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NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

CAREGIVERS PLEASE PLAN AHEAD:

No School Tuesday, November 5

No School November 27, 28,
& 29 (Thanksgiving Break)

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

COMMUNITY CONNECTION - KIDS FOOD BASKET

Kids Food Basket provides healthy, ready-to-eat meals daily to thousands of scholars across four West Michigan counties. This non-profit organization nourishes, educates, and advocates for healthy kids and community. Farm-to-table field trips, adult volunteer opportunities, scholar community service project of decorating sack supper bags, and other community connections are offered at the beautiful facility located on 1300 Plymouth Ave, NE Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

To learn more:

Call (616) 235-4532 and/or go to
the website: kidsfoodbasket.org

DID YOU KNOW?

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents.”

- Jane D Hull
Educational Advocate



PARENT UNIVERSITY:

Caregivers don't forget to create your account!
We have new articles loaded for additional parenting support.

[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:

- Mindfulness
- Gratitude
- Family Gatherings
- Indoor Activities
- Empathy Building Literature
- Strengthening Problem Solving Skills

FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES:

Write a letter or color a picture for our local heroes:

[letter/coloring pages](#)

Activities to Try:

- [Gratitude Scavenger Hunt](#)
- [Gratitude Tree](#)
- [Gratitude Day Activities](#)
- [Daily Gratitude Prompts](#)
- [30 Day Gratitude Challenge](#)



SPOTLIGHT EVENT:

The countdown is on to the Grand Rapids Public School 32nd Turkey Trot on the morning of Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 28th) in downtown Grand Rapids. The Mini Trot starts at 8:10am followed by the 8:30am 5K. All proceeds contribute to the mission of promoting healthy lifestyles and ensuring access to athletics for all GRPS scholars.

Register now at grps.org/turkey-trot!

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:**

- November 12, 2024
- December 10, 2024
- January 14, 2025
- February 11, 2025
- March 11, 2025



Designs unveiled for Houseman Field & Briggs Field projects

Grand Rapids Public Schools and C2AE unveiled the initial designs for the upcoming renovations at Houseman Field and Briggs Field during a community meeting at GRPS University on October 16.

[See Houseman Field & Briggs Field designs here](#)

Scheduled to happen during the summer of 2025, the renovations are part of the Reimagine GRPS bond, which was overwhelmingly supported by voters in November 2023.

At Houseman Field, plans include the installation of a new track, upgraded turf, energy-efficient LED lighting, expanded parking, and modernized locker rooms. Briggs Field will see a new track, reseeding of the field, upgraded bleachers, additional restrooms, and improvements to fencing and masonry. [Read more...](#)

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