

F.A.C.E. TO FACE

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

PARENT ACTION LEADERS (PALs)

Schools with PAL openings:

- Dickinson Academy
- GR Museum Middle
- North Park Montessori
- Riverside Middle
- Southwest Middle/High
- Westwood Middle
- Zoo School

GRPS PALs are working together to support leadership, school families, and community partners for the good of all scholars. To learn more about the PAL role, [check out this video](#).

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

K K-Connect: A Network Built for Community Impact. [Learn more.](#)

Michigan Alliance for Families Information, support, and education [Learn more.](#)

POINT TO PONDER...

"Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education."

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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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 \(parents.grps.org\)](https://parents.grps.org)

This month in Power Parent Magazine the focus is on:

- At-home Literacy Learning Tips for All Ages
- Ideas for Family Resolutions
- All Things Taste Buddies
- The Importance of Family Health & Wellness

SPOTLIGHT EVENTS:



Taste Buddies Live with Chef Alma
Thursday, January 22 | 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm



Math Workshop - Count Me In!
Currently scheduled for Tuesday, January 20 at 9:30 am



Empowering Dads. Strengthening Schools.
Dad Cafes: 3rd Thursdays | 8:45–10:15 AM (in person)
DADvocate Meetings: 2nd week of each quarter | 5:30–7:00 PM (in person & virtual)

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EXPO & INFORMATION FAIR
JANUARY 28, 2026
4:30 – 6:30 PM
GRPS University

Dinner provided by **DEAN** TRANSPORTATION

GRPS my choice

**THEME SCHOOL
APPLICATION**

Opens Monday, January 5, 2026

IGNITE SUMMER LEARNING at Grand Rapids Public Schools

**WILD ABOUT SUMMER:
LEARN, EXPLORE & ADVENTURE AT GRPS!**
JUNE 15 – JULY 23, 2026

Registration opens January 20.