



## NEWSLETTER

# A Note from the Principal

Grand River Families:

It's hard to believe that it is already March. Third quarter ends on March 8<sup>th</sup> and then we begin our final push to May. It's been a fast but fantastic year and, as we continue our journey towards the end, we can look forward to more learning. Fun is also a part of that. Don't forget our clubs on Mondays and Fridays as well as our many field trips. This is a great way for students to socialize with other students and have fun. There is an upcoming field trip to the Orchard Mesa Pool on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Swimming is free for students and \$5 for non-students. Please come and enjoy some watery fun!

SAT will be here before we know it. Juniors will be taking the test April 9<sup>th</sup>. Khan Academy is a web site that provides free preparation for the SAT in partnership with the College Board (the organization that produces the SAT). They can create a plan that is personalized for your student based on their scores on the PSAT they took in 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Go to

<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat> to find out more. Sophomores will take the PSAT on April 10<sup>th</sup> and Freshman will take it April 11<sup>th</sup>.

We have Grand River Academy Shirts for sale in the office. They feature original artwork from one of our students. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt they are on display at the office. They are short sleeve and we have M, L, and XL. They are \$12 each. See below for pictures of the shirts or stop by the office to take a closer look. It's a great way to show school spirit!

Staff are currently working on revising our vision statement for Grand River. We want to get the input of all of our stakeholders (parent, students, and staff) into what our vision for the future should be. The parent survey on the vision closes March 1<sup>st</sup>. Student input has been collected by teachers in their classrooms. All of the input will be put together and staff will look for themes that emerge. This will be what shapes the writing of our vision statement for Grand River and how we see ourselves in the future. We've used three questions to shape the conversation about the vision:

- 1.) What does a modern (21<sup>st</sup> century) learner look like?
- 2.) What makes a student a learner?

3.) Who are we? How do we want to identify ourselves?

We will keep you updated as the vision statement emerges.

Finally, for learning coaches, please help your students to stay on track with their studies. The end of the year will come quickly, as you know. Student should be about 50% of the way through their coursework at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

Thanks for all you do to support our learners!

Warmest Regards,

Steve States.



Raptor t-shirts, \$12

# Students of the Month for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Dylan Gorton  
Hunter Kolenc  
Ayla Markowski

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Jaelyn Sackrider  
Jett Stephens  
Ella Houck

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Daymin Gorton  
Laci Maddox  
Chalize Hackney

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Torin Mulvey  
Chance Dipaola  
Megan Fellet  
Connor Gilmore

## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Zoe Stricker  
Sierra Rabe  
Lynxx Lien

## Juniors

Hannah Magers  
Kennadee Lawson  
Desirae Stark  
Ronan Lucchesi



(Students of the month for 1<sup>st</sup> semester continued)

Seniors

Taylor Allerheiligen

Gabriella Levy

Bailey Myers

Emily Simpson

KPP

Alicia Munoz

Michelle Yarber

# Counselor's Corner

**Up and coming:**

March 8- Vocational field trip Community Hospital- 7:30 am.- 2:30 pm- grades 10-12 – first 6 will be allowed to attend

March 28- Vocational Business field trip- 7:30 am- 2:30 pm -maximum 14 – grades 9-12

April 5- Vocational STEM field trip- 7:30 am-- 2:30 pm-maximum 14- grades 9-12

April 11- walking CMU tour- Juniors/Seniors- 11:00-3:00

Contact Ms. Haptonstall if interested in any of these field trips.

**Keep kids SAFE-**

This is a something parents should be alerted to:

In case you see this icon/picture be informed of what it may be saying to/telling your child.

You may want to look at and read when students/children are not near you. (Parental discretion is advised)

<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/gadgets-and-tech/news/momo-challenge-whatsapp-message-picture-image-face-bird-hoax-real-truth-a8798571.html>

**Up coming graduation-**

As all of you know our graduation planning is in full swing. Classes for Seniors, who plan to walk in ceremonies, cut off at 4:00 pm on May 17th. All other student courses will need completed by May 30th (last day of school).

Our graduation this year will be on May 23, 2019 at 10:00 am at the Avalon Theater.

As chosen by our current senior class:

Senior class colors- Turquoise and Black

Senior class song- 'Time of your Life- Green Day

Senior Class Motto- 'When it rains look for rainbows. When it's dark, look for Stars"

Senior Class Flower- Sacred Lotus

If you are a Senior and plan to participate in graduation ceremonies and have not yet ordered your cap and gown please go to [www.Jostens.com](http://www.Jostens.com) to order. The caps/gowns will be black with a multi-colored tassel specific to Grand River Academy.

### Non Graduates:

As we close in on 4th quarter, we are asking all students to continue working on their current Odysseyware content in order to fulfill as many credits on their transcripts as they can this semester. Please know, school continues until May 30th. If your student is struggling and needs support please do not hesitate to contact your student's teachers, counselor (Ms. Haptonstall) and/or progress monitor (Ms. Lefebre) for support in how to move forward into 4th quarter.

### Scheduling:

After spring break, Ms. Haptonstall will be meeting with classes/grades and individual students to begin planning for next year (2019-2020). If you are thinking of or are interested in doing Cross Over classes at a neighborhood school next year, please begin having those conversations immediately as those neighborhood school courses may fill up quickly.

# Community Outreach

Our first semester community project resulted in 29 pairs of pajamas, 29 bedtime stories, and several stuffed animals being donated to Mesa County CASA to help provide a good bedtime for children using their services. CASA's mission is to provide an advocate and voice in court for victims of child abuse and neglect in Mesa County. Thanks for your support of this project.

Our second semester community project will be fleece knotted blankets for Camp Good Grief. Camp Good Grief is part of Hope West Kids. It is a camp for children and teens that experienced a loss. Each child receives a blanket to keep so they can wrap themselves in love and warmth when they are feeling sad. We are looking for donations of 1 ¾ yd. fleece. (The size is specified by the camp.) Grand River students will then knot the fleece into blankets that will be donated to the camp. If you are able to donate 1 ¾ yd. of fleece, please place it in the box located near the front office display case. We will collect donations of fleece until spring break and then create the blankets after that.

# March Calendar

- 4<sup>th</sup> Swimming field trip at Orchard Mesa Pool (free for students, \$5 for non-students)
- 8<sup>th</sup> End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- 8<sup>th</sup> Vocational field trip to Community Hospital, 7:30am-2:30pm. First 6 students who return permission slips will be allowed to attend.
- 11<sup>th</sup> No School- Teacher Workday
- 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Spring Break
- 28<sup>th</sup> Vocational Business Field Trip



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