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Newsletter from the Office of the Superintendent
August 2018

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2915 Hall St SE
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- August 14, 7:30am
(at High School)
- September 17
- October 22
- December 3
- January 28
- February 25
- March 18
- April 15
- May 13
- June 3 (Budget Hearing)
- June 10

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are encouraged to attend

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From the Superintendent

I hope this letter finds each of you enjoying a wonderful summer. As we embark on the 2018-2019 school year, I want to welcome you back on behalf of the Board of Education, staff, and administration of East Grand Rapids Public Schools.



As your new superintendent, I am excited to join the outstanding students, staff, and administration at East Grand Rapids Public Schools. Over the next few months, I look forward to building relationships, listening, learning, and reflecting on all the wonderful opportunities and accomplishments in East. I especially look forward to meeting families and getting to know more about the schools and community that make East Grand Rapids a highly sought after place to live and raise children.

I come to East with 26 years of educational leadership experience; eight years as a classroom teacher in the area of mathematics and computer science. As a lifelong learner, I strived to continue learning and expanding my experiences which led me to go into administration. After 18 years of administrative experience in Wayne Westland, Bloomfield Hills, and Oakland Intermediate School District, I am thrilled to now be a part of the East community. Recently my husband and I moved our family to East Grand Rapids and enrolled our three children in East. We are all getting settled and enjoying learning about the community.

As you know, East Grand Rapids Public Schools has a strong commitment to provide the highest quality education for every student. This commitment includes a continuous improvement model in the areas of 21st century teaching and learning focused on developing an integrated framework that supports student outcomes;

developing skills to be successful; high quality professional learning; educating the whole child in social, emotional, cognitive, and physical growth and development; and maximizing resources for student learning. These five areas support our EGRPS mission: *Educating and inspiring each student to navigate successfully in a global community.*

As we prepare for another school year, we strategically plan systemic professional learning for our teachers and administrators which furthers our mission. This year we have 27 new faculty members joining East for a week of new staff orientation and professional learning. We believe it is critical that we take time to provide high quality support to our new staff to ensure their success. In addition, on Tuesday, August 14, all staff will return for opening day activities and staff professional learning. During their August professional development days, all staff will be engaged in various learning and training related to the Next Generation Science Standards, literacy, technology integration, restorative practices, implicit bias, the International Baccalaureate Programme, special education, etc. Our teachers use this time to collaborate, plan, and develop high quality instructional strategies and lessons for our students. We are extremely fortunate to have staff that consistently go above and beyond for the students at East, and we are extremely proud and thankful they are a part of the East family!

In addition, we are also grateful for the unwavering commitment and support from our community. On behalf of the students, staff, administration, and Board of Education, I would like to express our deep appreciation of the community's continued support of the EGRNow! campaign which raised \$240,000. The EGRNow! contributions will continue to support

K-12 programs and services. A special thanks to the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation for their incredible work with the EGRNow! campaign.

I truly believe that in order for us to continue to provide the highest quality education, we need to partner and collaborate with all stakeholders to ensure our future success. It is critical that we establish and maintain supportive partnerships and share open and honest feedback to ensure a welcoming environment. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend regular Board of Education meetings to stay informed and be involved in our schools. To learn more about the educational opportunities available and to stay informed about your school district, we encourage you to visit our website at www.egrps.org and Facebook page www.facebook.com/egrps.

In closing, as I enter my first year as your superintendent, it is my honor to serve this outstanding district and community. I look forward to building relationships, continuing the tradition of excellence, and supporting the instructional best practices that make EGRPS an outstanding school district.

Enjoy the rest of the summer as the new school year is quickly approaching. We look forward to welcoming new and returning students on the first day of school, Monday, August 20, 2018. I wish everyone a productive and rewarding 2018-2019 school year!

Go EAST!

Heidi S. Kattula, Ed.D.
Superintendent
hkattula@egrps.org

First Day of School

The first day of school will be a **HALF DAY on Monday, August 20th**. Dismissal as follows.

