

F.A.C.E. TO FACE

DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

CAREGIVERS PLEASE PLAN AHEAD:

Half Day - December 18, 19, 20

Winter Break - Monday, December 23 through January 3 (classes resume January 6, 2025)

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

COMMUNITY CONNECTION - WIMEE'S WORLD



WIMEE.TV

Wimee the robot is here to help engage kids in their creativity. Join Wimee's

Chat and Play Livestream every Saturday at 9a.m.

Live Stream: wimee.tv/show

Learn more: wimee.tv/our-story

A JAPANESE PROVERB:

"One kind word can warm three winter months." We accelerate relationships and trust when we carve out a few moments to celebrate our scholars and forge stronger connections with their families.

SAVE THE DATE

GRPS Expo & Information Fair
Thursday, January 29, 2025

Theme School Application Opens
January 6, 2025



PARENT UNIVERSITY:

Check us out: [*Power Parent — Parent University \(parents.grps.org\)*](http://Power Parent — Parent University (parents.grps.org))

This month in Power Parent Magazine the focus is on:

- Winter Holidays
- 8 Winter Wonderland Family Activities
- Traveling with Children
- And More...
- Talk About It - Family Traditions



SPOTLIGHT EVENT:



GRSEPN

GRAND RAPIDS SOUTHEAST PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD

Community Engagement Series:

Join us for a fun-filled event with free food, Live DJ, exciting prizes, and giveaways (while supplies last). Activities for all ages. Let's come together to enjoy a great time with family and friends.

Tuesday, December 3rd 4:00p-7:00p

Campus Elementary School

710 Benjamin Ave SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Parent University Course - Count Me In Math support for caregivers

December 17 at GRPSU

Scan the QR code to register or visit grps.org/countmein.





Say Hello to one of our Awesome PALs!

Karen Walton is an exemplary Parent Action Leader at Alger Middle School, whose dedication and hard work extend far beyond the classroom. With a keen focus on meeting the needs of both her school and the wider community, Karen has demonstrated exceptional problem-solving skills and clear communication. Her initiative to ensure that student athletes receive an additional meal on game days showcases her commitment to their well-being and success. We are incredibly grateful for her unwavering dedication to Grand Rapids Public Schools (GRPS) and consider her a true model of what it means to be a Parent Action Leader. Thank you, Karen, for all that you do!

FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES:

[Worksheet & Activities for Winter Break](#)

Activities to Try:

- [Winter Village](#)
- [Holiday Hand Wreath](#)
- [Paper Bag Star](#)



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:**

- December 10, 2024
- January 14, 2025
- February 11, 2025
- March 11, 2025

FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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