



The Link Letter

School newsletter for the GRCDC community

2.21.2020

Keep Up With Us



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

Upcoming Events

- 2/29** - Crafternoon for Family Dance, 10:00 - 2:00
- 3/5** - Community Meeting feat. Ms. Hegarty's class, 8:50 - 9:10 AM
- 3/6** - Mobile Dentist visits GRCDC
- 3/9** - Board Meeting, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- 3/12** - Family Team Meeting, 8:45 AM
- 3/14** - Family Dance, 2:00 - 5:00 PM
- 3/27** - No School for Students, Portfolio Prep & Records Day
- 4/2** - Portfolio Day - Alternative Schedule - Details coming soon
- 4/3 - 4/10** - Spring Break, No School for students and staff

Important Links

- [February Menu](#)
- [School Calendar](#)
- [Staff Email Contact List](#)
- [General Information](#)
- [Family & Student Guidebook](#)
- [Extracurricular Program Registration Link](#)

Extracurricular Schedule

- Girls on the Run, 3:45 - 5:15
- Tu/Th team 2/25 & 2/27
- We/Fr team 2/26 & 2/28
- Minecraft: 2/25, 5:30 - 7:00
- Art Club: 2/26, 4:00 - 5:15

Yoga Club: 2/26, 3:45 - 4:30

Connect With Us!

Do you have feedback to share, an idea to float, a question, comment or concern? If you aren't sure who to connect with, **please fill out the survey here!** The Leadership Team monitors this survey regularly. Thank you!

Lunch Volunteer Update

Lunch Volunteer Schedule for 2/24-2/28

Mo. 2/24 - Jake Brenner

Tu. 2/25 - Jeff Newcomer

We. 2/26- Rennae Jacobitz

Th. 2/27- Jeff Newcomer, Patty DeCenzo

Fr. 2/28 - **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.

Mobile Dentist - it's not too late!

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, you can sign up online or pick up a form at the office. Sign up here: **MySchoolDentist**

Central Office Updates

- **2020-2021 Calendar *UPDATE***: The calendar for next year has not been finalized yet, however, we have set the date for the first day of school. The first day will be **Monday, August 17th**. The Orientation will be on **August 13th from 2:00 - 6:00 PM**. Orientation is required for all students, returning and new.

- **School Closing/Delay 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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Volunteer Opportunity

On Friday, March 6th, the Mobile Dentist will visit GR CDC. We could use a volunteer who can pick up students from the classroom, escort them downstairs and get them back to class when finished. Please contact **Mrs. Rachel** if you are able to help.

Family Team Update

Lots of stuff coming up soon!

- Sunday, Feb 23rd (Noon - 4 PM): City Built Brewing Fundraiser - Just tell your server you're with GR CDC
- Saturday, Feb 29th (10 AM - 2 PM): Crafternoon - Making decorations for the school dance - See fb event
- Volunteer signup for the dance: <https://signup.com/go/YtSRmRi>

We still are in need of business sponsors for the yearbook to keep it free. If you have a business that might want to contribute, email us at:

grcdcfamilyteam@gmail.com

Social Emotional Learning

This coming week, we will be introducing the idea of S.M.A.R.T. Goals. A S.M.A.R.T. Goal is:

- S - Specific
- M - Measurable
- A - Achievable
- R - Rewarding
- T - Timely

Ask your child what she/he is working toward after we meet for SEL this week. You can be a huge part of your child's encouragement team to reach the goal.

Extra Curricular Update

Girls on the Run starts 2/25! There is a Tuesday/Thursday team and a Wednesday/Friday team. Have a great season athletes!

Community Resources & Opportunities



Come out for a fun night in support of the Early Discovery Center! They are presenting their Masquerade & Art Auction event on February 28th from 6:30 - 9:00 PM @ the ArtPrize Hub on 41 Sheldon. For tickets and more information please **follow this link**.

WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).



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Need Some Narwhal Gear?



Get your Narwhal 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.

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