K-5th	8:20 am - 11:24 am
Middle School	8:00 am - 11:30 am
High School	7:40 am - 11:05 am

Regular School Year Schedule

K-5th	8:20 am - 3:19 pm
Middle School	8:00 am - 2:52 pm
High School	7:40 am - 2:59 pm

Adult Crossing Guard Schedule

Boston/York	7:50 - 8:20 am 3:15 - 3:45 pm
Boston/Breton	7:50 - 8:20 am 3:15 - 3:45 pm
Hall/Breton	7:50 - 8:20 am 3:15 - 3:45 pm
Lake Drive/Breton	7:25 - 7:55 am 2:50 - 3:50 pm
Lake Drive/Lovett	7:50 - 8:20 am 3:15 - 3:45 pm
Lake Drive/Plymouth	7:45 - 8:15 am 3:20 - 3:50 pm
Wealthy Condos	7:50 - 8:20 am 3:15 - 3:45 pm
Franklin/Gladstone	7:35 - 8:05 am 2:55 - 3:20 pm

Registration

Registration is held on the following dates/times:

Middle School

6 th Grade-August 13	8:00am-11:00am
7 th Grade-August 13	12:00pm-2:30pm
8 th Grade-August 13	3:00pm-5:30pm

High School

12 th Grade-August 13	8:00am-9:30am
11 th Grade-August 13	10:00am-11:30am
10 th Grade-August 13	1:00pm-2:30pm
9 th Grade-August 14	12:00pm-3:00pm

Middle school and high school students will receive schedules and locker assignments; complete necessary paperwork; register their electronic device; and school pictures will be taken.

Health Examinations

Michigan law requires immunizations and physicals for all students new to the district, as well as an immunization assessment for each student entering 7th grade. The required immunization list is available at each school and on our website at www.egrps.org. The physical form is obtained from your physician. A certificate of vision testing or screening must be presented at the time of registration or no later than the first day of school for a child registered for the first time in kindergarten or first grade.

School Lunches

Lunches will be available in all schools starting on the first full day, Tuesday, August 21st. Please check the website www.egrps.org/Food-Services/ for prices. Meals are provided through a joint operating agreement with Grand Rapids Public Schools. Please send your check, payable to *Grand Rapids Public Schools Food Service*, with your child's name and/or ID# on the first day of school, or you may deposit funds online at: www.mypaymentsplus.com. If you would like to apply for free or reduced

price school meals, a meal application needs to be completed annually. Meal applications are available online at <http://egrps.mealapp.org>

Woodcliff Early Childhood Center

EGRPS offers Early Childhood and Before and After School Care for preschool through fifth grade students at Woodcliff Early Childhood Center.

Preschool: Our early childhood program includes child care and preschool classes for three to five year old students at the Woodcliff Early Childhood Center. Preschool programs begin Monday, August 20th Half Day (AM preschool only).

Before and After School Child Care: Begins Monday, August 20th.

Transportation: Child Care busing to and from the students' elementary schools begins Monday, August 20th.

For more information, please call 616-235-7595 or check our links on the district's website.

Did You Know...?

You can find a great deal of information about our district and schools, as well as latest updates, on the EGRPS website. Some items of interest include:

- District & School Annual Education Reports
 - Board of Education Meeting Dates & Agendas/Minutes
 - Business and Finance Information
 - Curriculum Information & Programs
 - Building Highlights
 - EGR Schools Foundation
 - Woodcliff Early Childhood Center
 - Enrollment Information
 - PTO Information
 - Legislative Committee
 - Calendar Information
 - Boosters Programs
 - [EGRPS Facebook](#)
- ...and much more!

Check it out! www.egrps.org

Skyward and Skylert

The EGRPS student management system, *Skyward*, provides families with secure access to student data including report cards, gradebook and progress reports, attendance, district assessment results, and information alerts. All district parents and guardians have a Skyward Family Access login and can access the system using [Skyward Mobile Access for Android](#), [Skyward Mobile Access for iPhone](#), or with a browser at egrps.org/skyward. If you do not know your account information, choose the “Forgot your Login/Password?” link.

