

F.A.C.E. TO FACE

FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

CAREGIVERS PLEASE PLAN AHEAD:

Winter Scholar Count Day Feb 12 -

Please make sure your scholar is in school on Count Day!

February 24-25: Mid-Winter Break

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

COMMUNITY CONNECTION - HEALTHY HOMES COALITION OF WEST MICHIGAN

1545 Buchanan Ave SW #2 Grand Rapids,
MI 49507 (616) 241-3300 *located in
SECOM Resource Center

hhcwm.org

3RD WARD WATER SUPPORT FROM HEALTHY HOMES COALITION OF WEST MICHIGAN

"Healthy Homes Coalition partners with families that have been impacted by lead poisoning, asthma triggers, and accidental injury hazards by providing education, case management, and referral services. Our office is open by appointment only, Monday - Thursday, 8am to 6pm. Please call or email us to set up an appointment."

[Ways to connect with City of GR Water System](#)

QUOTE:

"Parents can make a big difference in their child's education by being involved, asking questions, and supporting learning at home."

-National Education Association

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:

- [Supporting the Development of Kindness & Empathy in Youth](#)
- [Kindness: How a Simple Act Can Make a Big Difference](#)
- [7 Easy and Inspiring Activities to Celebrate Black History Month](#)
- [Teaching Your Children About Black History Month](#)
- [What is President's Day?- Teaching Your Child About the National Holiday](#)
- [Celebrating Safer Internet Day](#)
- [The Mid-Year Check-In \(Tips for helping students stay on track academically\)](#)

SPOTLIGHT EVENTS:



Parent University Course - Count Me In Math (Multiplication & Division)

FREE support for caregivers - Thursday, February 27, 2025 at GRPSU

[Scan the QR code to register or visit \[grps.org/countmein\]\(http://grps.org/countmein\).](#)



Taste Buddies for Friday, February 28, 2025

[Scan the QR code to register or visit \[grps.org/tastebuddies\]\(http://grps.org/tastebuddies\).](#)

COUNT DAY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Guarantee your school receives funding for high-quality programming!

Make sure that your scholar is in class on Wednesday, February 12.



Say Hello to one of our Awesome PALs at Burton Middle - Pilar Fonseca!

Pilar Fonseca-Magana is a dedicated Parent Action Leader (PAL) at Burton Middle School and the Satellite Production & Utility Manager at Burton. Known for her kind heart and effective communication, Pilar ensures every voice in the community is heard and valued. Her passion for the Burton community is evident in her tireless efforts to create a supportive and efficient environment. She has helped organize numerous events, including the Hispanic Heritage Celebration, Parent Workshops, Teacher-Parent Conferences, field trips for various grades, weekly Popcorn Sales, a Turkey Giveaway for Thanksgiving, and Winter Concerts. Pilar's work makes a significant positive impact on both the school and its families, by strengthening the bonds within the community.

Theme School Application is OPEN!

Learn more about our Theme Schools and the application process at grps.org/apply.

FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES:

[!\[\]\(a870788d6ed9b8fd294b7654a8c8526b_img.jpg\) Grand Rapids Event Calendar](#)

[!\[\]\(de95854c7ee024cfadc48187bbb781b2_img.jpg\) Experience GR Museum Guide](#)

[!\[\]\(3211b5d1d968fc1665909b34f9f16010_img.jpg\) Farmers Markets in and around Grand Rapids](#)

[!\[\]\(6059a5aa8b4ca7bb793408023d6c6e42_img.jpg\) Free Winter Activities in Grand Rapids](#)

Activities to Try:

[!\[\]\(6a9b39b98eb945faa14c645ec99e4eaa_img.jpg\) Indoor/Outdoor Scavenger Hunt \(PreK & K\)](#)

[!\[\]\(9c2e8d1b5bd77cb5c9f83b7a9cff79fd_img.jpg\) Indoor/Outdoor Scavenger Hunt \(all ages\)](#)

[!\[\]\(e3275251d0893157c3584e20c81dc3ba_img.jpg\) Activities for Upper Elementary](#)

[!\[\]\(f60b7a900783ac3fd531bfd9c111be6d_img.jpg\) High School Online Math Games](#)

[!\[\]\(f1c5da15572e3e09d343161be98f508d_img.jpg\) 24 Hour Colorful Video/Audio Books for Everyone](#)

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.

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

- February 11, 2025
- March 11, 2025

Register now at grps.org/safety!

FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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