

# F.A.C.E. TO FACE

MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

**IMPORTANT!  
 CAREGIVERS PLEASE NOTE:**

**March 1, 2025:** Enrollment open for the 2025-2026 school year

**March 3, 2025:** Theme School application opens (Round 2)

**April 11, 2025:** Theme School application closes (Round 2)

View the **GRPS District Calendar** at [grps.org/calendar](http://grps.org/calendar).

**COMMUNITY CONNECTION -  
 GIRLS CHORAL ACADEMY (GCA)**

Girls Choral Academy (GCA) is a premier nonprofit choral organization dedicated to empowering girls through music education and performance. With a diverse group of passionate young singers and devoted leaders, GCA builds self-esteem, strengthens connections, and provides opportunities for girls of all skill levels to grow musically and personally.

**FREE Summer Programming:**

Dates: June 17th-25th

**Inviting:** Girls 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade

**Times:** 9am-Noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

**Please contact:** Lisa Knight ([Lisa@girlschoralacademy.org](mailto:Lisa@girlschoralacademy.org)) for more information

**Online registration begins March 17th** ([girlschoralacademy.org](http://girlschoralacademy.org))

**QUOTE:**

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

-Eleanor Roosevelt



**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:**

- [National Women's History Museum: Women's History Month](#)
- [Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month: Famous people with Dyslexia, ADHD, and other disorders](#)
- [Talk About It: How can We Communicate Better?](#)
- [Building Your Child's Confidence, One Step at a Time](#)
- [Supporting Independent Kids With Practical Self-Management Strategies](#)

 **SPOTLIGHT EVENTS:**



 **2025 One Book, One City Family Engagement Night**  
 Tuesday March 4, 2025 from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM  
 Scan the QR code to register or visit [grps.org/onebook](http://grps.org/onebook).

 **Media Literacy & Wellness Workshop Series with WGVU**  
 Workshop #2: March 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM  
 Workshop #3: April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM  
 Scan the QR code to register or visit [grps.org/mediaworks](http://grps.org/mediaworks).

**OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

**CIVIC MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>  
 CAMP ROCK MUSICAL**

Please be watchful for the flyer and links for sign up

**WIMEE LIVE MARCH  
 20<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup>**

Please be watchful for the flyer and links for sign up

**STRONG FATHERS &  
 PARENT CAFE EVENTS  
 ARE COMING**

Please watch your email for more information



Say Hello to one of our Awesome PALs at Shawmut Hills- Amanda Pierce!

Amanda Pierce is the dedicated PAL for Shawmut Hills. Balancing her role as a treasurer and a parent with a son at Zoo School, Amanda has been actively involved in organizing popcorn and lollipop sales. She attends board meetings regularly and plans to participate in various school events. Despite a challenging year, Amanda remains committed to improving family engagement and appreciates the support from the new group. She values the informative meetings and feels more heard and supported as she continues to navigate her role as the Shawmut Hills' PAL.

## Enrollment is OPEN for the 2025-2026 Schol Year

Enroll today at [enroll.grps.org](https://enroll.grps.org).

Apply for a GRPS Theme School at [grps.org/apply](https://grps.org/apply).

## FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES:

[City of Grand Rapids Events & Activities](#)

[Miranda's Weekend Fun Guide](#)

[Grand Rapids Event Calendar](#)

[Experience GR Museum Guide](#)

### Activities to Try:

[March: Easy & Fun Ideas](#)

[FREE March Printables & Activities](#)

[Top 10 Indoor Things to do in March](#)

[Activities for Upper Elementary](#)

[High School online math games](#)

[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 date:**

- March 11, 2025

Register now at [grps.org/safety!](https://grps.org/safety!)

### FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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