Please use *Skyward* to submit attendance information for your child. Simply choose the Attendance tab to submit an absence in advance of the date of an appointment or on the day a student will be absent. Detailed instructions for submitting an absence are available at egrps.org/attendance.

Skylert is the school-to-home communications system which we use to broadcast emergency alerts and attendance notifications via phone call, e-mail, and/or SMS (text message). It is customizable and allows parents and guardians full control over how they would like to receive these messages. We encourage you to customize your school-to-home communication preferences at egrps.org/skylert.

School Closings

If adverse weather conditions or other emergency situations make it necessary to cancel school, delay the beginning of school, or send students home early, the following information details our procedures. The superintendent makes the decision regarding school closure or delay based on weather-related data. The decision will be posted as soon as possible on the EGRPS website, www.egrps.org, and alerts sent on *Skylert*. Announcements will be made on

the following local stations: WOOD-TV 8, WZZM-TV 13, FOX 17, WWMT-TV 3, WOOD Radio 105.7 FM/1300 AM, and most other Grand Rapids area radio stations.

In the Event of School Closings: Child care and preschool programs follow the same closure as the district. A decision will be made early in the afternoon regarding cancellation of sporting events, evening programs, and practices.

In the Event of a Two-Hour Delay: All classes will start two hours later than the building start time. The decision whether to hold A.M. ECSE (Early Childhood Special Education) at the later start time will be posted.

Special Education Transportation: EGRPS will inform Kent ISD/Dean Transportation of a closing or delay.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch: All students will be dismissed at the regular time unless severe weather conditions exist.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning: All students may be detained if severe weather conditions exist.

Tornado Watch or Warning: All students will be kept at school if a *watch* is issued during the school day. If a *warning* is issued during the school day, all students will be instructed to take shelter within the building until the ALL CLEAR is signaled. Students will be dismissed at the regular time unless severe weather conditions exist. If a tornado watch or warning occurs outside of school hours, the school district will not begin any school activities (i.e., sports, PTO, etc.) If a tornado *watch* is issued while the activities are in progress, the students, participants, audience, and attendees will be dismissed and the activities will stop immediately. If a tornado *warning* is issued while the activities are in progress, the students, participants, audience, and attendees

will seek shelter within the building immediately.

After school activities may be held if such activities are scheduled to begin one hour after a tornado watch or warning has been lifted.

Special Education

If you live in the East Grand Rapids Public Schools district and believe your child has a disability, please contact the special education office at 616-235-3535 or visit www.egrps.org for information.

PASE: Parent Advisors for Special Education

The Kent Intermediate School District has a parent-driven forum whose mission is to positively impact educational opportunities for children with special needs through parent collaboration and education. Each local school district has PASE members, appointed by their local school district and the KISD Board, who serve 3-year terms as parent advisors. PASE meetings for the 2018-2019 school year will be held at 7:00pm at the Kent ISD Education Services Center. Please reference their website at www.kentisd.org for meeting dates. All parents of children with special needs are encouraged to attend PASE meetings. Please call the Special Education Office at 616-235-3535 or visit our website at www.egrps.org for further information. The EGRPS PASE parent advisor, Carol Lippert, can be reached at lippert_carol@yahoo.com.

AHERA Notification

Under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1987, the East Grand Rapids Public Schools are required to notify parents and employees of the management plan and inform them of the activities conducted under the management plan during the preceding year.

The required three-year reinspection in 2018 indicated asbestos in district buildings is in a safe, non-friable condition, is properly protected, and there is no exposure present.

The asbestos management plan is available for inspection at the Business Office without cost or restriction during normal business hours. If you wish to have a personal copy, please notify the Business Office and it will be supplied to you within five (5) business days at a cost of 5¢ per page. We have endeavored to make our schools a safe place for our students and staff.

