



Growing Minds Et Building Futures Together

PBIS Expectations

- R- Respect
- O- Ownership
- A- Act Safe
- R- Responsible



"Through SEL and PBIS, we teach not only academic skills but also essential life skills, preparing students for success in school and beyond."

From Mrs. Rivera's Desk

Dear Parents,

I hope you're doing well! This is a quick reminder that our Mid-Winter Break will take place from February 24 to 25. There will be no school during this time, and we hope students enjoy a restful break before returning to school.

Key Dates:

- **Mid-Winter Break:** Monday, February 24 and Tuesday, February 25
- **MATH Night:** Thursday, February 27
- **WIDA Testing:** February 3 to March 21

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. I wish you and your family a wonderful February!

Best,

Mrs. Rivera
Principal

What's happening in our building?

2025

February

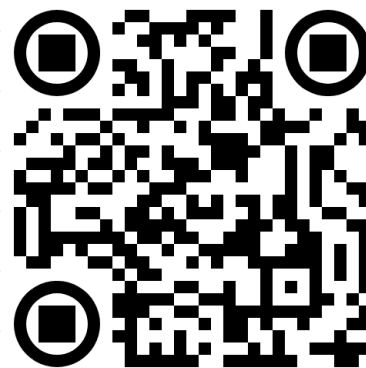
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Updates

Summer School- Ignite Summer Learning at GRPS

Registration open Jan. 27 - midnight on Mar. 14:

- Looking for something fun for your scholars this summer? Join us for Ignite: Summer Learning at GRPS! Programming takes place Mondays - Thursdays from June 16 - July 24. Registration is open now through March 14th for eligible scholars in Kindergarten to 8th grade. Our Dickinson scholars will be hosted at Gerard R. Ford Academic Center for summer programming this year. Visit grps.org/summer for more information! Scan the QR Code to register your scholar.



WIDA Testing

WIDA (World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment) testing measures the English language proficiency of students whose first language is not English. It assesses four areas: **listening, speaking, reading, and writing**. The results help educators tailor instruction to support English

Language Learners (ELLs) and determine when students can transition out of ELL programs. The testing window runs from Monday, February 3rd to March 21st.

What is ACCESS for ELLs?

ACCESS for ELLs is an English language proficiency test that measures students' academic English language skills.

Your child was identified as an ELL, which means your child can have instruction in English, in addition to taking other classes. ELLs take an English language proficiency test every year.

Testing helps teachers understand whether students have the language skills they need to fully participate in the classroom. Your child's teachers use ACCESS for ELLs test scores as they decide how best to teach your child.

Test scores also help teachers track your child's progress in learning academic English and help schools decide what English language support services to provide. You can use test information to advocate for your child at school.



ELL

An English language learner, or ELL, is a student who has the opportunity to receive instruction in English, in addition to taking other classes. ELLs are tested every year to help teachers understand their language skills, but you have the right to accept or decline language support.

Language Proficiency

A language proficiency level is a measurement of where students are in the ongoing process of building language skills. When students reach the highest levels of language proficiency, they no longer need language support services.



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Count Day

Winter Count Day is February 12th. **Attendance on this day is important** because it determines the amount of state funding schools receive based on the number of students enrolled and their presence.

COUNT  **DAY**
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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MID-Winter Break

MID-Winter Break is from Monday, February 24, to Tuesday, March 25. There will be NO SCHOOL on those days.



MATH Night

We are having our MATH Night on Thursday, February 27th, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.



Girls of Colors Summit

Grand Valley State University's Gayle R. Davis Center for Women & Gender Equity hosts the Girls of Color Summit (GOCS) annually in conjunction with Women's History Month. GOCS brings together over 250 students in grades 6–12 from schools across Michigan for a full day of interactive workshops.

The Summit provides a space for youth to build connections, develop leadership skills, and engage in social justice initiatives. Guided by local BIPOC leaders, this transformational event centers the experiences of girls, women, and gender expansive individuals of color. Together, we work to inspire and empower the next generation of leaders.

The theme this year is, "To Go Through It, You've Got to Grow Through It."

Date: Friday, February 28th

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:15 PM

GIRLS OF COLOR SUMMIT

GAYLE R. DAVIS CENTER FOR
WOMEN & GENDER EQUITY



Reminders

Arrival

- Starts at 8:00 a.m.
- Make sure scholars are not dropped off before 8:00 a.m. as there is no supervision until 8:00 a.m.

- General Ed scholars enter via door E.
- Special Ed scholars enter via door C.
- Pre-school scholars enter via door B.

Dismissal

- Starts at 3:28 p.m.
- Parents picking up students must stay in their vehicles until their child/children are directed to exit through door E.
- Please wait outside door A until scholars exit for walkers.
- Please ensure that students are picked up on time for dismissal. The main office should not hold scholars after dismissal time (3:28 p.m.)

Parent Concerns

- Please inform the main office of any concerns about your child/children.
- Please do not confront another child/children who are not yours, as it sends the wrong message to the students.
- The safety of all children is our responsibility.

Breakfast and Lunch Menu

February 2025

GRPS K-5 and K-8 Schools
Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strudel Stick • Applesauce • Fruit Juice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrambled Eggs • Apple Cinnamon Muffin • Craisins-Cherry • Fruit Juice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stuffed Waffle • Banana • Fruit Juice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cinnamon Pancakes • Pears, canned • Fruit Juice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UBR, Ultimate Breakfast Round • Mandarin Oranges • Fruit Juice
10	11	12	13	14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Froot Loops Waffle • Raisins • Fruit Juice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cereal, Variety • Scooby Doo Graham Sticks • Pears, canned • Fruit Juice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Egg Bites • Cereal Bar-Cinnamon Toast Crunch • Banana • Fruit Juice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Sausage & Gravy Bites • Mixed Berry Cup, Frozen • Fruit Juice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caramel Mini • Cherries • Fruit Juice
17	18	19	20	21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cereal, Variety • Nutri-Grain Bar • Peaches, Canned • Fruit Juice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yogurt • Cinnamon Granola • Mixed Fruit • Fruit Juice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Bagel • Orange • Fruit Juice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cinnamon Toast Pastry • Strawberry Cup • Fruit Juice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belgian Waffle • Cherries • Fruit Juice
24	25	26	27	28
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Important Phone Numbers

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Mr. James (Dean of Students) 616-819-7759

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Mr. Ryan (Nurse): 616-819-6424

Mr. Kraal (Health Aide): 616-819-1699

Ms. Birdsall (MDHHS): 616-819-3834

Ms. Collins (KSSN): 616-819-2585

Security: 616-819-2100

District Offices: 616-819-2000



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