

Parent Newsletter



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Message from Principal

Black History Fact, Phillis Wheatley was the first African American to publish a book of poetry, *Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral*, in 1773. Born in the Gambia and sold to the Wheatley family in Boston when she was 7 years old, Wheatley was emancipated shortly after her book was released.

In addition, we have approximately 9 weeks before Michigan's annual six-week testing season begins in April. M-Step is a high stakes assessment! Attendance, daily instruction, tutoring and intervention will be critical. Let's be focused and ready to take action everyday! The results of the various assessments can influence college admissions, teacher evaluations, and whether third-graders are promoted.

[URGENT Reenrollment form Click Here](#)

[After School Tutoring Sign Up Link](#)

[Click to Sign Up for Tutoring at UYA](#)

DeansList for Families website

<https://youtu.be/bS54-TbscY8>

DeansList for Families Mobile App

<https://youtu.be/PofOGNOF0Rg>

[CLICK HERE TO GET READ AND RESPOND HW!](#)

[CLICK HERE C3 MATH HW!](#)

[Calendar of Upcoming Events](#)

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[School Calendar](#)

January 17, 2023 Grand Valley State Online Tutoring Starts

February 13, 2023 Afterschool Tutoring

February 14, 2023 Afterschool Tutoring

February 15, 2023 ½ Day of School

February 16, 2023 Afterschool Tutoring

February 20-24, 2023 Winter break

February 27, 2023 School Resumes

Attendance Free Dress Incentive

SCHOLARS WHO ARE IN SCHOOL EVERYDAY MONDAY – THURSDAY WILL RECEIVE A FREE DRESS TICKET FOR February 17, 2023 ONLY NO EXCEPTIONS. PLEASE SIGN UP FOR DEANS LIST TO SEE IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION

Students who are chronically absent—meaning they **miss at least 15 days of school in a year**—are at serious risk of falling behind in school.

We have been in school for 30 days and if your scholar has 3 or more absences they are considered chronically absent and could potentially be retain.

Grand Valley State University free Tutoring

NPFE is contracting with K-12 Connect to provide 1:1 virtual tutoring for you/your child 2-3 times per week. Tutoring will occur after school in the evenings/weekends from your home. Please check your email titled **Urgent Academic Message from UYA** and complete the form to provide several weekly times that your student will be home and available for tutoring so we can pair them with an available tutor.

K-12 Connect will share your final tutoring schedule by the Friday before tutoring begins. This program is mandatory for selected scholars and must sign up. Please check your email today.

Important Reminders

Arrival and Dismissal

DOOR 1– K Bussers and Middle School
DOOR 2 – 1 – 5 Arrival
7:30 – 8:00 - BREAKFAST
8:00 - CLASS BEGINS
8:05 - STUDENTS TARDY
(Parents bring in through office door)
3:35 - DISMISSAL

Transportation

Parents if you are in need of bus transportation please click the link below to sign up. You must sign up in order for your child to ride the bus.

[UYA Transportation Form](#)

Grading Policy

Grades for all students* will be calculated based on the following scale:
Quiz/Formative Unit Tests (40%)
Classwork/Projects (25%)
Homework (20%)
Journals/Notebooks (15%)

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Emergency Card Form!

Emergency cards must be turned in to the front office immediately to ensure we have contacts for all scholars in case of an emergency and we need to contact families.

Homework Schedule

ELA

Monday - Thursday

Math

Monday - Thursday

Science

Wed/Friday

Social Studies

Tuesday and Thursday

Read and Response Data

Kinder	55
1st	50
2nd	75
3rd	70
4th	100
5th	85
6th	85
7th	92
8th	95

Cell Phones

Students are **NOT** to have the following in their possession while in school: cell phones, iPod, Walkman's, electronic games, etc. Unless the teacher has required it for an activity.

All students upon entering the building are required to turn their cell phones off and store their cell phones in their assigned cell phone locker until the end of the day.

Scholars who decide not to follow these expectations consequences will immediately be issued.

If an electronic device is seen or heard, it will be confiscated and consequences will follow