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act

A parent or guardian shall be permitted to inspect all instructional materials used by the district in the instructional program. Instructional materials shall include teacher’s manuals, films, tapes, or other supplementary materials.

Any questions or inquiries regarding the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), should be directed to: Dr. Heidi S. Kattula, Superintendent, East Grand Rapids Public Schools, 2915 Hall Street SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506-3111.

Pesticide Notification

East Grand Rapids Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the district’s efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program **does not** rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

Posting at the primary entrances to your child’s school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.

Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

Please note that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without

prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods previously identified.

You may review the school’s Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting the Business Office at 616-235-3535.

Parents or guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least three days before the application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified by mail please contact the Business Office at 616-235-3535. Please provide your name, mailing address, and what school(s) your child or children attend, and you will be included on the advance notification list.

Please note that after the school year is completed and during the summer, those parents who requested advance notice by mail will be notified using an alternative method consisting of a telephone message notification system. Parents and guardians may call 616-235-3535 at least one day before an application for advance notification. The school will also continue posting advance notification at the school by the methods previously identified.

PESTICIDE PRIOR NOTIFICATION REQUEST

Student Name _____ School _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone # _____ Evening Phone # _____

Email _____

Please check one of the following:

- Yes, I/We only want to be notified whenever any scheduled major pesticide application is made.
- Yes, I/We want to be notified of all pesticide applications including any traps, small bait applications, or other least-toxic applications.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

THE EAST VISION

I would like to purchase a subscription and support the East Grand Rapids High School's newspaper, *The EAST Vision*.

- 1-Year (9 issues)
Early-bird special, \$40.00
- 2-Years (18 issues)
Early-bird special, \$70.00

Name _____
 Phone _____
 Address _____

 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____

Make checks payable to:
East Vision, 2211 Lake Drive SE,
 Grand Rapids, MI 49506-3026



Do you want to know more about what's happening in all of our schools? Would you like to learn more about the teachers and staff who make EGRPS such a special place? If so, you'll want to check out School News Network (SNN) at www.schoolnewsnetwork.org or the EGRPS website. It's an online news site for all public school districts in Kent County, aimed at sharing the stories of our public schools. The site is supported through advertising and contributions from our districts and managed by the Kent ISD Communications Department.

School News Network provides information about what's happening in our schools and the issues that affect them. The School News Network provides a whole range of exciting student content, sports, and school news in a way that is engaging and easily accessible.

www.schoolnewsnetwork.org



Every dollar counted!
 Together, we raised

\$240,000

to save critical
 school programs
 for our students
 through the
 East Grand Rapids
 Schools Foundation.

Thanks to all our
 donors and all the
 parents, students,
 and community
 members who
 worked so hard to
 make the EGRNow!
 Campaign a success.

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EGRPS Contact Info

- Breton Downs Elementary**
 2500 Boston Road SE
616.235.7552
 Dr. Caroline Breault-Cannon, Principal
- Lakeside Elementary**
 2325 Hall Street SE
616.235.7553
 Stephanie Thelen, Principal
- Wealthy Elementary**
 1961 Lake Drive SE
616.235.7550
 Carlye Allen, Principal
- East Grand Rapids Middle School**
 2425 Lake Drive SE
616.235.7551
 Anthony W. Morey, Principal
 Shelly Schram, Asst. Principal
- East Grand Rapids High School**
 2211 Lake Drive SE
616.235.7555
 Craig T. Weigel, Principal
 Steven Wojciechowski, Asst. Principal
- High School Guidance Office**
616.235.7594
 Lori S. Johnston, Guidance Director
- High School Athletic Office**
616.235.7593
 Timothy Johnston, Athletic Director
- James E. Morse Administration Building**
 2915 Hall Street SE
 Grand Rapids, MI 49506
616.235.3535
 Dr. Heidi S. Kattula, Superintendent
 Jennifer S. Fee, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction
 Kevin D. Philipps, Assistant Superintendent of Business
 William P. Behrendt, Director of Special Education
 Douglas R. Jenkins, Director of Technology & Assessment
 Dan Luehrs, Maintenance Supervisor
- Woodcliff Early Childhood Center**
616.235.7595
 Jacquelyn VanderPloeg, Director

