



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."



THEME FOR THE YEAR: WE ARE STRONG AND BETTER TOGETHER!

Welcome Back to School!

We're excited to kick off a new year of learning and growth. Thank you for your continued support and involvement. Together, let's make this year the best one yet!

Did you know...? Why Daily Attendance Matters:

1. **Missed Lessons = Falling Behind:** Even one day can mean missing critical instructions and activities, making it harder for your child to catch up.
2. **Impact on Future Success:** Consistent attendance is a strong predictor of academic achievement and future opportunities.
3. **Building Resilience:** Regular attendance teaches your child the value of perseverance and responsibility—essential skills for success in life.
4. **Stronger Friendships:** Daily presence helps your child develop and sustain friendships, which are crucial for emotional and social development.

5. **Healthy Routine:** Attending school every day establishes a stable routine, promoting better mental and physical health.

If your child will be absent or late make sure to call the main office (616-819-2505) by 8:45 a.m. to excuse him/her.

Thanks,
Mrs. Rivera
Principal

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

*Parents are the ultimate
role models for children.
Every word, movement
and action has an effect.
No other person or outside
force has a greater
influence on a child than
the parent.*

- Bob Keeshan

MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS



Ms. Dewit
Kindergarten Teacher



Ms. Spangler
1st/2nd Grade Teacher



Ms. Noah
2nd Grade Teacher



Ms. Chamberlain
3rd Grade Teacher



Ms. Boyles
3rd/4th Grade Teacher



Ms. Wozbut
4th Grade Teacher

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR BUILDING!

August 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
			1	2	
5	6	7	8	9	
12	15 Teacher's PL	14 Teacher's PL	15 Teacher's PL Open House	16	
19 First Day of School	20	21	22	25 No School	
26	27	28	29	30 No School	
GSRP Professional Learning & Home Visits					

BREAKFAST MENU FOR AUGUST

August 2024

GRPS K-5 and K-8 Schools

Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
29	30	31	1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cereal, Variety • Nutri-Grain Bar • Dried Fruit, MixZees • 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 • Pineapple, canned • Fruit Juice 	No School
26	27	28	29	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cereal, Variety • Soft Baked Bar • Dried Pineapple • Fruit Juice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheese Omelet • Blueberry Muffin • Orange • Fruit Juice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bagel Stick, Strawberry Cream • Sour Raisins • Fruit Juice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini Confetti Pancakes • Peaches, Canned • Fruit Juice 	No School

Milk Choices: Milk, Fat Free Chocolate Milk, 1% White

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What's In a Breakfast? A full student breakfast includes a choice of 4 items from the following food groups: grains, fruits and milk. Students must choose at least 3 items and one item **MUST** be a fruit.

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LUNCH MENU FOR AUGUST

August 2024

GRPS K-5 and K-8 Schools

Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
29	30	31	1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Tenders • Potato Wedges, Spicy • Celery • Mandarin Oranges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamburger Beef Patty • Hamburger Bun, Whole Grain • American Cheese Slice • Baked Beans • Tomato Slices • Pickle Chips, Dill • Applesauce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza, Cheese stuffed crust • Cooked Broccoli • Baby Carrots • Banana 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pasta Bake • Mozzarella Cheese • Tossed Salad Romaine Lettuce Grape Tomatoes • Peach Cup • Garlic Breadstick 	No School
26	27	28	29	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turkey Hot Dog • Hot Dog Bun • Potato Smiles • Sidekick - Cherry Freeze • Pineapple, canned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheese Quesadilla • Baja/Taco Fiesta Black Beans • Salsa, Red Gold • Pears, fresh • Tostitos RF Tortilla Chips 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Patty • Hamburger Bun, Whole Grain • Cooked Broccoli • Mini Sweet Peppers • Banana 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orange Chicken • Vegetable Fried Rice • Asian Blend Vegetables • Grape Tomatoes • Sliced Apples 	No School

Milk Choices: Milk, Fat Free Chocolate Milk, 1% White

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What Makes A Lunch? A full student lunch includes a choice of 5 items: protein and grains (often included in the entree), vegetables, fruits and milk. Students must choose at least 3 of the 5 items and one item **MUST** be a fruit or vegetable.

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IMPORTANT EVENTS



Event Information

School Open House

This will be an excellent opportunity to meet your child's teacher, learn more about the curriculum, and ask any questions you may have.

When?

Thursday, Aug 15, 2024, 04:00 PM

Where?

Dickinson Elementary School, Dickinson Street Southeast, Grand Rapids, MI, USA

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hello, my name is Ryan Fischer and I am the Registered Nurse at Dickinson Academy. I have been a nurse since 2017 and look forward to a productive school year!

