

PARENT UNIVERSITY SPONSORED EVENTS/COURSEWORK

We encourage you to check out our [Parent University](#) website and peruse September's upcoming engagement events.

ENROLLMENT EVENT

Do you need to enroll your scholar into GRPS for the 2023-2024 school year? Attend our Enrollment Event for new or returning GRPS families.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 – 10:00-2:30 pm
Franklin Campus (1331 MLK Jr. Drive SE)

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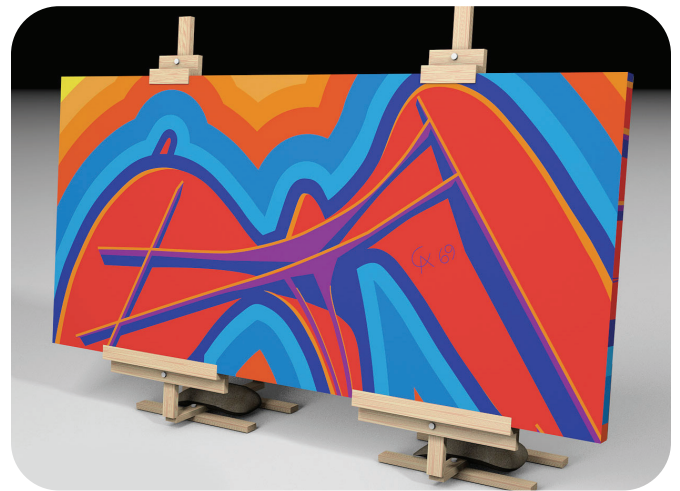
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 – 12:00-2:00 pm
Bakery Ebenezer (2046 Division Ave. S)



FEEDING AMERICA FOOD TRUCK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 – 4:15-5:00 pm
Sibley Elementary (943 Sibley St. NW)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 – 4:15-5:00 pm
Stocking Elementary (863 7th St. NW)



“PAINT THE CALDER”

Calling all 3rd-12th grade scholars and families: GRPS has been invited to participate in painting a 6' x 12' paint-by-number [ARTPRIZE](#) entry called “Paint the Calder”. [Registration required.](#)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 – 6:00-8:30 pm
Hyatt Place Downtown Hotel (140 Ottawa Ave. NW)

SPONGEBOB THE MUSICAL

Plunge into the stunning all-singing, all-dancing, dynamic stage show *SpongeBob the Musical*. [Registration required.](#)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 – 7:30-9:00 pm
Grand Rapids Civic Theater (30 Division Ave. N)



Coit Creative Arts Academy's PAL Ms. Sybil Johnson is preparing for the new school year!



THE PLAYGROUNDgr

F.A.C.E. & COMMUNITY

FACE is thrilled to announce a new partnership with THE PLAYGROUNDgr. This is a local nonprofit that is committed to bridging the disparities of the racial, gender, culture, and socioeconomic gaps often found in caregivers/ educational institutions and community-based programming around the world of play. Play based support, therapy and awareness continues to be an evidenced tool that sharpens and supports, emotional health, mental health, trauma, grief, and attachment. THE PLAYGROUNDgr is tasked with ensuring all members of our community have access to free or reduced rate play workshops, trainings, play based groups and play based therapy. FACE looks forward to co-creating opportunities for our scholars and families with THE PLAYGROUNDgr organization.



For the past three years, TASTE BUDDIES has been a remote opportunity for families to cook together at home. This year, TASTE BUDDIES will go LIVE! This will be a chance for families to cook and eat alongside each other in a local kitchen. Please continue to check Parent University to learn more about this upcoming event.



GRPS' Parent Action Leaders (PALs) have a big year ahead! PAL meetings are shifting, from quarterly to monthly, to allow for an additional focus on learning GRPS systems, protocols, and processes. These in-person gatherings will focus on building their capacity and empowering them to support the needs of their school communities. FACE looks forward to meeting with the PALs on September 12, 2023.

DID YOU KNOW?

When schools intentionally cultivate relationships and engage their families, scholars experience higher grades and test scores, improved attendance and classroom behaviors, stronger classroom engagement, better attitudes, a greater sense of efficacy and self-esteem, and they are more likely to graduate on time and participate in post-secondary educational opportunities.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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