Technology - Engage 1:1

Engage 1:1 is the student digital device program in the East Grand Rapids Public Schools. Since the launch of this program six years ago, our teachers and students have learned to integrate a wide range of online teaching and learning strategies into their day-to-day academic work. Having 1:1 digital



access in grades 3-12 allows our teachers to use instructional strategies that stimulate deeper thinking, increase collaboration, and make learning more personal for their

students. The Engage 1:1 program supports our district's Strategic Plan of preparing our students to navigate successfully in the 21st century.

At the high school and middle school levels, students bring their own digital device to class in support of their learning. This can be a digital device provided by the family, obtained through the district, or checked out from our Learning Commons on an as-needed basis. At the elementary level, the district provides digital devices for students to use during the school day for their learning. In grades 3-5, students have access to one device per student through the availability of computer carts in each upper elementary classroom. In grades K-2, each classroom has a smaller cart of tablet devices that are shared by students.



For more information regarding our Engage 1:1 program and for examples of how our teachers and students are using technology in their classrooms, please visit our website at egrps.org/engage. You can also find information regarding the types of devices students bring at the high school and middle school levels, and information on our district device lending program.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

East Grand Rapids High School became an International Baccalaureate World School in 2016 after an intensive three-year authorization process. Offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) affords our students an additional academic pathway to college, career, and life readiness. All students during their junior and senior years are invited to pursue this pathway that develops the whole child while stretching their academic potential. The IBDP focuses on critical thinking, inquiry, collaboration, conceptual understanding, and multiple global perspectives building interdisciplinary connections, research skills, and self-management strategies.

We are proud to celebrate our first IB Diploma Programme candidates who graduated in May of 2018. This group of students completed all course requirements in English, world language, mathematics, science, social studies, and the arts as well as the required Theory of Knowledge course. Candidates who completed IB Psychology SL or IB Spanish SL completed assessments in May of 2017. IB assessment examiners from around the world awarded our students marks above the world average. In addition to

course work, our candidates demonstrated their strong, independent research skills through writing an essay on a self-selected topic. This work was showcased



to parents, teachers, IB candidates, and administrators in short 10 minute presentations. Candidates shared topics from all subject areas. The audiences learned about essays asking, "How can the production of microalgal biofuel be optimized through light intensity in order to match the production levels of fossil fuels?" "To what extent did television influence the Civil Rights Movement?" and "What effect has zero had on mathematical systems throughout its development?" Another highlight of their candidacy was the completion of a service-learning project requiring collaboration and service with our local and global communities. The Class of 2018

candidates worked with over 35 different non-profit agencies during their two years in the IB Diploma Programme.

Candidates in the Class of 2019 worked to complete similar coursework and service projects throughout the 2017-2018 school year. This class of students is benefiting from all the learning our teachers and administrators have experienced over the past two years. These students have reported a significant change in their learning. Students independently noted how much they benefit from the discussion-based classes that are improving their critical thinking while working in a more collaborative environment with their teachers and peers. This student-centered environment allows students to explore self-selected topics increasing engagement in their learning.

We invite you to learn more about our IB journey and program by accessing our IB website at <http://egrhs.egrps.org/IB/> or contacting Heather McKinney, IB Coordinator, at 616-235-7555 or hmckinne@egrps.org.



Community Budget Guide

The East Grand Rapids Public Schools' (EGRPS) annual Community Budget Guide is designed as an educational tool for our families, staff members, and the City of East Grand Rapids residents. The Board of Education and administration strive to provide information and transparency throughout the guide regarding the complexities and challenges surrounding the development of the annual budget for EGRPS.

