



IMPORTANT DATES



November 7 & 8 - Pizza Hot Lunch.

November 19: GRACE Field Trip - Squirrels and their Cousins

Come learn more about our furry friends and their cousins, the chipmunks and woodchucks. Play some fun squirrely games and go on a hike to observe squirrels in the Calvin Ecosystem Preserve & Native Gardens. Discover how they prepare for the winter weather. Program is appropriate for Pre- K to 6th grade children.

When: Tuesday Nov.19, 2019 10:00 am to 11:30 am - Limited to 24 participants

Where: Meet at the [Bunker Interpretive Center](#) at the Calvin Ecosystem Preserve on the campus of Calvin University (1750 E Beltline Ave SE, Grand Rapids)

Email or text Tara Noe if you would like to participate at tarajnoe@gmail.com or 616.481.8681 with name and age of child/ren
Cost: \$3 per child (no cost for parents)

November 14 & 15 - Girls of GRACE Book Club during lunch hour 12:00 – 12:40

Middle School and Junior High girls will be meeting once a month during the lunch hour in Room #202/203. Bring you lunch and bring a friend.

They will share the books they love with each other and get new ideas from the others for books they will want to read next! Mrs. Krista McConkey will lead the group and help choose the genre each month. Each month the girls choose a book from that genre that is right for their family. Moms are welcome to join in the fun. Note to parents: The books that students choose to share at book club do not necessarily reflect the views of GRACE or of all parents.

November 21 & 22 – Picture Re-Take Day

The photos of GRACE students are used in our yearbook. Students **must** have their picture taken in order to have it appear in the yearbook, so we ask all students to take part. There is no charge for the yearbook photo and students will receive a free picture student ID. Photo packages are available for purchase through LifeTouch Photography on picture day or ordered by email later, after you have seen the proofs. The photographer will be at GRACE from about 9:00 – 3:00, students can go at any time to have their picture taken. We plan to set up the photographer in the Parent-Only Lounge on the main floor.

IMPORTANT NEWS & REMINDERS

Something Wonderful Happened

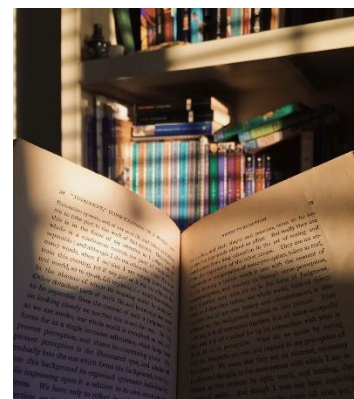
At the beginning of the school year we set out a cart near the GRACE office that contained books, curriculum, and educational materials that our teachers had found during the move to our new location.

These items were offered for free to GRACE families and we anticipated most of those materials would soon be gone. We were correct. While most of the original items are gone, each week new items appear on the cart.

Families are being blessed by finding free treasures, but they have also been blessing others by adding to the cart items they no longer need.

Please feel free to look through the cart each week for items that may be useful to you and please feel free to add to the cart the items you no longer need.

Lost and Found items not claimed by Thanksgiving will be donated.



T.R.I.P. Trip Reduction Incentive Program

NEW: A limited number of HAPPY DINING CARDS with a special 18% bonus rebate are now available as Instant Trip in the GRACE Office while supplies last.

\$25 Happy Dining Cards can be used at these SIX restaurants: Buffalo Wild Wings, Red Lobster, PF Chang's, The Cheesecake Factory (opening in November in Grand Rapids), Cracker Barrel, and McCormick & Schmick's. Hurry and take advantage of this great deal now!

Now is a great time to stockpile gift cards for the holidays. SCRIP (www.shopwithscrip.com) has many on-going bonuses and special \$5 and \$10 gift cards. Remember everyone on your list with a gift card:

Babysitter, Cadet Leader, Church Secretary, Coaches, Co-workers, GEM Leaders, Hairdresser, Hard-to-buy-for Grandparents, Mailman, Music Directors, Party Games Prizes, Piano Teacher, Preacher, Sunday School Instructor, Stocking Stuffers, Teachers, Youth Group Leaders

As you begin your holiday shopping, remember all the ways you can help support GRACE and help keep your class costs low:



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SHOP AMAZON, SUPPORT GRACE

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to GRACE whenever you shop on AmazonSmile.

How do I sign up?

Login to your current Amazon account, but use this link to do so: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-3194117>

After logging in you will see Supporting: XXXXX under the search bar. To begin supporting GRACE with your Amazon purchases, simply hover over Supporting and select Change. Search for GRACE Home School Academy to begin supporting GRACE Home School Association with each AmazonSmile purchase!

Don't forget! Each time you want to shop on Amazon.com, be sure to start at smile.amazon.com so that your purchases will be eligible for a .5% donation to GRACE!

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How does it work?

When making a purchase of qualifying school supplies, provide the GRACE HSA I.D. number 70242332 at the checkout (in-store or online) and GRACE will receive 5 % back in credits for FREE supplies!

SPARTANNASH DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS PROGRAM

How can I help GRACE HSA earn \$1,000?

1. Shop any of SpartanNash's corporate-owned stores—D&W Fresh Market, Family Fare Supermarket, Forest Hills Foods, ValuLand, and VG's locations in Michigan—and encourage your family and friends to do the same!
2. Bring original store receipts (no copies, must be full receipt) to the GRACE Office.
3. Once we have receipts totaling \$150,000 in eligible sales, SpartanNash will cut GRACE a check for \$1,000!

Thank You!