

# F.A.C.E. TO FACE

## MONTHLY UPDATE

## PARENT UNIVERSITY: NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2023

Visit [parents.grps.org/events](https://parents.grps.org/events) to learn additional information about these courses.

### DINE AND DIG INTO S.E.L.

Learn how to support your scholar's social-emotional needs.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6** – 5:30-7:00 pm  
C.A. Frost Elementary School (1460 Laughlin Dr. NW)

### LINC HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM

The LINC UP Homeownership Program invites you to attend an informative workshop for potential homeowners. Please register to attend.

- What do I need to qualify for a mortgage?
- What special programs and funds are available to help me buy a home?
- How can I achieve a credit score that will make me eligible for a mortgage?
- What homeownership opportunities are coming up?

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8** – 5:30-7:30 pm  
LINC UP Gallery (1167 Madison Ave SE)

### GRPS PUBLIC SAFETY/SECURITY TRAINING FOR PARENTS, SCHOLARS, & COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Learn about the components of a safe school; gun safety; school violence; and kids, guns & gangs. Registration is required.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14** – 6:00-7:00 pm  
GRPS University (1400 Fuller Ave. NE)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12** – 6:00-7:00 pm  
GRPS University (1400 Fuller Ave. NE)

### LGBTQ+ SAFE SCHOOLS

This course will review LGBTQ+ vocabulary terms, inspire meaningful discussions, and encourage caregivers to become strong allies for our district's LGBTQ+ community.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28** – 5:30-7:00 pm  
GR Pride Center (343 Atlas Ave SE)

### IMPROV AT THE GRAND RAPIDS CIVIC THEATER

This highly energetic family class is geared toward the basic tenets of improv acting. It is an ideal opportunity for families hoping to perform, expand their performance abilities, and develop enhanced communication and creativity skills. Registration required.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28** – 6:00-7:30 pm  
Grand Rapids Civic Theater (30 Division Ave. N.)



### TASTE BUDDIES

TASTE BUDDIES is a free, **virtual** cooking opportunity for GRPS families. Remotely, families and a featured chef will create a delicious and nutritious family dinner using a GRPS meal prep bag. Registered families will receive email reminders prior to the event.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30** – 6:00-7:30 pm



GIRLS CHORAL ACADEMY

### GIRL'S CHORAL ACADEMY

Attend the fabulous Girl's Choral Academy (GCA) concert and listen to our amazing GRPS singers. This concert is free to all who attend.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9** – 3:00 pm  
First United Methodist Church (227 Fulton St. E.)



The GRPS Family and Community Engagement (FACE) office is committed to supporting and encouraging GRPS families and community partners to ask questions, reflect, and learn more about diversity, equity, and inclusion. To do so, check out the November edition of the Power Parent Magazine located at [Parent University](#).

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

F.A.C.E. is a proud partner of [Family Futures](#). Family Futures believes that every child deserves to be happy, healthy, and safe, and this begins by building strong families. Family Futures believes that all families can benefit from their work. When enough families benefit, the results raise up the entire community.

Family Futures empowers caregivers through the following programs:

- **Connections:** This program teaches caregivers how to use playtime to encourage, understand, and track their child's development from newborn through age five.
- **Healthy Families Kent County:** Healthy Families Kent County™ matches caregivers with a dedicated Family Support Specialist who will spend time arranging for community and medical resources and help caregivers give their babies the healthiest, safest start to the first three years of life.
- **Children's Safety:** Children's Safety supports caregiver efforts to create the safest sleep environment for their children. Eligible Kent County parents and caregivers can receive Pack 'n Plays, books, and more!

To learn more about Family Futures, please email [information@familyfutures.org](mailto:information@familyfutures.org).



In October, many PALs attended a Safety and Security meeting hosted by Mr. Larry Johnson, the GRPS Chief of Staff & Executive Director of Public Safety & School Security. Mr. Johnson spoke about district wide safety systems.

**On Tuesday, November 14th**, the PALs will meet with representatives from the GRPS Special Education Department. Conversations will focus on district policies and procedures.

## FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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