The Community Budget Guide includes information regarding our current revenues, expenses, and projections, as well as historical trends. The guide includes several years' worth of data on actual budget performances, fund reserves, student enrollment, and a glossary of financial and educational terms used throughout the guide. The district's revenues and expenses are compared to districts in Kent County and other districts in the state with similar demographics.

After several challenging budget years, the financial outlook for the district has improved. In 2018-2019, the district will receive a state foundation allowance increase of \$218 per pupil which, combined with the passage of the Kent County enhancement millage in 2017, solidified the district's structural financial position. The district has been able to add to its fund reserve (raining day fund) each of the past three years, bringing fund reserves closer to its target of 10% of annual expenditures. Additionally, the district had several retirements/resignations this past school year

resulting in a reduction in personnel costs through the hiring of new staff members with fewer years of experience, further assisting the financial position of the district.

The significant increase in state per-pupil student funding which will be received for the 2018-2019 school year enabled the district to surpass the 2008-2009 per-pupil foundation allowance. Despite the improved financial outlook, there are still areas of concern to monitor. Although the state's School Aid Fund has shown moderate growth for several years, the legislature has tapped the School Aid Fund to provide funding to state community colleges and universities (\$900 million in 2018-2019), and also to support the state school employees retirement system (\$1.3 billion in 2018-2019). These two allocations impact approximately \$1,467 per pupil of potential additional funding statewide. The district continues to be concerned about the impact the state's school employee retirement system has on our annual budget. In addition to the support provided by the School Aid Fund for the employee retirement system, the district has experienced a state mandated increase in expenses from \$2.6 million (2009-2010) to \$3.6 million (2018-2019), reflecting a 38% increase.

The Board of Education adopted a balanced budget in June for the 2018-2019 fiscal year which maintains all student programs and services. The EGR Schools Foundation *EGRNow!* campaign raised \$240,000, allowing the district to preserve critical

programs such as elementary world language and elementary classroom paraeducators. Maintaining the district's strong educational program and services requires the support of all three (state, county, school foundation) funding components. The community's support of *EGRNow!* was instrumental in the development of the balanced budget for this school year without the use of reserved funds.

We encourage you to read the Community Budget Guide <http://www.egrps.org/documents/Files/CBG/CBG2017-2018.pdf>. The annual update of the Community Budget Guide with the most recent information for 2018-2019 will be provided later this fall. The community's increased understanding of the complexities of school finance and the EGRPS budget challenges has resulted in excellent discussion and feedback concerning the allocation of financial resources. The Board of Education and administration welcome recommendations regarding how the district's financial resources should be allocated. Our goal is to maintain essential programs and services which significantly impact the quality teaching and learning environments we strive to provide in EGRPS.

If you have specific questions regarding the Community Budget Guide, please contact Kevin Philipps, Assistant Superintendent of Business, at (616) 235-3535, or kphilipp@egrps.org.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2018 RETIREES!

We wish retiring staff all the best as they begin a new phase of life.

Thank You for your service to EGRPS!

Betsy Anderson	28 years
Joanne Anderson	32 years
Mary Billman	20 years
Kris Bratlie	30 years
Dan Brown	40 years
Brian Clay	29 years
Theresa Clay	28 years
Kim Doele	34 years
Larry Frazier	42 years
Linda Heagle	27 years
Bill Larson	28 years
Hollie Rademacher	29.5 years
Melissa Sayre	33 years
Dr. Sara Shubel	12 years
Jane Siegel	29 years
Cathy Szivan	20 years
Scott Tompkins	25 years

WELCOME TO NEW TEACHERS!

We are welcoming several new staff members to the district and we are confident that these professionals will quickly become integral members of an already strong faculty.