With the first day of school rapidly approaching, I wanted to send out a reminder that all medications kept at the school, prescription or non-prescription, will need a medication consent filled out and signed by both a guardian and physician. Attached you will find the Medication Consent form. This needs to be completed before administration of medications at school.

If your child has allergies, asthma, seizures, or diabetes, an Emergency Action Plan is also required. You can receive these forms from your child's physician, but I have also attached generic forms to this email. If your child has other chronic conditions that could require care at school or that I should be aware of please email or call.

On "open house date", I will be in my office. Please feel free to stop in and say hello, ask questions, discuss medical conditions, or drop off medications that will be kept at school this year.

REMINDERS

Arrival

- Starts at 8:00 a.m.
- Make sure scholars are not dropped 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 if you have 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.

Dress Code

- Please ensure scholars are wearing appropriate school attire.
 - Close toe shoes
 - No jeans with holes
 - No hoodies
 - Pants not to short

GRPS SCHOLAR RESOURCE & RESPONSIBILITY GUIDE



GRPS Scholar Resource & Responsibility Guide

2024-2025



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Mrs. Mateo (Main Office): 616-819-2505

Mrs. Rivera (Principal): 616-819-1649

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

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

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

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

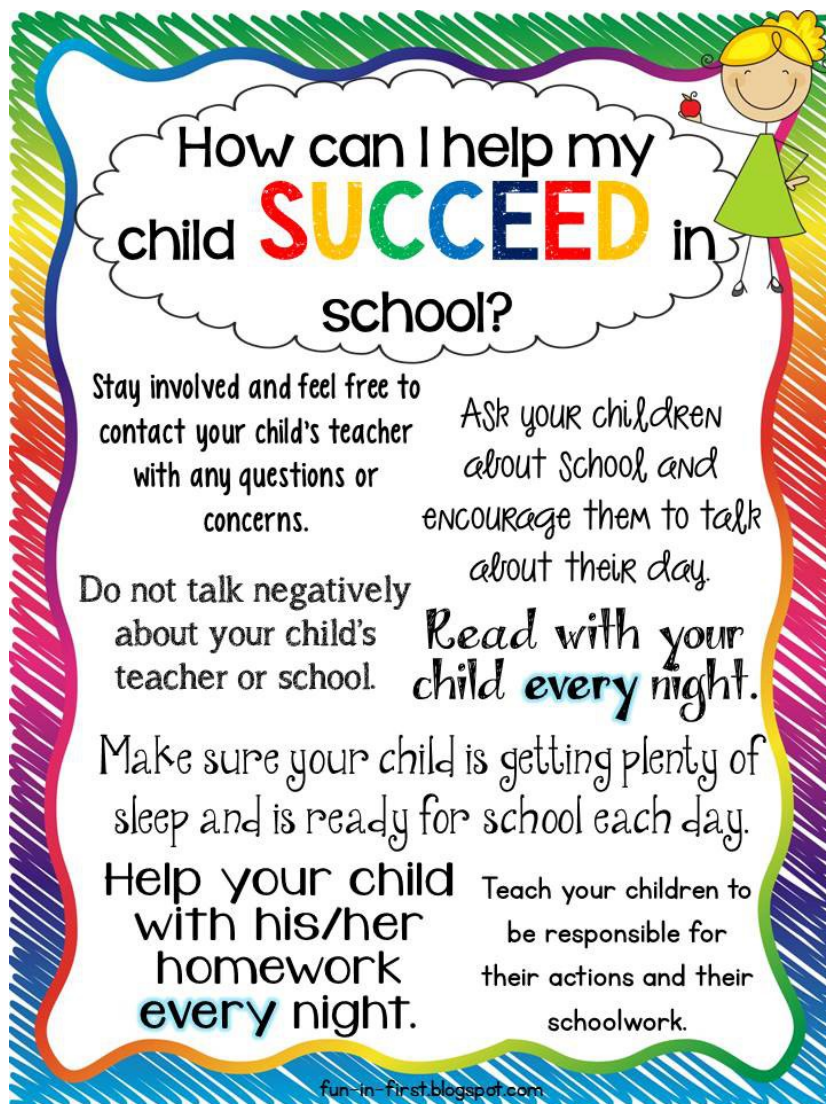
Security: 616-819-2100

Fax: 616-819-2502

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

How to help your child succeed from Day 1

Let's kick off the school year together!



How can I help my child **SUCCEED** in school?

Stay involved and feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Do not talk negatively about your child's teacher or school.

Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and is ready for school each day.

Help your child with his/her homework every night.

Ask your children about school and encourage them to talk about their day.

Read with your child every night.

Teach your children to be responsible for their actions and their schoolwork.

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