

## PARENT UNIVERSITY SPONSORED EVENTS/COURSEWORK

We encourage you to check out the new and improved [Parent University](#) website and peruse October's upcoming engagement events.

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101

**OCTOBER 4, 2022**

9:30 to 11:00 am – GRPSU (1400 Fuller Rd. NE)

6:00 to 7:30 pm – [Virtual](#)

Human trafficking is often “hidden in plain sight.” Recognizing the signs is the first step in identifying victims. No single indicator is proof that human trafficking is occurring.

### HAVING CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER WITH YOUR TEEN

**OCTOBER 6, 2022**

9:30 to 11:00 am – [Virtual](#)

5:30 to 7:00 pm – [Virtual](#)

Have you talked to your teen about healthy relationships, boundaries, consent, gender, and sexuality? Sometimes talking about these things can feel challenging and uncomfortable. Join Safe Haven Ministries and FACE for tips and tricks for conversations that matter.

### CREATING AND MAINTAINING A SAFE SCHOOL COMPONENTS OF A SAFE SCHOOL

**OCTOBER 11, 2022**

6:00 to 7:00 pm – GRPSU (1400 Fuller Rd. NE)

Attend this security training and learn about GRPS school safety systems.

### PLAY & LEARN

**OCTOBER 12, 2022**

5:00 to 6:30 pm – GRPSU (1400 Fuller St. NE)

Play and Learn GRCC is a collaborative, community-based partnership created to enrich the early learning experiences of young children. If you are a parent or caregiver of a child, ages 0 to 5 years old, join us for this free, weekly, 90-minute program to learn about child development, early reading strategies and positive discipline.

### RETURNING TO COLLEGE

**OCTOBER 18, 2022**

9:30 am - 10:30 am – [Virtual](#)

5:30 am - 6:30 pm – [Virtual](#)

This course is designed to inform families about GRCC's “return to college” programs, Promise Zone eligibility, job training opportunities, and more.



Check out October's edition of Power Parent Magazine that focuses on Reducing Chronic Absence – The Power of Attendance.

- Listen to Dr. Roby share her thoughts on the importance of equity in GRPS in **GOOD TO KNOW: GRPS Equity & Inclusion with Dr. Roby.**
- It's important to talk with your kids about issues like race and differences, but it's not always easy. Find a helpful guide in **SETTING GOALS: Talk it Out.**
- In **CHECK IT OUT: Celebrating Cultural Heritage**, you'll find a guide to understanding and celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and other cultural heritage events!
- Discover multiple resources in **NETWORKING FOR SUCCESS: Explore Books & Media** to support meaningful race and equity conversations.
- In **NAVIGATING ACHIEVEMENT: Championing a United Grand Rapids**, you'll find a volunteer guide that your family can use to give back to our community.
- Has your family been impacted by bigotry? Find helpful resources under **FAMILY CONVERSATIONS: Resources for Healing.**

## F.A.C.E. & COMMUNITY

### EBONY ROAD PLAYERS

FACE has partnered with Ebony Road Players, a Grand Rapids theater company that engages community members in theater arts education and produces plays by renowned Black playwrights.

Ebony Road Players invites GRPS middle and high school families to participate in **Story2Stage**, a **free** family experience, that embraces the joy of storytelling. Instructors, Amisha Groce and Todd Lewis, will walk families through the playwriting process and help them create a unique story. Ebony Road Players will bring those stories to life!

**This two-day experience will be held on Saturday, October 15 and Saturday, October 22, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, at the Catholic Information Center located on 360 Division Ave S. For more details, please call (616) 443-1601.**

### DWELLING PLACE & LINC UP

FACE has partnered with Dwelling Place and Linc Up to address the lack of affordable homeownership opportunities. Would you like to become a homeowner? Monthly orientations are offered through Linc Up to learn about Community Trust Homes, an affordable and sustainable alternative to traditional homeownership.

To learn more, please contact Mario Leon, LINC UP Homeownership Liaison at [mario@lincrev.org](mailto:mario@lincrev.org). To learn more about the Dwelling Place Community Land Trust visit [www.dwellingplacegr.org/CLT](http://www.dwellingplacegr.org/CLT).



Our PALs have continued to advocate for all GRPS families. On September 15, they attended their first quarterly meeting. During that meeting, Kaitlyn Califf, the GRPS Webmaster and Multimedia Designer, gave them a tour of the new and improved GRPS website.

PALs also participated in a special GRPS Town Hall meeting where they shared their ideas on ways to invest, enhance, upgrade, and revitalize school buildings, and to more effectively and equitably serve our scholars.

## FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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