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Newsletter

October 2024

We Are Strong And Better 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

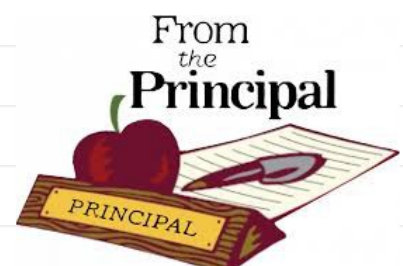
Another month is upon us; October is here. 🍁🌻

This month, we will celebrate our first School Assembly, to which our parents are invited. We will also celebrate our Scholars of the Month, Artist of the Month, Class of the Month, Positive Office Referrals, Most Improved Scholar of the Month, and Staff of the Month.

We will also have our first parent meeting for this school year. We hope you can come and be with us. Additionally, we have our Parent-Teacher Conferences on the 16th & 22nd.

This year is full of positive activities and lots of learning.

Mrs. Rivera
Principal



What's Happening in Our Building!

2024 October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	NWEA-MRF Testing All Week	1	2 Count Day	3 PSAT 8th Grade Parents Meeting All School Assembly	4 Lunch Bunch with Ms. Ebony	5
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13	14	15	16 Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:30 pm-8:00 pm	17	18 Lunch Bunch with Ms. Ebony Hearing & Vision Screening	19
20	21 NO-SCHOOL Record Flex Day	22 Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:30 pm-8:00 pm	23 Attendance Committee Meeting	24	25 Lunch Bunch with Ms. Ebony	26
27	28	29	30 Picture Day	31 School Half Day Harvest Celebration		

Updates

NWEA-MRF Testing

- MAP Reading Fluency (MRF) is a reading assessment from NWEA that measures a student's oral reading fluency, literal comprehension, and foundational reading skills. **It's designed for students in grades K-5.**

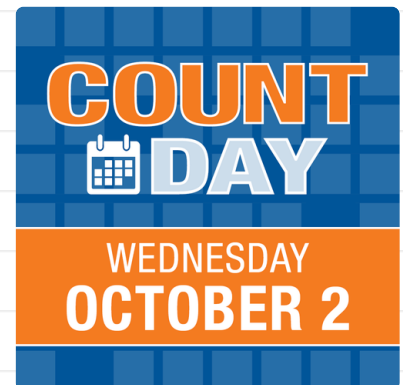
- The teachers will be working with this during the first two weeks of the October month.



Reading
Fluency™

Count Day

Fall Count Day is the 2nd of October. **Attendance on this day is important** because it determines the amount of state funding schools receive based on the number of students enrolled and their presence.



Parent Meeting

On **Thursday, October 3rd at 1:00 pm**, we will be holding our first Parent Meeting in our Cafeteria/Gym to discuss important topics. An invitation has been sent home with your children. **There will be a raffle at the end of the meeting.** We look forward to seeing you.

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PARENT MEETING



1:00 PM
1:45 PM



Thursday
October 3, 2024



GYM/Cafeteria
448 Dickinson St. SE Grand
Rapids, MI 49507

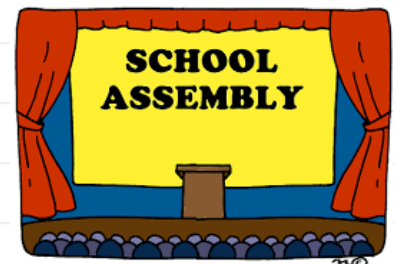
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All-School Assembly right after the meeting.



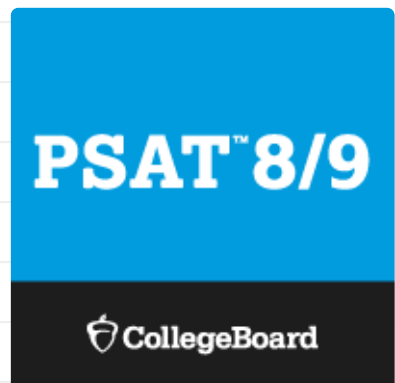
All School Assembly

On **Thursday, October 3rd, from 2:00 p.m.**, we will celebrate our first School Assembly, to which our parents are invited. We will also celebrate our Scholars of the Month, Artist of the Month, Class of the Month, Positive Office Referrals, Most Improved Scholar of the Month, and Staff of the Month.