Christopher Anderson	MS Science	Janae Janca	BD Gr. 3
Kelsey Anderson	Lakeside Gr. 4	Grace Johnson	Wealthy Gr. 1
Rebecca Buth	ECSE	Nancy Kast	Wealthy K
Nia Chen	BD Gr. 5	Lori Miller	MS Soc. Studies
Jen Clary	ELL Teacher	Emily Mills	Elem. Music
Trina Connelly	OT	Tracy Packard	MS Math
Meagan Cornett-Wright	BD Gr. 2	Sarah Park	MS Math
Kelsi Dickman	BD Gr. 2	Meg Richards	BD Gr. 4
Rebecca Dietz	MS PE	Katie RietKerk-Schut	HS Health
Jen Doyle	Wealthy SSW	Renee Rowan	Lakeside K
Sara Frank	BD Gr. 4	Lindsey Turner	Lakeside Gr. 2
Jim Grabow	MS/ECSE SSW	Zach Wiener	HS Science
Aubrielle Hardman	MS Science	John Wondergem	BD Special Ed

East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation



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The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation

Together with our generous donors, the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation enriches the educational experience of our students by funding excellence in teaching and learning that requires financial support beyond the district. We support excellence in education through EGRNow!, our annual fund, and EGRForever!, our endowment fund.

This year, these combined funds will provide more than \$410,000 in grants, program support, awards and scholarships. EGRForever! will fund over \$170,000 for classroom grants, faculty awards and scholarships, student scholarships and co-curricular funding. In addition, EGRNow! will fund over \$240,000 in support of elementary paraeducators and management of our beloved Performing Arts Center. None of that would be possible without your tremendous support of our students, our schools, and our community.

Your support enables us to preserve vital programs and enhance the outstanding education opportunities we provide to all our students. This past school year the Foundation was pleased to fund a number of grant requests through our endowment fund, EGRForever! EGRSF supported grant requests for programs at the elementary, middle and high school levels, assuring that a broad range of EGRPS students will benefit from the approved grants and our endowment funds.

Grants (funding more than \$1,500 each) approved last spring for the high school include funding for the We the People, Quiz Bowl and robotics teams as well as academic

software Questia and Turnitin. At the middle school, a grant was approved to fund three years of materials for the Innovation Lab. For the elementary schools, an approved grant will supply extensive leveled libraries at Breton Downs, Lakeside, and Wealthy.

Mini-grants (less than \$1,500 each) approved for the high school include an improvement to the 3D printer, pig dissection materials, and Spanish readers. At the middle school, a mini-grant was approved for an author visit. And speech materials, classroom tables, and Lucy Calkins reading materials were approved for the elementary schools. Another mini-grant will pay for a House Cup trophy for the annual Yule Ball, which involves students from all five schools.

The EGRSF board also supported the drama and music programs at all levels, as well as Healthy High and the Middle School Day of Caring.

The Foundation also serves as the information hub of our community by producing the weekly Cheat Sheet on www.egrsf.org. This popular one-page quick-reference calendar lists school, sports, arts, and community events throughout East Grand Rapids. It comes out every Sunday night during the school year, and is updated during the week.

Again, this is all made possible through the incredible generosity of our community. Thank you for your support!, and we are always looking for people to get involved with the Foundation. If you have questions or would like to participate in Foundation events or volunteer, please contact Amy Stuursma at East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation at 616-235-3535, option 8; astuursm@egrsf.org.

Enclosed is my contribution as a supporter of the Foundation:

\$2,500 & above \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 Other \$ _____

Young Alumni (graduated in the last 10 years) \$ _____

I would like my gift to be used:

- Wherever needed most
- EGRNow! - Program/Project Support
- EGRForever! - Endowment Fund

My gift is in honor/memory (please circle one) of: _____

Please make checks payable to East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation or donate online at www.egrsf.org.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

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ALL SPORTS PASS

All Sports Passes will be on sale in the High School Athletic Office beginning Monday, August 6, from 8:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. An *All Sports Pass* allows you to attend any EGRHS home athletic contest, except hockey and MHSAA tournaments. You may also send a check payable to EGR Athletics, with the order form, to EGR High School, Athletic Department, 2211 Lake Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Gold Card passes are offered free of charge to senior citizens who are 62 and older and are residents of EGR. Proof of residency and age must be verified at the High School Athletic Office at 2211 Lake Drive SE.

