



The Link Letter

School newsletter for the GRCDC community

1.17.2020

Keep Up With Us



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

Upcoming Events

- 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
- 1/24** - Report Cards sent home in folders today
- 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](#)
- [School Calendar](#)
- [Staff Email Contact List](#)
- [General Information](#)
- [Family & Student Guidebook](#)
- [Extracurricular Program Registration Link](#)

Extracurricular Schedule

- Lego League - no club this week
- Minecraft Club - no club this week
- Art Club Session #2: 1/22 - 4:00 - 5:15

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

Hello, Families!

As we head into a long weekend, please remember to join with our children in honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. throughout your time together. Whether it be through a service act, reading a book, sharing a movie, or having some conversations, your children will want to hear your thoughts about how to honor his legacy. At GRCDC, we work to disrupt that status quo and create a more equitable community each day. You can read specifics about that from my blog at grcdc.org (click "news", click "blog", scroll to MLK Jr.'s Legacy and the Work of our School)

How to Celebrate MLK this weekend (click on link for details):

- **Celebration Cinemas are showing the film Just Mercy for \$5.00 on Monday.** Can't make it to the movie? Watch Bryan Stevenson's TED TALK "**We Need to Talk about an Injustice**" [here](#)
- **Fountain Street Church is holding their 34th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration for 6-8pm on Monday.** The keynote speaker is Dr. Yusef Salaam, a member of the Exonerated 5.
- **Dr. Martin Luther King Day Community Worship**, featuring speaker Tynae Richardson
- **How Can You Change the World? MLK Day at the Holland Museum**

We look forward to hearing about all the ways our creative and innovative families have celebrated this day!

Respectfully yours,

Lisa Heyne

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. 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**

Lunch Volunteer Update

Lunch Volunteer Schedule for 1/20-1/24

Mo. 1/20 - No School

Tu. 1/21 - No School

We. 1/22- Rennae Jacobitz, Jeff Newcomer

Th. 1/23- Jeff Newcomer

Fr. 1/24 - **Help Wanted!**

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

- **School Meals Menu:** For the month of January, please refer to the menu on our website. It's linked at the beginning of this communication every week **and here too**. The Nutrislice App is not correct for January. We will let you know if/when the app is updated.
- **Flu Season:** It's not too late for you and your family to get the flu shot. Please take precautions like getting the flu shot, covering any cough or sneeze, and going over handwashing routines.
- **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.
 - **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.
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Family Team Update

Narwhal Families! Thank you so much for your support and participation this year. So far, we've received enough funding from the wreaths, the school fair, and Harmony Brewing fundraiser to pay for a catered teacher lunch, winter gear to keep little hands warm, and transportation costs for several field trips!!!

Upcoming Events: Skating Party & School Dance - Details to follow

Social Emotional Learning

Due to the short week, we will use this week to review the great lessons we've had. The past two weeks have been full of fun, exciting, and sometimes mind-blowing facts, ideas, and possibilities. Consider asking your child to describe their "Gratitude Room," or ask them what "Neuroplasticity" means, as well as what does it mean for her/him and their own brain development.

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
grcdc.org