



# The Link Letter

School newsletter for the GRCDC community

10.25.19

## Keep Up With Us



[Link to the school's Google Calendar](#)

### Upcoming Events

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

**10/28** - Wreath Orders Due

**11/1** - No School for Students

**11/2** - New Family Open  
House, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**11/7** - Community Meeting  
featuring Ms. Kay, 8:50 - 9:10  
AM

**11/14** - Family Team Meeting,  
8:45 - 9:45 AM

**11/15** - Picture Makeup/Retake  
Day

**11/20** - Wreath Pick Up, 2:00 -  
3:20 & 4:00 - 6:00

**11/27 - 11/29** - No School,  
Thanksgiving Break

### 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**

### 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

## Kids Have Rights Program - November 7th

Today your child will bring home a letter of informed consent for the Kids Have Rights program. Kids Have Rights instructors will visit grades Kindergarten - 4th grade on Tuesday, November 7th. Kids Have Rights is a prevention program of the Children's Advocacy Center. The program educates and empowers students, school staff and parents to recognize, prevent and stop child sexual abuse. Please see the letter for the exact time of the presentation in your child's classroom plus many more details.

## 2020-2021 Enrollment Opens & New Family Open House

Enrollment for new students is now open! 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 students 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!

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## Central Office Updates

- **School Pictures** - We expect that school picture packages will be here by November 1st or 8th. Once you get that package, if you would like the photo retaken, please bring back the prints that you received on retake day, November 15th. If you didn't order photos and want to see the image, please go to [hrimaging.com](http://hrimaging.com) and follow the prompts. You may need your child's student ID, please call the office to obtain that ID number. This will be the only way you can see the photo taken on October 4th, nothing else will be printed. This is a change from what the school office understood about the process and we are sorry we could not get this information to you sooner. If you ordered the digital download and want the photo retaken, please communicate this to your child's teacher.
- **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](mailto: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.

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## 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.

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## Social Emotional Learning

We move this coming week into learning the all-important skills of Solving Problems Peacefully (Kindergarten through 2nd) and Conflict Resolution (3rd through 5th). We will think together about what conflict is, as well as thinking deeper about whether conflicts are good, bad, or somewhere in between. We will use our Active Listening Skills along with practicing the use of Restorative Questions. Ask your child what they can do to begin solving all kinds of problems on their own.

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## 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.



**Girl's STEM Day - FREE event!**

Please keep in mind that these programs fill up quickly, so you should apply ASAP:

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

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.

#### **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.

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