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A Weekly Newsletter
for Grand Traverse Academy
Families

Dates to remember

Now through Thursday, March 14 – *Open Enrollment*

Wednesday, February 6 – *10th Grade Visit to TBA Career-Tech Center*

Thursday, February 7 – *DC Fundraiser at Panera Bread*

Wednesday, February 13 – *Grand Traverse County Spelling Bee, 6:00 pm*

Thursday, February 28-Friday, March 8 – *Scholastic Book Fair*

Open Enrollment period continues

Grand Traverse Academy's Open Enrollment period for the 2019-20 school year has officially begun, and continues through Thursday, March 14, with an Enrollment



Lottery Drawing planned for Friday, March 15 should the number of applications exceed available spaces. Enrollment Information Meetings for parents of prospective students are scheduled as follows, and will take place in the Staff Gathering Room:

- Thursday, February 7 – 9:30 am
- Wednesday, February 20 – 6:00 pm
- Monday, March 11 – 6:00 pm

If you have friends, neighbors or relatives who have school-aged children, please share this information with them! As always, school leaders are available to meet with parents individually if these dates and times are not convenient with their schedules.

Family Movie Night cancelled

Please note that the GTA Family Council has cancelled tonight's Family Movie Night due to weather concerns.

Tenth grade field trip reminder

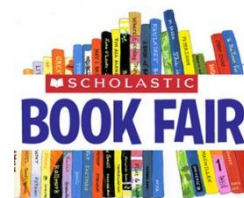
As a reminder, GTA sophomores will be visiting the TBA Career-Tech Center on the afternoon of **Wednesday, February 6**, to get a preview of the courses of study available to them (at no cost) during their junior and senior years.

Save the date!

Our 2019 Washington, DC trip participants are partnering with Panera Bread for a fundraising event. On **Thursday, February 7 from 4-8:00 pm**, Panera Bread will donate a portion of the evening's sales towards the Washington, DC trip. It's a win-win! Delicious soups, salads and sandwiches, plus a chance to help send GTA students to our nation's capital! Customers must present the attached GTA flyer (printed or an electronic version) with their purchase in order to qualify for the fundraiser. Thank you for your participation!

Volunteers needed for spring Book Fair

Parent volunteers are needed to help out at the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair as cashiers. The Fair is planned for Thursday, February 28-Friday, March 8, and will be open during school hours and the evenings of February 28 and March 7 (during parent-teacher conferences). If



you are interested in helping out, you can sign up at <https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/experience/signup/uo7zIV9QM> or contact Julianna Schuetze at 932-6941 or schuetzej@mygta.us.

GTA staff members complete CPR & AED training

Congratulations to the following GTA teachers, leaders and support staff who successfully completed the American Heart Association's Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation & Automated External Defibrillator course during the last few weeks, to help us be more prepared in the case of cardiac emergencies: **Alicia Adams, Shelley Alejandro, Diana Bauer, Jennifer Belmar, Christine Butler, Amy Cherup, Jim Coneset, Heather Craker, Maria Dean, Matt Drost, Kathy Farrell, Glenn Floering, Michelle Floering, Jacqueline Flores, Collin Hall, Grace Hall, Karen Hatch, Gwen Hoenke, Victoria Hughes, Jodi Kline, Justin Lazar, Britney Maidens, Jill Manning, Lynn Mertz, Samantha Mondry, Teresia Moreno, Cathie Mroczkowski, Angela Niccum, Rachel Odziana, Dorlene Page, Stephanie Patrzik, Sheryl Reed, Jon Scharpenberg, Julianna Schuetze, Coleman Sherman, Colin Smith, Sharon Swartz, Genevieve Thompson, Mindy VanHouzen, Justin West, Kimberly Wilson, Sandra Windon, and Dustin Worm.** In addition to CPR & AED certification, **Matt Gorman, Amy Dix and Kevin York** attended training to become American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR & AED instructors, which enables them to teach others lifesaving skills.

Frostbite Food Drive update

Thank you to all those families who came forward with donations of canned goods for the Father Fred Frostbite Food Drive Jeans Day today, despite our abbreviated school week. The Father Fred Food Pantry and our neighbors in need will greatly appreciate your generosity.



Family Council news

Grand Traverse Academy's Family Council is a parent group that provides fun events and fund raising activities for GTA families throughout the school year. They meet on the **second Monday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Onyx 1 classroom.** All GTA parents are welcome to attend. Volunteers are needed to help with the following upcoming events:

- **Thursday, March 7 during Conferences** – Family Dinner. No need to cook on that night; buy tickets in advance for a taco dinner with your extended GTA family. Volunteers will be needed and more information on this event is coming.