ATHLETIC HOTLINE:
616-235-7593 Option 1
www.egrathletics.org

All Sports Family Pass
(up to 4 family members) \$200.00
Each additional family member \$25.00

All Sports Pass (adult each) \$95.00
All Sports Pass (student each) \$65.00
Gold Card (senior citizen 62 & older) FREE

Total \$ _____

Names to be put on All Sports Pass:

NOTE: Lost Passes will not be replaced.

EGR Leadership & Youth Development

EGR Leadership & Youth Development is a non-profit organization funded to encourage youth through group interaction, peer education, leadership skills, and community services. It is in partnership with the East Grand Rapids Public Schools and community.



Senior Retreat, Freshman Connection, T.A.T.U., T.E.A.M., and S.T.E.P, are all part of the EGR Leadership & Youth Development.

All programs are funded by your contribution.

Individual \$30.00 Family \$50.00
 Sponsor \$100.00 Patron \$250.00 \$_____ Other

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

EGRLYD

2211 Lake Drive Grand Rapids, MI 49506-3026 www.egrlyd.org

COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

Supporting the Families in the Community of East Grand Rapids



The East Grand Rapids Community Action Council acts as a catalyst to educate parents and the community concerning the illegal use of drugs and alcohol while promoting a safe, healthy environment for students in East Grand Rapids Public Schools. Since open dialogue is crucial in this endeavor, “Let’s Talk About It” – small, in-home, guided discussions – are held throughout the year. In January 2019, CAC and the District will be hosting a two-day event with Tall Cop. Watch for details!

The CAC website can be accessed via the CAC link on egrps.org. Like us on Facebook! (EGR Community Action Council - CAC)

If you are interested in receiving more information or participating on a project, contact: Dee McGraw (deekmcgraw@gmail.com), 475-4210; or Kim Rossi (kimrossigr@comcast.net), 452-0439.

CAC relies entirely on the generous support of parents and community members to maintain its programming. Please consider making a contribution to CAC for continued funding of projects including sponsorship of speakers, forums, community resources, support groups, and the CAC High School Senior Class Citizenship Scholarship.

I support the mission of CAC. Please accept my contribution gift of:

\$25.00 \$50.00 \$_____ Other

Name (PRINT) _____

Email _____

Please email me “Alerts” and updates.

Please mail this form to: CAC/Woodcliff, 2915 Hall SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506-3111

2018-2019 District Calendar

2018		2019	
Monday, August 20	School Starts - HALF DAY	Monday, January 7	School Resumes
Friday, August 24	No School K-12	Monday, January 21	No Students K-12, MLK Day
Friday, August 31	No School K-12	Monday, February 18	Mid-Winter Break
Monday, September 3	No School K-12	thru Tuesday, February 19	
Friday, October 26	No School K-12 (P/T Conf.)	Friday, March 29	Spring Break
Wednesday, November 21	Thanksgiving Break	thru Monday, April 8	
thru Friday, November 23		Tuesday, April 9	School Resumes
Friday, December 21	Semester Break	Thursday, May 23	High School Graduation Ceremony
Monday, December 24	Winter Holiday Break	Monday, May 27	No Students K-12, Memorial Day
thru Friday, January 4		Thursday, June 6	Last Day for Students - HALF DAY

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PIONEER PICNIC

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

6:00-8:00 pm

Gerken Plaza/Memorial Field

(In case of rain, the picnic will be held in the High School Gymnasium)



COMMUNITY WIDE PEP RALLY!!

- Meet the 2018 Varsity Football Team
- Free Team Posters
- Free Football Trading Cards
- Concessions
- Spirit Shop
- Play Games with Players
- Autograph Signing
- Socialize and Have a Great Time

8th Grade Football Team will be playing a game on Memorial Field during the picnic

Support **EAST** Sports & Enjoy Our East Grand Rapids Community!

