

# Parent Newsletter



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## Message from Principal

M-STEP begins for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and PSAT begins for 8<sup>th</sup> grade this week. M-Step and PSAT are high stakes assessment! Let's be focused and ready to take action everyday! Let's ensure our scholars have a good night sleep and a great breakfast. The results of the various assessments can influence high school admissions and promotion to the next grade level. Let's do our very best to ensure our scholars are ready to do their absolute very best. Please make sure that scholars are in the building by 7:45 am.

## 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 ATTENDANCE MESSAGE FROM MR. HINES

**CLICK HERE TO GET READ AND RESPOND HW!**

**[CLICK HERE C3 MATH HW! K-2 Only](#)**

8 <sup>th</sup> GRADE TESTING DATE	SUBJECT	TIME
Tuesday April 18, 2023	PSAT 8	8:30- 11:30

3 <sup>rd</sup> GRADE TESTING DATE	SUBJECT
Tuesday April 18, 2023	MSTEP ELA (3)
Wednesday April 19, 2023	MSTEP ELA (3)
Thursday April 20, 2023	MSTEP MATH (3)

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### [School Calendar](#)

**April 18 2023** School Store UYA LION PRIME Open from 7:30am to 5:00pm

**April 18, 2023** M-STEP Testing Starts 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**April 18, 2023** PSAT Testing Starts 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

## Attendance Notice

**URGENT URGENT URGENT !!!**

### [Video Message about Attendance from Mr. Hines](#)

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	31%
1st	64%
2nd	83%
3rd	83%
4th	56%
5th	88%
6th	65%
7th	70%
8th	100%

in school: cell phones, iPod, Walkmans, 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**