

# Parent Newsletter



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## Message from Principal

We have approximately 3 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.

## Read by Grade 3 Law

The Michigan Legislature passed a law that requires schools to identify learners who are struggling with reading and writing and to provide additional help. The law states that third graders may repeat third grade if they are more than one grade level behind beginning with the 2019-2020 school year and not being proficient on the M-Step.

[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!](#)

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### [School Calendar](#)

**March 27, 2023** Grand Valley State Online Tutoring Continues

**March 27, 2023** Afterschool Tutoring

**March 28, 2023** Afterschool Tutoring

**March 30, 2023** Afterschool Tutoring

**March 31, 2023** End of Quarter 3

**April 18, 2023** M-STEP Testing Starts

## Attendance Free Dress Incentive

**SCHOLARS WHO ARE IN SCHOOL EVERYDAY MONDAY – THURSDAY WILL RECEIVE A FREE DRESS TICKET FOR March 31, 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 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.

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## 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%)

## 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	
1st	64%
2nd	65%
3rd	75%
4th	56%
5th	88%
6th	50%
7th	50%
8th	94%

### 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**