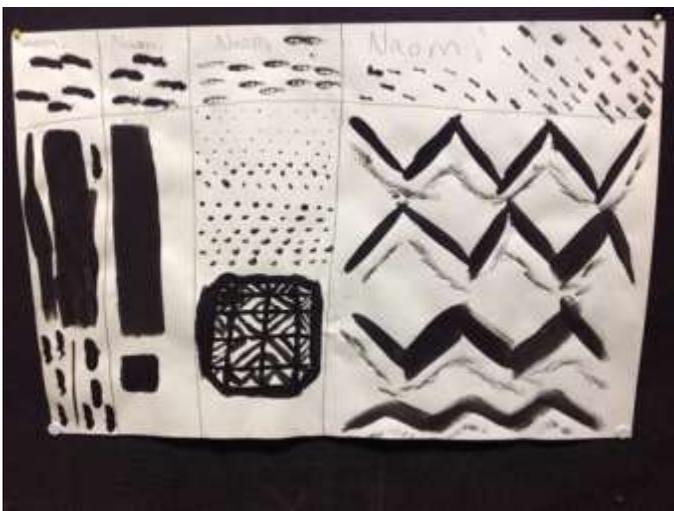
**The Philosophy**

By Guest Columnist, Kay Waterson

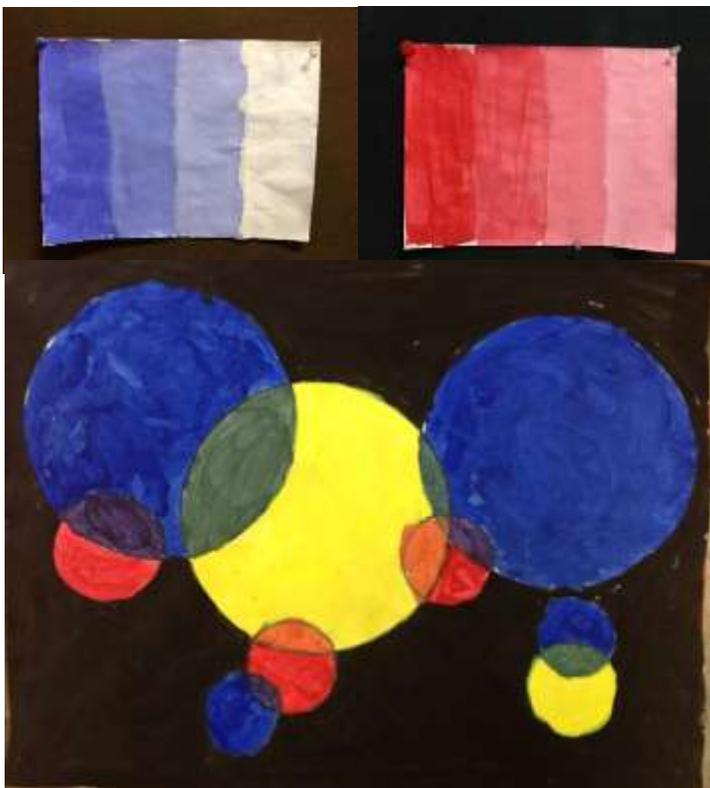
Studio, and ArtPrize, and Amway, Oh My!

Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in Discoveries E and F are currently participating in a community based art project that is a result of our involvement with ArtPrize as a partner school. I am pleased to announce that our studio has been selected to contribute a series of student paintings that will be installed in the Amway world headquarters in Ada, Michigan. There is a generous commission involved which will be used to embellish our studio space with new creative resources and technologies! I wanted to share with you the process that our young artists are going through in order to prepare for this extraordinary gallery experience.

We started the year by studying the language of paint. Using variously sized flat and round brushes, students experimented with brush strokes. Their mark-making shows an understanding of different techniques around paint application and line as a design element.



Next we looked at color mixing. These are examples of exploration of color theory; how to lighten colors by adding white (tinting), how to mix the primary colors to create our secondary colors (green, orange, purple).



Discovery E and F families will be receiving more specific information about this project (gallery reception dates/times/etc) as we continue on!

*(The Philosophy continued to the right)*

Please arrange for your child to arrive at school between 7:45 - 8:00 a.m. 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

**Grand Rapids Nutrition Center**

The full menu is available on our website:

<http://grcdc.org/be-connected/link.letters/>

Breakfast (\$1.50):	Lunch (\$2.75):
Milk only: \$0.50	Beef nachos
T— Omelet*	Cheeseburger
W— Turkey sausage bites*	Chicken drumstick
Th— Sausage gravy breakfast	Italian dunkers
F— Pancake wrap	Chicken nuggets
M 11/14—Cereal	
*Change to the menu that is published online	

**Breakfast time: 7:30AM—7:50 AM**

**Discovery A & B**

Lunch 11:55 AM—12:15 PM    Recess 12:15—12:40 PM

**Discovery C & D**

Lunch 10:55 AM—11:15 AM    Recess 11:15—11:40 AM

**Discovery E & F**

Lunch 11:25 AM—11:45 AM    Recess 11:45 AM—12:10 PM

- You may send cash or check with your child to school or you may pay for meals online at [mypaymentsplus.com](http://mypaymentsplus.com)

*(The Philosophy continued)*

**Art Club at the GRCDC**

Thank you for your interest and involvement in Art Club! We were surprised and excited about the amount of families interested in enrolling their children this year, and are going to consider this carefully while planning for Art Club next year. Please know that we will do what we can to accommodate for a larger group of students in the future.

Kay Waterson, Studio Coordinator

[watersonk@grcdc.org](mailto:watsonk@grcdc.org)



**Community Corner**



Families of Flint still need our help! The Flint Water Crisis continues to affect thousands of families and forces them to live with polluted water in their communities.

How can you help? Please join Erica Soto, a GRCDC parent, by donating any amount of sealed water cases or monetary contributions to buy water cases. She will be collecting donations through December 3rd. All donations will be delivered to residents of Flint, Michigan on December 5th and 6th. You may drop off donations at Roosevelt Park Ministries located at 1530 Grandville Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

If you have questions you may contact Erica at 616-206-9602, [ekyma7@gmail.com](mailto:ekyma7@gmail.com) or you may contact Taqiyya Hinds at 860-984-2174, [Taqiyya\\_Hinds1@icloud.com](mailto:Taqiyya_Hinds1@icloud.com)

For monetary donations you may visit:

<https://www.gofundme.com/flint-water-relief-2w857z8>