

F.A.C.E. TO FACE

SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

P.A.L. (PARENT ACTION LEADERS)

GRPS PALs are working together to support leadership, school families, and community partners for the good of all scholars. The FACE Team is excited to work together with everyone. School who are in need of a PAL are listed below:

1. Aberdeen Academy
2. Blandford School
3. CA Frost Middle High School
4. Center for Economicology
5. Dickinson Academy
6. Gerald R. Ford Academic Center
7. GR Museum Middle School
8. GR Museum High School
9. North Park Montessori
10. Ridgemoor Park Montessori
11. Riverside Middle School
12. Shawmut Hills
13. Southwest Elementary
14. Westwood Middle School
15. Zoo School

POINT TO PONDER...

"The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one"

-Malcolm S. Forbes

PARENT UNIVERSITY:



Stay connected with our online resource for support in areas of parenting, school support, community connections, social emotional learning, and more.

Power Parent — Parent University (parents.grps.org)

This month in Power Parent Magazine the focus is on:

- Tips for staying organized
- Information on how to become a GRPS volunteer
- Healthy lunchbox ideas
- New School year goal setting

SPOTLIGHT EVENTS:

Civic Theatre Family Fun Engagement Workshops are on the schedule for this year

Please be on the lookout for more details from the parentengagement@grps.org email along with a Google Form for sign-ups!

Taste Buddies Live

We will continue to host Live events by popular demand at the Downtown Market. This chance to work together and enjoy a meal is priceless for our GRPS community. Please continue to check your email from parentengagement@grps.org to learn more about these upcoming events. We will also offer Zoom events with the familiar format of working with a local chef.

FACE Team Introductions and New School Year Connections:



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Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP):

The first day of school will be Monday, August 25.

This is only the first step in enrolling. A completed application does not guarantee a placement. After completing the initial application, families will still need to complete program enrollment forms and provide documentation to verify eligibility. Topics covered during the sessions will include components of a safe school, social-emotional learning, safe gun storage, and school violence prevention.

Families interested in enrolling a preschool scholar who have not applied can do so at preschool.kentisd.org.

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