PSAT 8th Grade

PSAT 8/9 is a baseline exam for students to gain a good understanding of the types of questions they may see on future exams found in the SAT Suite of Assessments. Our 8th graders will have the PSAT on **October 3rd and make-ups on the 8th.**



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on **Wednesday, October 16th, and Tuesday, October 22nd.** You will receive an invitation from the teachers and must indicate a time you can attend. All

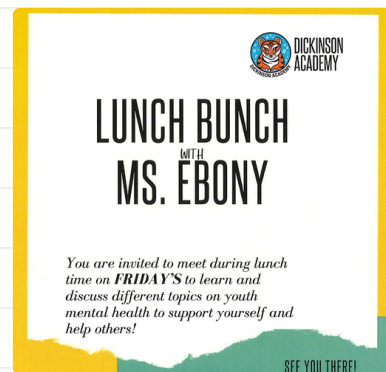


parents must attend these Parent-Teacher Conferences. The teacher will discuss important issues regarding your child.

This year, Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held in the Cafeteria/Gym. All the teachers will be gathered there waiting for you.

Lunch Bunch with Ms. Ebony

Each Friday, our middle schoolers are invited to meet during lunch time with Ms. Ebony, our Mental Health Clinician, to learn and discuss different topics on youth mental health to support our scholars.



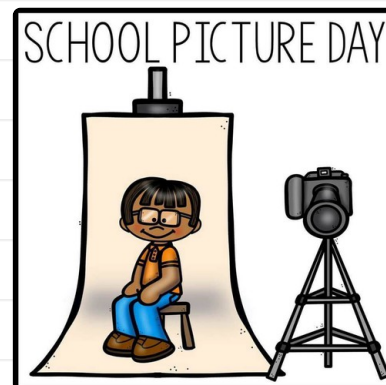
NO-SCHOOL

October 21st is **Record Flex Day**, which means there is **NO SCHOOL** on that day. Scholars stay at home.



Picture Day

On **October 30th**, we will have our **Picture Day**. They will come to take pictures of our students that day. You will soon receive different offers if you wish to order one.



School Half Day

On **October 31st**, our teachers have an afternoon training. Our scholars will be dismissed at **11:40 a.m.** Please be here on time.



Harvest Celebration

On October 31st, we will have our Harvest Celebration. Our students are welcome to dress up on that day. Please note that **masks or costumes not suitable for use in a school setting will not be accepted.**



Reminders

Arrival

- Starts at 8:00 a.m.
- Make sure scholars are not dropped 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 if you have 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.

Important Phone Numbers

Mrs. Mateo (Main Office): 616-819-2505
Mrs. Rivera (Principal): 616-819-1649
Mr. James (Dean of Students) 616-819-7759
School Fax: 616-819-2502
Mr. Ryan (Nurse): 616-819-6424
Mr. Kraal (Health Aide): 616-819-1699
Ms. Birdsall (MDHHS): 616-819-3834
Ms. Collins (KSSN): 616-819-2585
Security: 616-819-2100
District Offices: 616-819-2000



