



# The Link Letter

School newsletter for the GRCDC community

5.15.2020

## Keep Up With Us

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

### Upcoming Events

**5/16** - Classroom Zoom Meeting:

- Ms. Parker Group 1, 10:00 AM
- Ms. Parker Group 2, 10:45 AM

**5/18** - New content posted for Week 2 of Distance Learning, 7:00 AM

**5/18** - Check for an email from your teacher with the Zoom meeting links for this week's online meetings.

**5/18** - Classroom Zoom Meetings:

- Ms. Swartz, 11:00 AM
- Ms. Amash, 10:00 AM
- Mrs. Jana, 12:00 PM

**5/19** - Para Office Hours today - see below for times

**5/19**- Classroom Zoom Meetings:

- Ms. Harmony, 9:00 AM
- Mrs. Ruth, 1:00 PM

### Important Links

- [School Calendar](#)
- [Staff Email Contact List](#)
- [General Information](#)
- [Family & Student Guidebook](#)

**5/20** - Classroom Zoom Meetings:

- Mrs. Memmott, 9:00 AM
- Mr. K, 9:00 AM

**5/21** - Classroom Zoom Meetings:

- Ms. Hegarty, 2:00 PM
- Mrs. Trout, 1:00 PM
- Ms. Elly, 11:30 AM
- Ms. Lindsay, 12:00 PM

**5/21** - Community Meeting on Demand featuring Ms. Ruth's class will be posted today!

**5/15** - Teacher Office Hours today - see below for times

**FYI: Please look for an email from Lisa Heyne early next week regarding information and support for our planning for the fall.**

## Connect With Us!

Now that we are not able to see each other in person, we want to make sure you have ways of communicating with us, ways to connect with the GRCDC community, give feedback about distance learning and get or give help to/from our community. Here are a few surveys that will help us be able to connect with you:

- **Social Emotional Support Direct Request** - Please fill out if your child could use a one time or more regular check in with social/emotional support from school staff. This is not from a professional counselor or therapist, but rather a member of staff checking in and supporting as requested or necessary.
- **Mutual Aid Request/Offer Survey** - Take this survey if you are seeking assistance or connection or if you want to offer assistance or connection.
- **Distance Learning feedback** - We want to know how the first week of distance learning went for your family. Too much content, not enough content, technical issues? Let us know.

- If you have feedback or concerns that are not covered by the surveys above, you can fill out the **Family Communication Survey**.

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## Connect With Your Teacher & Para

### Para Office Hours:

Every Tuesday @  
Kindergarten: 9:00 AM  
1st Grade: 9:30 AM  
2nd Grade: 10:00 AM  
3rd Grade: 10:30 AM  
4th Grade: 11:00 AM  
5th Grade: 11:30 AM

### Teacher Office Hours:

Every Friday @  
Kindergarten: 12:30 PM  
1st Grade: 12:00 PM  
2nd Grade: 11:30 AM  
3rd Grade: 11:00 AM  
4th Grade: 10:30 AM  
5th Grade: 10:00 AM

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## Distance Learning Information

- **NEW! IMPORTANT:** Please use this URL to access academic content going forward: **childdiscoverycenter.org**. We have discovered that the reason there was trouble accessing the videos is due to the way our alternate domain (grcdc.org) is set up. So, please STOP using grcdc.org and START using **childdiscoverycenter.org**.
- Every Monday at 7am, new mini lesson videos and assignments from your child's teacher will be available on our website. Click on the Parents tab > Classroom Pages > then click on your teacher's name.
- If your child didn't finish content from the prior week, that is ok! You can still access it from a link in the teacher's message at the top of the page, if needed.
- If your student is struggling with the content or having technical issues, please reach out to your child's teacher.
- If you click on a link and get a page that says "Refused to connect" please navigate to our primary domain: **childdiscoverycenter.org**. You should not have problems accessing videos from that domain.

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## Central Office Updates

- **Memorial Day - May 25th:** There will be no academic content for May 25th and class meetings that are normally held on Monday will be rescheduled.
- **5th Grade Celebration:** 5th Grade families, check your email next week for details from Ms. Heyne.
- **Access to items @ GRCDC:** We know many of your students have things at the building that you want to pick up, personal items, 5th grade

portfolios, studio work, etc. We are planning to set aside time for this, hopefully in June. This can only happen once the Stay at Home order is lifted as teachers will need time to organize these items before families come to the building. Stay tuned for details.

- **Chromebook Return:** If you are borrowing a Chromebook from the school for distance learning it will need to be turned back in after school ends on June 5th. We will most likely combine the Chromebook return with the days we have the building open for families to pick up items as mentioned in the bullet above. So again, stay tuned for further details.
- **Summer Curriculum Option:** GRPS is offering a 9 week program in reading and math for grades K-8. The program helps students retain skills learned during the past school year and helps to prevent summer learning loss. The cost is \$38 for one subject or \$68 for both math and reading, per child. If you would like to purchase this program, please register at <http://grasp.grps.org/>. This program would begin on June 8th.

