



The Link Letter

School newsletter for the GRCDC community

5.22.2020

Keep Up With Us



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

Upcoming Events

5/23 - Classroom Zoom Meeting:

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

5/25 - No School, Monday Class Meetings will be rescheduled

5/25 - New content posted for Week 5 of Distance Learning, 7:00 AM (no work posted for Monday 5/25)

5/25 - Check for an email from your teacher with the Zoom meeting links for this week's online meetings.

5/26 - Para Office Hours today - see below for times

5/26- Classroom Zoom Meetings:

- Ms. Harmony, 9:00 AM
- Ms. Swartz, 12:00 PM
- Ms. Amash, 12:30 PM
- Mrs. Ruth, 1:00 PM

Important Links

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

5/27 - Classroom Zoom Meetings:

- Mrs. Memmott, 9:00 AM
- Mr. K, 9:00 AM
- Ms. Jana, 12:00 PM

5/28 - Classroom Zoom Meetings:

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

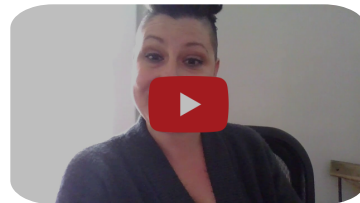
5/29 - Teacher Office Hours today - see below for times

6/4 - Community Meeting on Demand:
Celebrating our 5th Grade Graduates!

6/5 - Last Day of School

**All families must
complete this survey to
let us know your plans
for the fall.**

Want to know what this is all about?
please watch the video.



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**.

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

Check out the latest Community Meeting featuring Ms. Ruth's class! We have some pretty amazing contributions from Ms. Heyne, Mr. Trevor and Ms. Kay as well. You won't want to miss this one!



Distance Learning Information

- **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.

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.
- **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.

Social Emotional Learning

Thank you for the great SEL work that you are doing. Mr. Fiore, Ms. Megan, and Mr. Trevor sure do like hearing back from you as you go through each week's lessons. We love getting the photos of your work and journaling, as well as your emails and comments on the videos.

Have you been thinking a bit more about what is FAIR and what is EQUAL? We sure have.

This week we will explore something called the "Cognitive Triad." We will think about how emotions, thoughts, and behaviors all influence and affect each other. And given how much we want to be able to CONTROL things that seem out of our control, this lesson will provide some insight into how we can gain more control in our lives.

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

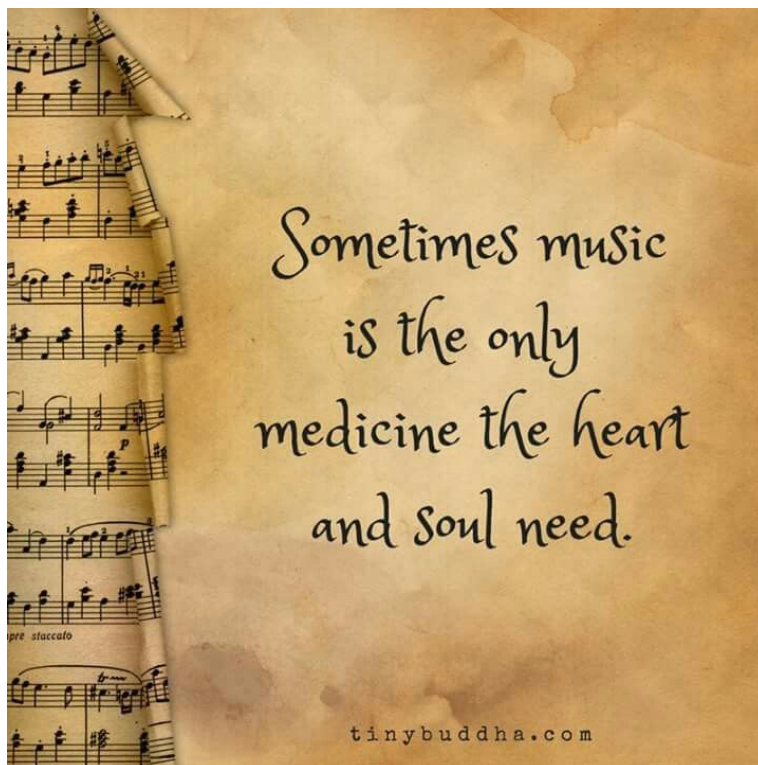
WMCAT has created a robust list of resources available in West Michigan and beyond. Categories on this list include:

- 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

The Grand Rapids Symphony has put together some online learning experiences. Check it out!

<https://www.grsymphony.org/online-learning>



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.

Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center
616.459.0330
grcdc.org