Breakfast and Lunch Menu

October 2024

GRPS K-5 and K-8 Schools

Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cereal, Variety Nutri-Grain Bar Dried Fruit, MixZees Fruit Juice 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yogurt Cinnamon Granola Mixed Fruit Fruit Juice 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast Bagel Orange Fruit Juice 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cinnamon Toast Pastry Pineapple, canned Fruit Juice 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Belgian Waffle Strawberry Cup Fruit Juice
7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cereal, Variety Soft Baked Bar Craisins-Cherry Fruit Juice 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Omelet Banana Muffin Orange Fruit Juice 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bagel Stick-Cinnamon Sour Raisins-Strawberry Fruit Juice 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mini Confetti Pancakes Peaches, Canned Fruit Juice 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast Pizza-Egg & Bacon Pears, canned Fruit Juice
14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cinni Minis Applesauce Fruit Juice 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Risers Hashbrown Peaches, Canned Fruit Juice 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pancake & Sausage Sandwich Banana Fruit Juice 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banana Bread Pineapple, canned Fruit Juice 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yogurt Cereal Bar-Cocoa Puffs Raisins Fruit Juice
21 No School	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> French Toast Sticks Sour Raisins-Strawberry Fruit Juice 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast Pizza-Sausage Gravy Orange Fruit Juice 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pancake Wrap Mixed Fruit Fruit Juice 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cereal, Variety Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar Raisins Fruit Juice
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strudel Stick Applesauce Fruit Juice 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrambled Eggs Apple Cinnamon Muffin Craisins-Cherry Fruit Juice 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast Wrap (Burrito) Banana Fruit Juice 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cinnamon Pancakes Pears, canned Fruit Juice 	1

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GRPS K-5 and K-8 Schools

Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Tenders Potato Wedges, Spicy Celery Mandarin Oranges 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hamburger Beef Patty Hamburger Bun, Whole Grain American Cheese Slice Baked Beans Tomato Slices Pickle Chips, Dill Applesauce 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza, Cheese stuffed crust Cooked Broccoli Baby Carrots Banana 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pasta Bake Mozzarella Cheese Tossed Salad Romaine Lettuce Grape Tomatoes Peach Cup Garlic Breadstick 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turkey ham & cheese Calzone Corn Cole Slaw Apple
7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turkey Hot Dog Hot Dog Bun Potato Smiles Sidekick - Cherry Freeze Pineapple, canned 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Quesadilla Baja/Taco Fiesta Black Beans Salsa Pears, fresh Tostitos RF Tortilla Chips 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Patty Hamburger Bun, Whole Grain Cooked Broccoli Mini Sweet Peppers Banana 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orange Chicken Vegetable Fried Rice Asian Blend Vegetables Grape Tomatoes Sliced Apples 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apple Cinnamon Toast Turkey Sausage Link Veggie Juice-Paradise Punch Strawberry Cup
14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sloppy Joe Meat Hamburger Bun, Whole Grain Baked Beans Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meatballs Sweet & Sour Sauce Brown Rice Fresh Broccoli Veggie Juice - Paradise Punch Mandarin Oranges 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Drumstick Mashed Potatoes Chicken Gravy Cole Slaw Peach Cup Cornbread Loaf 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mini Corn Dogs Sweet Potato Puff Tossed Salad Romaine Lettuce Grape Tomatoes Apple 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza Crunchers Corn Marinara Sauce Cup Pears, canned
21 No School	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teriyaki Dippers Baby Carrots Veggie Juice - Paradise Punch Flame Roasted Apples Eggo Grahams 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macaroni & Cheese PEAS & CARROTS Tossed Salad Romaine Lettuce Grape Tomatoes Dinner Roll Banana 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shredded Taco Chicken Cheese, Cheddar Shredded Romaine Lettuce Diced Tomatoes Pinto Beans, Texas Ranchero Tortilla Fritos Mixed Berry Cup, Frozen 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pepperoni Stick Green Pepper Strips Cooked Broccoli Pears, canned
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meatloaf Maple Roasted Sweet Potatoes Sugar Snap Peas Cheez-Its Peach Cup 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiestada Beef Pizza Baja/Taco Fiesta Black Beans Veggie Juice - Paradise Punch Pears, fresh 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bat Chicken Nuggets Cooked Broccoli Sidekick - Cherry Freeze Mixed Fruit 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza Kit Baby Carrots Hummus Cup Sliced Apples 	1

Resources for Families

When You're Not Sure
What to Say to Your (Teen) Child,
But Know that You Want to Stay in Connection

C H E A T S H E E T

I'm here to support you. No matter what. Let's figure out a solution.

This is really hard right now. But we can do hard things.

Can you help me understand this better? I am listening.

This boundary is not negotiable, but I still want to hear why you disagree.

I know you are upset. When you're ready to talk, I'm here.

Everyone makes mistakes. Let's take a breather, then brainstorm what to do.



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