

PARENT NEWSLETTER

Week of April 8, 2024

SCHOOL PLEDGE

Right now, today, this very moment, I am capable of giving myself, the gift of absolute self-assurance, self-belief, and powerful non-stop confidence in myself.



“ TO THROUGH AND BEYOND COLLEGE ”

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DUNGEY

Test Taking Tip

Talk to your child about test taking. The purpose and goals of testing are not always obvious, even to the students who take them. Especially with new test-takers, it's easy to be intimidated by testing or simply not feel motivated to put forth a lot of effort. Have open, ongoing conversations with your child to explain the benefits of testing, focusing on how it helps them, their teacher, their school, and other educators understand their strengths and weaknesses and figure out the most effective ways to teach. You can also use this opportunity to ask your students how they feel about testing, and offer reassurance or perspective if they have any anxiety around exams.

Standardized Testing Count Down 8th Grade 4/10

3rd Grade 4 /16

5th Grade 4/22

4th Grade & 6th Grade 4/30

7th Grade 5/7

WE NEED STUDENTS AT SCHOOL EACH AND EVERY DAY FOR TESTING !!! STUDENTS DO BETTER DURING TEST DAYS THAN ON MAKE UP DAYS!



The Eclipse

A total solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes right over the sun in broad daylight and the last time one happened was in 2017.

[Nasa FAQ about the eclipse](#)

View the eclipse live on Youtube [Eclipse live](#)

*In Detroit, it begins at 1:58 p.m. Totality takes place between 3:10-3:15 p.m.

*Around 3:14 p.m. in Detroit, 99.2% of the sun will be covered by the moon.

THE WEEK AHEAD

DAY	ANNOUNCEMENTS
Monday 4/3 2 days until MSTEP/PSAT	Read and Respond and C3 passed out
Tuesday 4/9 Reading Rally SFA MSTEP Rally 2:30-3:15	Exact Path during intervention PAL Critical Conversations Program 8 th graders 11:30-12:30
Wednesday 4/10 PSAT Testing 8th 8:30-12:00	Exact Path during intervention Schedule switch 5 th -8 th Update member center Staff Meeting 4:00-5:30 – Online GVSU
Thursday 4/11 Reading Rally Pretty Brown Girls 4- 4:00-5:00	Exact Path during intervention MSTEP MSTEP 8 th Science 8:30-12:00
Friday 4/12 END OF QUARTER 3	Read and Respond/C3 Due Spelling Tests MSTEP MSTEP 8 th SS 8:30-12:00
UPCOMING 4/15-4/19	3 rd Grade Testing
4/23	Admin Assistant Day - Celebrate Ms. Merrill!!
4/22-4/24	5 th grade testing 4 th Grade Camp
UPCOMING	
Countdown to the PSAT Testing 2 DAYS	

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

[Re-enrollment link](#) – Save your spot for next year! Click the link to complete Reenrollment form for next year!

Glazer Attendance Week of 4/8 Overall 74% - our Goal is 95%

K	66%
1	73%
2	73%
3	82%
4	75%
5	65%
6	79%
7	83%
8	82%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation. • Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty. • By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.

Figure Skating in Detroit Opportunity:

As figure Skating in Detroit is growing and opportunities for girls are increasing, we want to always include the New Paradigm girls as much as possible. Any girls ages 14 -24 who are interested in working our GDYT FSD Summer Program and are a Detroit resident, should visit the site. We are recruiting now. Spaces are limited. For more information visit www.figureskatingindetroit.org/pkennebrew@figureskatingindetroit.org

Online Practice for M-STEP ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies

The online Sample Item Sets are a select group of test items in ELA, mathematics, science, and social studies that encompass different item types, such as multiple choice, constructed response, and various kinds of technology enhanced items.

The sets provide students, teachers, and parents practice in solving grade-level and content-specific test items aligned to Michigan's academic content standards.

There are two ways to get to the online Sample Item Sets: 1) Anyone can access the Sample Item Sets using the Chrome browser [Sample Set](#)2) Schools that have installed the updated INSIGHT software can access the Sample Item Sets by opening INSIGHT. The directions to access the sample items are the same for both methods: a) M-STEP is on the left side; b) Select "Online Tools Training" c) Select "Sample Item Sets" d) Select the grade e) Select the content area f)

EXACT PATH Time on Learning Path

	Math	Reading
K	68%	13%
1	74%	86%
2	35%	17%
3	30%	36%
4	23%	73%
5	0%	17%
6	58%	72%
7	67%	50%
8	67%	40%

Shout out to 1,4 for improving math time on learning paths and 1st and 3rd grade in math!

Shout out to 1st grade and 4th in Reading skills participation!

Skills Mastered

	Math	Reading
K	15	13
1	8	21
2	5	29
3	7	15
4	9	7
5	4	9
6	10	21
7	3	6
8	4	0

General Test Taking Tips

- Eat well at all times
- Students CANNOT have any type of unhealthy food item. i.e. Hot Cheetos, Takis, sugary drinks etc.
- DRINK water!! It replenishes the body and the brain
- Go to sleep early the night before. Put electronics in another room to avoid being distracted.
- Eat a healthy meal in the morning before testing. Brain foods include eggs, fruit etc. Leave electronics in a locked locker or at home.
- Cell phones, smart watches will not be allowed in the testing room and must be placed in their cell phone lockers.

Career Day Highlights



