



The Link Letter

School newsletter for the GRCDC community

1.10.20

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Upcoming Events

- 1/13** - Mobile Dentist forms due
- 1/13** - GRCDC Board Meeting, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- 1/16** - Family Team Meeting, 8:45 AM
- 1/20 & 1/21** - No School, Martin Luther King JR. Day & Teacher Records Day
- 1/23** - Community Meeting feat. Ms. Memmott's class, 8:50 - 9:10 AM
- 1/25** - New Family Open House, 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM
- 1/31** - Registration for 2020-2021 School Year Due

Important Links

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

Extracurricular Schedule

- Lego League, 1/14, 4:00 - 5:00
- Minecraft Club, 1/14, 5:30 - 7:00
- Art Club Session #2 - 4:00 -

5:15

Reminder: No School Monday, January 20 & Tuesday, January 21

Also, January 15th, 16th and 17th are regular, full days of school. (GRPS has half days on those days)

Time to Register for the 2020-2021 School Year

Current GRCDC students must submit a registration form annually in order to guarantee a spot on the class roster for the next school year. So far we have received forms back from **65%** of current students. For the **35%** who have not returned the form yet, we have mailed home a new copy of the form. You should receive this by next Tuesday or Wednesday. These are due on or before January 31, 2020. If we do not receive a registration form, your child will not have a spot on the class roster next school year.

If you have a child who will be a **new student** at GRCDC next year, you must fill out the enrollment form **on our website** and submit the required documents by January 31, 2020.

Invite Your Friends and Neighbors! New Family Open House on Saturday, January 25th

The best advertisement for the GRCDC is YOU! Please tell your friends and neighbors about our next Open House. If you are on Facebook, you can also share our event: **New Family Open House**

Studio Update

Hello Families,

Before we went on Winter break 4th grade artists began a unit in 3-Dimensional design. As a group we discussed the work of Alexander Calder and targeted 3 design problems to try to resolve using materials. Students used card stock and scissors to manipulate and create an individual sculpture that responds to the following 3 design problems:

"How can I make a sculpture stand up?"

"How can I make a sculpture last over time?"

"How can I make a sculpture balance?"

Many of the students' paper sculptures held up over the 2 week break, and we were able to see which pieces were the longest lasting. These pieces were examined as successful examples, and were used to answer the 3-D Design problems. The learning experiences around balance and material use will support future project work! Until next time, Ms. Kay



Lunch Volunteer Update

[Lunch Volunteer Schedule for 1/6-1/10](#)

Mo. 1/13 - **Help Wanted!**

Tu. 1/14 - **Help Wanted!**

We. 1/15- Rennae Jacobitz

Th. 1/16- Jeff Newcomer

Fr. 1/17 - Elly Dews

Thank you volunteers!

Are you available to serve lunch from 11:40 - 12:50? It can be once a week (or more) or just once in a while. If yes **please click here** to let us know you are available.

Central Office Updates

- **Flu Season:** It's not too late for you and your family to get the flu shot. We have had one confirmed case of the flu reported this week. Please take precautions like getting the flu shot, covering any cough or sneeze, and going over handwashing routines.
- **Mobile Dentists:** The Mobile Dentist program sends dentists to schools to perform dental services during the school day. They accept all types of insurance or you may pay directly for the services. If you need help paying for the service, that is also an option. If you would like your child to see the dentist on March 6th, please fill out the form that was sent home before Winter Break and return it to the office by 1/13. We have extra forms available at the office or you may go online to sign up: **MySchoolDentist**
- ***NEW* Two Hour Delay Procedure:** When the weather requires the district administration to delay the start of school by two hours because of fog, snow, ice, or other conditions, it is important that parents, students, and staff understand what a "2-hour delay" means. **Please review this document regarding the procedures for a "2-hour delay"**.
- **School Closing Notifications:** In the event of a school closing or delay due to inclement weather or other extreme conditions, please make sure you are signed up for at least one of these notification methods:
 - **Join the school's texting platform, Remind.**
 - **Join the school's email list.**
 - **Join the Narwhal's Facebook Group.**
 - **Sign up for WOODTV8 text alerts.**
 - **Sign up for WZZM 13 text alerts.**
- **Attendance Goal: 10 or less absences for all students for the entire school year.** We ask that families please strive to avoid absences, other than illness, during the school year.
- **School Milk:** Milk is given at no extra charge for students who take the school meal that day. For students who want a milk with their lunch from

home, the cost of milk is \$0.50. The students can bring \$0.50 with them each day or you can pay a larger amount to be put on their account.

- **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

We hope everyone had a great winter break! Our next Family Team meeting is on January 16th after drop-off. We'll be discussing having a Mitten Drive to keep those little hands warm. Also, we'll be doing more planning for the School Dance as well as the Roller Skating Party. Coffee and snacks will be provided, as usual. Hope to see you there!

Social Emotional Learning

As the following week progresses, ask your child about the term "neuroplasticity." This is truly a memorable lesson, that offers so much potential to each of us. Our minds are flexible, and they grow, and most importantly, they can change! We can learn new things, get rid of old habits, and create new ones. It's all about synapses, pathways, and good old fashioned intentions.

Extracurricular Club Update

Art Club Session #2 begins January 15th. The instructor, Kate Henriott-Jauw has reached out to all participants via email. Please check that communication for important instructions regarding Art Club.

Community Resources & Opportunities



PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

There are currently two openings in the Immaginare preschool class. This preschool class is offered on-site at GRCDC. The program runs Monday-Thursday from 8:00am-3:00pm. It is tuition based on a sliding scale. Aftercare is offered from 3:00pm-4:30pm for parents who are unable to pick up right at 3:00. For more information or to enroll, please contact **Briah Hight**.



Kids Yoga

Another session of kid's yoga will be offered during the month of February.

The theme for the month is Acts of Kindness. Classes will be held Wednesday afternoons from 3:45 - 4:30 on the following dates: 2/5, 2/12, 2/19 and 2/26 in the Studio at GRCDC. The cost is \$20 for the 4 sessions, \$25 if a mat rental is needed. Scholarships are available if needed.

If your child is interested in participating, please register for the session via the following link: **Acts of Kindness**

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your interest and I look forward to working with your child during this yoga session.

Ms. Herrboldt
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307-399-7155.

Need Some Narwhal Gear?



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

During the school year, the gear will be delivered to school at no extra charge.

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:

- Approach drop off and pick up by using right turns, on Lafayette heading south (away from Wealthy), turn right onto Logan, and then turn right onto Cass.
- Try to always pull up as far as you can, which enables all of the cars in line behind you to pull up as well.
- 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.

Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center
616.450.0330
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