



Upcoming Events

October 8 th	School Advisory Committee Meeting 4pm-5pm in the learning lab.
October 12 th	Teacher workday, no school
October 13 th	Teacher inservice day, no school.
October 14 th	SAT—Seniors <u>will</u> attend this day. <u>Sophomores and 7th grade do not attend.</u>
October 27 th	SAT makeup day
October 29 th	PSAT—Juniors <u>will</u> attend this day. <u>Seniors do not attend.</u>

Fall SAT/PSAT

The change in season this year comes with the opportunity for students in 11th and 12th grade to take the PSAT and SAT in October. This is due to the Spring administration being cancelled because of the COVID 19 crisis. The testing will be free of charge and offered during the school day.

SAT will be held on October 14th. Seniors **will attend.** However, sophomores and seventh grade **will not** attend on this date.

We will have SAT makeup for seniors on October 27th. This will be a regular school day. All students scheduled to attend on this day will attend.

Finally, the PSAT will be offered to 11th grade students on October 29th. Juniors **will attend** this date to take PSAT. Seniors **will not attend** this date. There will not be a make up date for PSAT.

Elementary-aged students will attend school all of the dates of the SAT/PSAT.

Supporting Success!

Our students cannot be successful without the support and help that learning coaches provide them at home. Here are some tips for success:

- Make sure your student is doing their daily work. Don't just take their word for it. Actually have the student login and show you what they have accomplished.
- Emphasize carefully reading and watching the videos in the lesson. This is critical to doing well on the lesson quizzes.
- Have your student get in the habit of taking notes. They learn note-taking skills at school so they can apply these at home to their studies.
- Students should work for an average of 5 hours per day. It is essential that your student set and follow a schedule so that they do not get behind. Once students fall behind, they can become discouraged and stop working altogether.
- Ask questions and ask for help when you need it. Our teachers are here to help.

The Lunch Lizard Is Free Until the End of December!

Grand River Academy has a closed campus for lunch (which means all students remain at Grand River throughout the lunch period). The exception, at this time, is for our juniors and seniors. They may leave campus to purchase food if they are not late to the next class. All students can bring lunch from home.

The district has arranged for the Lunch Lizard food truck to stop by on our onsite school days. They will offer lunch on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays.

The menu can be accessed at [D51 School Menus](#), then select "Bookcliff Middle School" or "BES" to see the food options for us as well. Once on the calendar, use the "lunch" tab located near the top. (Breakfast is not available at our location.)

****NEW****

Effective 09/02/2020

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the Free Meals for Kids program through the end of December 2020, or until available funding runs out. This means that all students in District 51 can access safe, healthy school lunches at no charge to the student's account. This will be available at the Lunch Lizard.

Attendance

Consistent attendance is one crucial piece of the puzzle when it comes to your child's education. Our school is unique in that

attendance is not required every day at our physical location. However, attendance online is required at least 25 hours per week in addition to the time on campus. If your student does not attend the physical campus during a week, then they must work for at least 30 hours at home that week. Students can work at different times of day, they can work on the weekends and miss a few weekdays, but the time on task at home is essential.

It is also vital for students to attend onsite. Our teachers work hard to create lessons that support your student's work in Odysseyware or K-12. Their attendance onsite will help them be successful online. If you have questions about attendance or need help accessing the curriculum, please let us know. We are here to help your student be successful.

Parking and Pickup

As you know, parking is difficult to find around Grand River Academy. That can make drop off and pick up challenging. There is parking on all four sides of the building (14th, Gunnison, 13th, and Chipeta). There is also a 10-minute "loading zone" in front of the building.

Please park off the street when picking up or dropping your students off. Stopping in the middle of the road or double parking causes congestion on an already congested 14th street. It is also unsafe as students have to maneuver through parked cars and onto 14th street to get to awaiting vehicles.

Thank you for helping us make pick up and drop off safe and efficient.

