

F.A.C.E. TO FACE

OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



CAREGIVERS PLEASE PLAN AHEAD:

- No School Monday, October 21
- Half Day Thursday, October 31
- No School Tuesday, November 5
- No School November 27, 28,
& 29 (Thanksgiving Break)

View the GRPS District Calendar at
grps.org/calendar.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION - FAMILY KITCHEN

Family Kitchen makes healthy eating fun, easy, and delicious for the whole family. Learn step by step how to improve the diet and health of your family for a lifetime! This 5-class program, offered every other week, is free! Families with at least one child aged 7 to 17 and one adult can enroll.

To learn more or enroll:

Call (616) 486-1417

Email FamilyKitchen@CorewellHealth.org

DID YOU KNOW?

“Family engagement is not a program, it’s a practice.”

- Michele Brooks

Parent Activist & Educational Advocate

CAREGIVER SUPPORT ON PARENT UNIVERSITY

Caregivers don’t forget to create your account! We have new articles loaded for additional parenting support.

Power Parent — Parent University (parents.grps.org)

This month in Power Parent Magazine the focus is on:

- Celebrating Hispanic Heritage
- Supporting your School the DEI Way (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)
- Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives for High School Students
- Talking to Your Child About Racism
- Turkey Trot 2024

SPOTLIGHT EVENTS:

GRSEPN (GRAND RAPIDS SOUTHEAST PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERIES - NAVIGATING THE PROMISE

When: October 1st (6:00pm-8:00pm) | October 12th (11am-1:00pm)

Location: Ottawa Hills High School Gym (2055 Rosewood Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506)



32ND ANNUAL GRAND RAPIDS TURKEY TROT!

The countdown is on to the Grand Rapids Public School 32nd Turkey Trot on the morning of Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 28th) in downtown Grand Rapids. The Mini Trot starts

at 8:10am followed by the 8:30am 5K. All proceeds contribute to the mission of promoting healthy lifestyles and ensuring access to athletics for all GRPS scholars.

Register now at grps.org/turkey-trot!

COUNT DAY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Count Day - Wednesday, October 2, 2024

It's important for scholars to be in school every day of the year, however scholar attendance is especially critical on the first Wednesday of every October each year.

One of two designated days per year when all public schools in Michigan are required by the state to tally the number of students attending their schools. The information is critical to districts, because each scholar present translates into the amount of state funding granted.

That means that when local schools tally up their attendance numbers on Wednesday, October 2nd the majority of their state funding allocation will be determined by how many students show up.

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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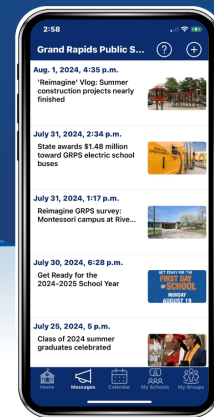
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LEARN MORE AT

GRPS.ORG/MOBILE



REGISTER TODAY >>

GRPS PUBLIC SAFETY & SCHOOL SECURITY TRAINING FOR PARENTS, SCHOLARS, PTA & COMMUNITY MEMBERS

GRPS Safety & Security training sessions for Caregivers:

We invite everyone in the GRPS community to sign up for a GRPS Safety & Security training session.

Topics covered during the sessions will include components of a safe school, social-emotional learning, safe gun storage, and school violence prevention.

Register now at grps.org/safety!

The sessions are from 6pm-7pm at GRPS University, 1400 Fuller Ave. NE, on the following dates:

- October 8, 2024
- November 12, 2024
- December 10, 2024
- January 14, 2025
- February 11, 2025
- March 11, 2025

FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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