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## Social Emotional Learning

Wow! We've really had some great feedback over the course of the last month regarding our SEL lessons, and the ways that you've been interacting with your children and even finding ways to participate as families. We hope that Mindful Art has proven to be a valuable lesson for you.

This coming week, we will venture into the arena of fair vs. equal. Although this is quite a struggle at times in the classroom, I imagine that each of us is also aware of how intensely this battle is fought at home. Even though we might frequently see or feel inequality and say "This isn't fair!" (out loud or silently), fair is not always equal.

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## Community Resources

### Pandemic EBT Card Information

The Michigan Department of Education has [put out this memo](#) that answers questions about the Pandemic EBT cards. The memo also provides a number to call in case you have questions.

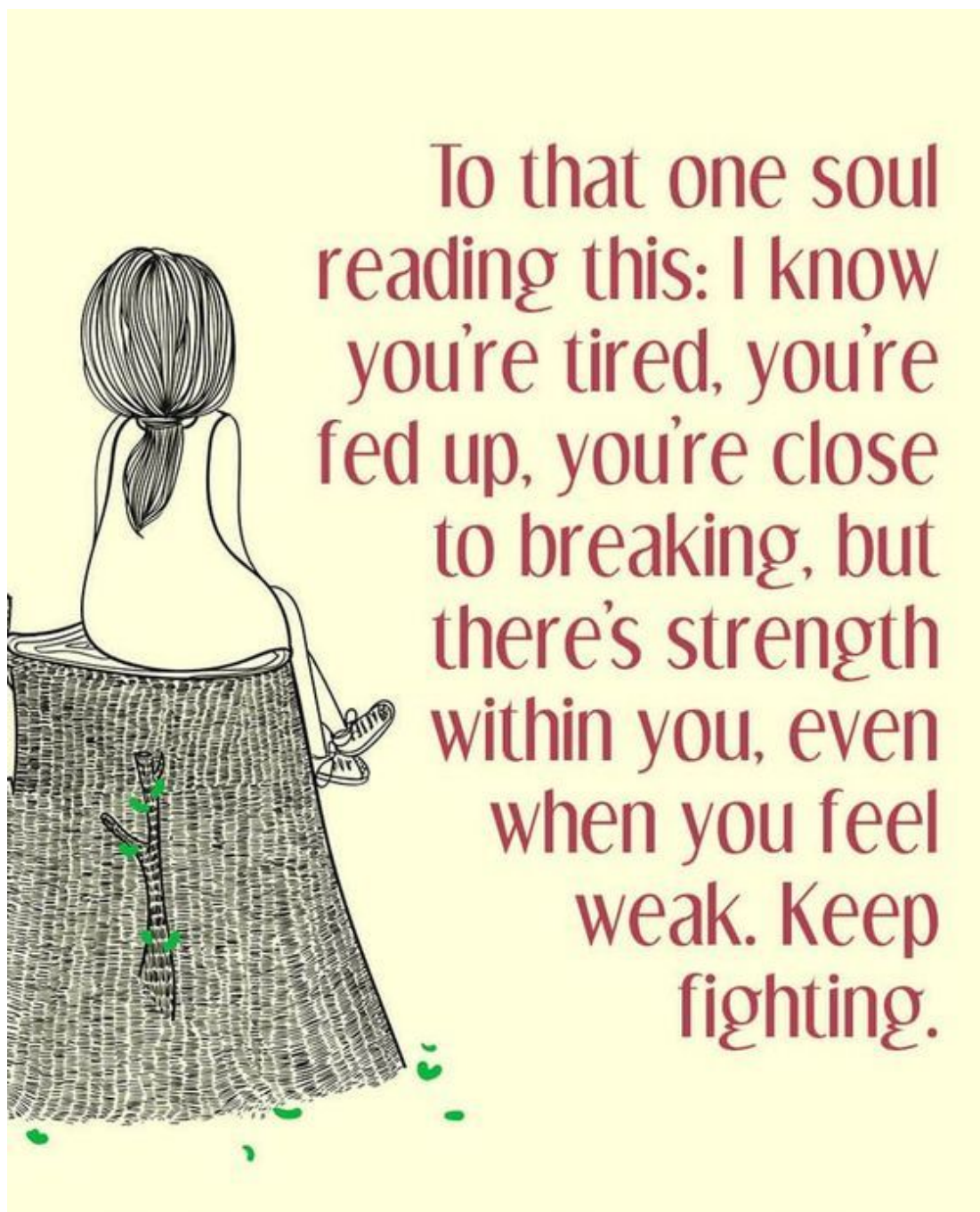
### Resource List

[WMCAT has created a robust list of resources](#) available in West Michigan and beyond. Categories on this list include:

- Food/Meal Info
- Shelter/Housing Resources
- Utilities + Internet Resources
- Volunteer Opportunities

- Recursos en Español
- Links to fun and free activities

## Stronger Than COVID: Ideas for Families



## 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

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**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.

*Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center*  
616.459.0330  
grcdc.org