School Dress

School is like your student's workplace, and appropriate dress is essential for a workplace. Please check your student's attire before they come to school to ensure that it is not revealing or that they are not wearing clothes with references to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, violence, that have vulgarities on them, or otherwise disrupt the learning environment. Thank you for your help with this.

Weekly Schedule

Elementary

K-2nd grades- Tuesday 8:30am-2:30pm
3rd-5th grades- Wednesday 8:30am-2:30pm
k-5th grades- Thursday 8:30am-2:30pm
(optional day)

Middle School

*6th grade- Tuesday 8:30am-2:30pm
*7th grade – Wednesday 8:30am-2:30pm
*8th grade- Thursday 8:30am-2:30pm

High School

9th grade- Tuesday 8:30am-2:30pm
10th grade- Wednesday 8:30am-2:30pm
11th grade/12th grade- Thursday 8:30am-2:30pm
*6th, 7th, and 8th grade have "Stay & Play" from 2:30pm-3:00pm on their scheduled day.

Updating Information

Please be sure to update your email and phone information should either or both change. We send most communication through email and/or text. If you're not receiving emails and/or text from the school, please contact the school with your updated information.

ART (contests for \$\$\$\$)

SCIENCE FAIR (Regional Competition at CMU)

National History Day (competition locally and nationally)

Novel Book Club

Writer's Corner (contests, sharing works among each other, talking with authors)

Remote classes (break out sessions) will begin the week of September 28th at various times and dates. All sessions will be delivered through a Google Classroom and have a recorded live class weekly. GT (Gifted and Talented) students and students who have qualifying scores at both Grand River Academy and D51 online will be invited to join. You may join more than one session. They will meet weekly with recorded sessions if you are unable to attend that week. There will be opportunities for contests, scholarships, local, state and national competitions, and meeting with others with the same interest as yours!

Sessions will begin the week of September 28th! Email your interest to join no later than Monday, October 5th to brenda.chinn@d51schools.org

Meet friends virtually!

Talk with professionals

Share your insights and works with peers

This year GRA's Gifted and Talented program will be offering weekly Break Out Sessions for high school students, which will be an addition to their current courses. Elective credit can be earned by students attending weekly or viewing the recorded sessions, if unable to join that particular session. At this point your current course status will be evaluated to see if an additional course will benefit you. Your courses must be on track with current progress with above average academic scores.

If any questions, please contact me at brenda.chinn@d51schools.org
Hope to hear back from you!

Brenda Chinn; Educator of the Gifted and Talented Grand River Academy

Shirts for Sell

We are selling short sleeve/long sleeve t-shirts and hoodies through October 5th. Please click [here](#) for ordering. T-shirts are \$15 each, long sleeve \$17 each and hoodies \$25 each. They come in Youth and Adult sizes. All purchases go to our Student Fundraiser account that is used for student related activities.

Student Fees

Student fees are due and can now be paid by credit card on the My Payment Plus link below:

<https://www2.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome>

Elementary fee: \$15.00

Middle School Instructional Fee \$20.00

Middle School Science Lab Fee \$10.00

High School Materials Fee \$12.00

High School Science Lab Fee \$10.00

Key Performance Program \$20.00

October Count

It is always very important for your student to log on and to do their school work. However, it is especially important that all students log into Odysseyware for at least an hour on October 1st and all k-5 students need to do everything on their daily plan. This date is when our students are counted for State reporting. The count is how we receive funding from the state that allows us to remain a schooling option for your student. Thank you for your help.

Year Books

[Preorder your yearbook now!](#)

[See the next page for information.](#)

Middle School Stay & Play

Middle School Stay & Play (30 minutes of exercise games) is optional. However, Mr. Kuiken would still like students to participate. It is from 2:30-3:00 pm, Tuesday-Thursday outside on the playground. Students will be playing several socially distanced games together. We think it is still essential for students to get regular exercise during the week. We also believe playing together in fun sports games will help forge bonds between students and build our school culture and community.

Thank you,

Mr. Kuiken

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