- **Friday, April 12 at 6:00 pm** – Father/Daughter Dance. If you are interested in helping with planning or at the event, contact Suzanne at gtafreporter@gmail.com)
- **Last Friday of Every Month** – Lunch Pantry food donations accepted in either office.

In addition, the group currently has an officer vacancy – if you are interested in taking on the responsibilities of vice president or would like more information, please contact Kimberly at gtafcpresident@gmail.com or Jim Coneset at conesetj@mygta.us. They would love to have you as part of the team!

Candy Grams for sale

The Key Club will be taking orders for Valentine Candy Grams **through Wednesday, February 13.** The sweet treats with a special message attached are just 50¢ each. If you'd like to place an order for delivery to your special someone, stop by the Valentine Candy Gram table at the

junction of the Elementary and Secondary wings before or after school. Deliveries will be made on Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14.



Don't forget that our Elementary Box Tops contest is still going on...the classroom that collects the most completed collection sheets by the end of the school year will get a special treat. Check the [product list](#) and start clipping! Why not ask grandparents, aunts and uncles to collect them, too? If you don't have an Elementary student who can turn them in to their teacher, a collection box is located just inside the Elementary entrance.

Elementary teacher requests for 2019-20 accepted now

If you would like to request a specific teaching team (or kindergarten teacher) for your child(ren) for the next school year, please complete the attached form and turn it in to the Elementary office **no later than Thursday, March 14.**

Here's how:

1. Check page two of the attachment for the names of kindergarten teachers and the teachers who form a team at each Elementary grade level and make your selections for first and second choice.
2. Write your first and second choice selections on page one of the attachment. In the case of Elementary teaching teams, write in the name of the preferred homeroom teacher in the #1 slot; the other member of the team will go in the #2 slot.

Please note that only forms with both a first and second choice will be considered. If you have questions, please call the Elementary Office at 995-0665.

Health Department screenings continue

The Grand Traverse County Health Department will administer free, routine vision tests here at school according to the following schedule:

Grades	Vision Tests
Preschool	February 11-14
1, 3, 5, 7, 9	February 11-14

If you would like to have your child screened and they are not in one of the grades listed, or if you prefer not to have your child's vision tested, please call the Elementary office at 995-0665.



Ongoing events

Fill the Pantry Jeans Days – March 21, May 9

Elementary Pizza Days – February 7 & 21, March 7 & 21, April 11 & 25, and May 9 & 23 (order forms with payment due the Tuesday before Pizza Day), \$1.50 per slice

Secondary Pizza Days – Every Tuesday (purchase tickets before school outside the Secondary office on Pizza Day), \$1.50 per slice

Secondary Taco Days – Suspended until further notice due to loss of supplier

Bagel Sales – Every Wednesday at the Junction of the Elementary & Secondary Wings, \$1.50 each

School Tools Store Hours – Every Thursday, 7:50-8:25 am, Pink 3

Builders Club Meetings – First & Third Thursday of Every Month, 3:50-4:20 pm, Gold 2

Key Club Meetings – Every Thursday, 7:40 am, Bronze 2

Family Council Meetings – Second Monday of Every Month, 6:30 pm, Onyx 1

Student-Run Credit Union Deposit Days – March 1, April 5 and May 3; 8:00-8:30 am, Elementary Lobby



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GRAND TRAVERSE ACADEMY

WHERE 3675 N US 31 S, Traverse City, MI 49684

WHEN Thurs, Feb 7th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Bring this flyer or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase.*

Ordering Online? Try Rapid Pick-Up.

Enter "PRFUND" as your Promo Code to have a portion of your proceeds donated to your organization.

Learn more at Fundraising.PaneraBread.com

*Gift card purchases and catering orders are excluded and will not count toward the event.

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Team Class Request Form

I would like to request the following team teachers for my student(s) for the 2019-2020 school year.

Student Name	Grade In Fall	Team Request First Choice	Team Request Second Choice
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Parent Signature

Date

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<i>Conrad</i>	<i>Oster West</i>	<i>Holfels Wilson</i>	<i>Thompson Manning</i>
<i>Ferguson</i>	<i>Bohrer Flores</i>	<i>Cherup Peplinski</i>	<i>Layne Lazar, J</i>
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