

# PARENTS Newsletter

March-2025



## GROWING MINDS & BUILDING FUTURES TOGETHER



### 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."

## FROM MRS. RIVERA'S DESK

Dear Parents,

We are excited to invite you to two important events coming up!

### Parent-Teacher Conferences:

These conferences provide a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and how we can work together to support their success. We encourage you to attend and meet with your child's teacher. Parent-Teacher Conferences are on **Monday, March 10**, and **Wednesday, March 19**.

### March Reading Night:

Join us for our March Reading Night! It's an evening filled with fun, books, and activities to inspire a love of reading. We hope to see you there as we celebrate literacy with your child and the school community on **Tuesday, March 25**.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at these events!

Best regards,

**Mrs. Rivera**

**Principal**

## SHOUT-OUTS

The Dickinson families are the BEST families!! Thank you volunteers for your help with the popcorn sales and candy grams. There are more volunteers that helped who are not pictured— we appreciate you ALL. Thanks for your support!!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR BUILDING?



| Sunday | Monday  | Tuesday                 | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday                                | Saturday |
|--------|---|-------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|----------|
|        |   |                         |   |   |                                       | 1        |
| 2      | Violin Classes<br>WIDA Testing 3                                      | WIDA Testing 4          | WIDA Testing<br>The Playground GR 5                               | Violin Classes<br>WIDA Testing<br>All-School Assembly 6 | Play and Learn GRCC<br>WIDA Testing 7 | 8        |
| 9      | SST Meeting<br>Violin Classes<br><b>Parent-Teacher Conferences</b> 10 |                         |   | Violin Classes 12                                       | Play and Learn GRCC 14                | 15       |
| 16     | <b>No-School Record Flex Day</b> 17                                   |                         | <b>Parent-Teacher Conferences</b> 18                              | Violin Classes 20                                       | Play and Learn GRCC 21                | 22       |
| 23     | Violin Classes 24   | <b>Reading Night</b> 25 | Attendance Committee Meeting<br>Folk Assembly<br>5th-8th Grade 26 | Violin Classes 27                                       | Play and Learn GRCC 28                | 29       |
| 30     | 31  |                         |   |   |                                       |          |

## UPDATES

### Summer School- Ignite Summer Learning at GRPS

Registration open Jan. 27 - midnight on Mar. 14:

Join us for **Ignite: Summer Learning at GRPS!** Programming takes place **Mondays - Thursdays from June 16 - July 24**. Registration is **open now through March 14th** for eligible scholars in Kindergarten to 8th grade.

Our Dickinson scholars will be hosted at Gerard R. Ford Academic Center for summer programming this year. Visit [grps.org/summer](https://grps.org/summer) for more information! Scan the QR Code to register your scholar.



### No-School

On **March 17**, there will be No School. That day is Record Flex Day, which means our teachers work with the students' grades.

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on **Monday, March 10** and **Wednesday, March 19**, from **3:30 PM to 8:00 PM**. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and collaborate on ways to support their growth.

### Reading Night

Join us for our **March Reading Night** on **Tuesday, March 25, 2025**, from **5:00 PM to 7:00 PM** at our school! This year's theme is **Safari Night**, and we'll be exploring the wild world of books and reading with fun activities for the whole family.

### Folk Assembly – March 26, 2025

On **Wednesday, March 26**, we will be hosting a **Folk Assembly** for our 5th-8th graders. This engaging event will introduce students to the rich traditions of folk music and culture, with a live performance. It's a wonderful opportunity for our students to explore the history and artistry of folk music while enjoying a fun and educational experience.

## REMINDERS

### Arrival

- Starts at 8:00 a.m.
- Make sure scholars are not dropped off 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 of 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.

## BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

| MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| <b>3</b><br><br>CHEESY HAM & EGGS<br>• "Not So Green" Scrambled Eggs<br>• Turkey Ham<br>• Shredded Cheddar Cheese<br>• Goldfish Graham-vanilla<br>• Applesauce<br>• Fruit Juice | <b>4</b><br><br>• Breakfast Wrap (Burrito)<br>• Peaches, Canned<br>• Fruit Juice | <b>5</b><br><br>• Trix Muffin<br>• Cherry Crumble<br>• Fruit Juice | <b>6</b><br><br>• Breakfast Scrambler<br>• Pears, canned<br>• Fruit Juice | <b>7</b><br><br>• Donut Holes<br>• Pineapple Spear<br>• Fruit Juice |
| <b>10</b><br>• Crescent Roll w/ Grape Jelly<br>• Craisins-Strawberry<br>• Fruit Juice  | <b>11</b><br>• French Toast Sticks<br>• Fruit Crunchables<br>• Fruit Juice  | <b>12</b><br>• Breakfast Pizza-Sausage Gravy<br>• Orange<br>• Fruit Juice   | <b>13</b><br>• Pancake Wrap<br>• Raisins<br>• Fruit Juice   | <b>14</b><br>• Cereal, Variety<br>• Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar<br>• Raisins<br>• Fruit Juice   |
| <b>17</b><br>No School   | <b>18</b><br>• Scrambled Eggs<br>• Apple Cinnamon Muffin<br>• Craisins-Cherry<br>• Fruit Juice  | <b>19</b><br>• Stuffed Waffle<br>• Banana<br>• Fruit Juice  | <b>20</b><br>• Cinnamon Pancakes<br>• Pears, canned<br>• Fruit Juice  | <b>21</b><br>• UBR, Ultimate Breakfast Round<br>• Cherries<br>• Fruit Juice  |
| <b>24</b><br>• Froot Loops Waffle<br>• Raisins<br>• Fruit Juice  | <b>25</b><br>• Egg Bites<br>• Cereal Bar-Trix<br>• Pears, canned<br>• Fruit Juice   | <b>26</b><br>• Cereal, Variety<br>• Educational Crackers<br>• Banana<br>• Fruit Juice   | <b>27</b><br>• Breakfast Sausage & Gravy Bites<br>• Apple<br>• Fruit Juice  | <b>28</b><br>• Caramel Mini<br>• Cherries<br>• Fruit Juice   |
| <b>31</b><br>• Cereal, Variety<br>• Nutri-Grain Bar<br>• Peaches, Canned<br>• Fruit Juice  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br>No School  |

| MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mini Corn Dogs</li> <li>• Baked Beans</li> <li>• Baby Carrots</li> <li>• Mixed Fruit</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meatballs</li> <li>• Sweet &amp; Sour Sauce</li> <li>• Brown Rice</li> <li>• Veggie Juice - Paradise Punch</li> <li>• Fresh Broccoli</li> <li>• Applesauce</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grilled Cheese</li> <li>• Hash Brown Starz</li> <li>• Cole Slaw</li> <li>• Peach Cup</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meatloaf</li> <li>• Maple Roasted Sweet Potatoes</li> <li>• Sugar Snap Peas</li> <li>• Dinner Roll</li> <li>• Apple</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pizza Crunchers</li> <li>• Corn</li> <li>• Marinara Sauce Cup</li> <li>• Pears, canned</li> </ul>  |
| <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Nuggets</li> <li>• Tater Tots</li> <li>• Carrots, steamed</li> <li>• Applesauce</li> <li>• Heartzels Pretzels</li> </ul>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teriyaki Dippers</li> <li>• Egg Roll, Chicken</li> <li>• Fresh Broccoli</li> <li>• Peaches, Canned</li> <li>• Blueberry Muffin</li> </ul>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pepperoni Stick</li> <li>• Green Pepper Strips</li> <li>• Corn</li> <li>• Banana</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHICKEN TACO</li> <li>• Shredded Taco Chicken</li> <li>• Shredded Cheddar Cheese</li> <li>• Romaine Lettuce</li> <li>• Diced Tomatoes</li> <li>• Pinto Beans, Texas Ranchero</li> <li>• Tortilla</li> <li>• Fritos</li> <li>• Cherries</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Macaroni &amp; Cheese</li> <li>• Peas &amp; Carrots</li> <li>• Tossed Salad Romaine Lettuce</li> <li>• Grape Tomatoes</li> <li>• Dinner Roll</li> <li>• Pears, canned</li> </ul> |
| <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>   |
| No School   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apple Cinnamon Toast</li> <li>• Turkey Sausage Link</li> <li>• Veggie Juice-Paradise Punch</li> <li>• Peach Cup</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOTCHOS</li> <li>• Tater Tots</li> <li>• Beef Taco Meat</li> <li>• Cheese Sauce</li> <li>• Salsa</li> <li>• Cherries</li> <li>• Goldfish Crackers cheddar</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Tso Dumplings, Chicken &amp; Vegetable</li> <li>• Egg Roll, Chicken</li> <li>• Sidekick - Cherry Freeze</li> <li>• Sliced Apples</li> <li>• Fortune Cookie</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheezy Breadsticks</li> <li>• Cooked Broccoli</li> <li>• Marinara Sauce Cup</li> <li>• Mixed Fruit</li> </ul>  |
| <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Honey BBQ Rib Patty</li> <li>• Hamburger Bun, Whole Grain</li> <li>• Sidewinders Potatoes</li> <li>• Baby Carrots</li> <li>• Strawberry Cup</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Nuggets</li> <li>• Grape Tomatoes</li> <li>• Green Beans</li> <li>• Peaches, Canned</li> <li>• Heartzels Pretzels</li> </ul>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turkey Burger</li> <li>• Hamburger Bun, Whole Grain</li> <li>• Cooked Broccoli</li> <li>• Celery</li> <li>• Cherries</li> </ul>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BEEF TACO</li> <li>• Beef Taco Meat</li> <li>• Shredded Cheddar Cheese</li> <li>• Vegetarian Refried Beans</li> <li>• Diced Tomatoes</li> <li>• Tortilla</li> <li>• Doritos-Wild White Nacho</li> <li>• Orange</li> </ul>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheese Omelet</li> <li>• Hash Brown Rounds</li> <li>• Veggie Juice - Paradise Punch</li> <li>• Peach Cup</li> <li>• Banana Bread</li> </ul>                                      |
| <b>31</b>   | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pizza, Cheese stuffed crust</li> <li>• Cooked Broccoli</li> <li>• Baby Carrots</li> <li>• Mandarin Oranges</li> </ul>                                  |  |   |  | No School   |

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

# Hey Parents! Secure Your Child's Summer Care TODAY!



With summer nearing, it's time to arrange childcare that ensures your child keeps learning, growing, and staying active. Studies show kids can lose up to 27% of math and 20% of reading gains over the break. Secure their spot today for a safe, fun, and enriching summer experience! Reminder: Don't forget to also apply for Fall Preschool, spaces fill up quickly!

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- Childcare Provider Placement
- Childcare Financial Assistance



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