



The Link Letter

School newsletter for the GRCDC community

10.18.19

Keep Up With Us



Link to the school's Google Calendar

Upcoming Events

10/19 - Family Team Carnival,
2:00 - 5:00 PM

10/21 - 2nd Grade Literacy
Celebration, 9:00 - 9:30 AM

10/22 - 1st Grade Literacy
Celebration, 9:15-9:45 AM

10/23 - Kindergarten Literacy
Celebration, 9:00 - 9:30 AM

10/24 & 10/25 - Hearing &
Vision Screening

10/25 - 4th Grade Literacy

Important Links

- **October Menu**
 - Also available on the app "Nutrislice"
- **School Calendar**
- **Staff Email Contact List**
- **General Information**
- **Family & Student Guidebook**
- **Extracurricular Program Registration Link**

Celebration, 9:15 - 9:45 AM

10/25 - 5th Grade Literacy

Celebration 1:30 - 2:00 PM

10/25 - 6th Grade Transition

Meeting, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

10/25 - 2020-2021 Enrollment
Opens for New Families

11/1 - No School for Students

11/2 - New Family Open

House, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

11/15 - Picture Makeup/Retake
Day

Extracurricular Schedule

Science Club, 11/4, 4:00 - 5:00

Minecraft Club, 11/5, 5:30 -
7:00

Ukulele Club, 11/6, 3:40 - 4:45

Art Club, 11/6, 4:00 - 5:00

Attention: 5th Grade Families

On October 25th from 2:00 - 3:00, directly following the 5th grade Literacy Celebration, a representative from GRPS will be at GRCDC for a meeting about the transition to 6th grade. There will be a presentation on the school choice options that are available with GRPS and a time to ask questions about the enrollment process. If you can not make this meeting, please email Lisa Heyne if you need support for this process or have questions.

3 key things we have learned about GRPS's enrollment process this year:

- GRCDC students are considered GRPS students in the lottery process for the Theme Schools and Centers of Innovation.
- You are able to edit your application at anytime during the enrollment window.
- The following schools do not have neighborhood boundaries: Zoo, Blandford, Economicology, UPrep, Museum and Innovation Central.

2020-2021 Enrollment Opens & New Family Open House

Enrollment for new students will open next Friday, October 25! All new students, including any siblings of any current GRCDC students who are entering GRCDC for the first time, must have an online application submitted by January 31st. Current GRCDC student DO NOT need to do the online application. We will send home re-enrollment form in folders in December. Please spread the word to any families in your circle who would be interested in attending GRCDC. We are having a New Family Open House on Saturday, November 2nd from 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM. Invite them to come!

Literacy Celebrations

Don't forget about the Literacy Celebrations that are coming up next week. We look forward to seeing you! Please check in at the office and then proceed to your child's celebration:

Kindergarten - 10/23, 9:00 - 9:30 (in the gym)

First Grade - 10/22, 9:15-9:45

Second Grade - 10/21, 9:00 - 9:30

Fourth Grade - 10/25, 9:15 - 9:45

Fifth Grade - 10/25, 1:30 - 2:00 (in the gym)

Each child's path to becoming a confident reader is unique, takes effort and a support system. We are grateful for your efforts at home and look forward to celebrating your child's progress.

Central Office Updates

- **Wanted:** Gently used pants sized 6 - 14. Athletic pants with a drawstring work best. These pants are helpful to have on hand when there are accidents or mud puddle mishaps. Please no 5/5T or lower sizes.
- **Tardy vs Absent Clarification** - Have you ever wondered if your child considered absent or tardy when arriving late or leaving early from school? Here are the details:

- Arriving between 8:45 - 9:15 = Tardy
- Arriving between 9:16 - 12:00 = 1/2 day absence
- Leaving school between 12:01 - 3:05 = 1/2 day absence
- Leaving school between 3:05 - 3:40 = Tardy
- **Reporting Absence** - If your child will be absent from school, please be sure to call or email the office within 24 hours. 616-459-0330 or office@childdiscoverycenter.org
- **NOTE:** The office should always be your first contact for absence reporting. You may also let the teacher know via email if you desire.
- **Early Pick Up** - Please avoid picking up students at the end of the day between 3:20 - 3:40 PM. It is disruptive to the teacher and the students during the afternoon circle routine. If you must pick up early please try to pick up between 3:05 - 3:20 PM. We hope that this is a rare occurrence as this afternoon routine is important to building the classroom culture.

Family Team Update

Wreath orders: The annual wreath sale is underway! Your child brought home a paper order form today. We're partnering with Vormittag Tree Farm to bring you the freshest and most fragrant wreaths around. Lovely for your door and they make great gifts! [Order here](#) or with the paper order form and please do it soon: orders and payment **must be in by October 28th**. Wreaths will be delivered to school for pick up on November 20th. Tell your friends and neighbors, who can also order online.

Social Emotional Learning

This week we will be learning about *Active Listening*. We will pick apart the ideas of hearing and listening, thinking about how they are the same, and how they are different. In addition, we will also discuss the term "multi-tasking." We encourage you to ask your child what they learn about this common term.

Arrival and Dismissal Reminders:

- Please keep in mind that our parking lot is very small. It should be used for arrival, dismissal and other school business only so that everyone who needs to use the lot are able to find a spot.
- Please do not enter the family parking lot through the exit (on Cass Ave).
- Please do not cut in line at dismissal.
- Please park in the lines in the lot so that we have as many spaces as possible.
- Please do not park in the middle the street and leave your car at any time.

Community Resources & Opportunities



If you or someone you know is wondering if there are local resources to help families provide gifts during the holiday season, we have some resources for you. Please keep in mind that these programs fill up quickly, so you should apply ASAP:

- **Toys for Tots**
- **Santa Claus Girls**



Girl's STEM Day - FREE event!

Who: Kindergarten-4th graders

What: Hands-on STEM activities

When: November 23, 2019 1:00-4:00pm

Where: MSU Engineering Building & Anthony Hall

Why: To have fun learning about Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math!

Registration is required and students must be chaperoned. Chaperones may bring up to three students. Registration deadline is November 8, 2019 OR

until maximum capacity is reached.

Register

at: <https://www.egr.msu.edu/wie/k-12/programs-outreach>



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Get your Narwhal Gear anytime by visiting:
<https://www.byfred.co/collections/grcdc/>

A \$5 shipping fee will be charged for summer orders

Children's Crisis Response

This is a service that provides free crisis intervention service for those through age 20 who live in Kent County. The counselors can help in person or over the phone who can help to resolve behavioral or emotional crises wherever help is needed including;

- Suicide and self harm concerns
- Angry or out of control behavior

- Family conflict

Please call 616.333.1000 to get help now.

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