

Connections

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR GRAND TRAVERSE ACADEMY FAMILIES

Dates to remember

Monday-Friday, November 20-24 – No School for Students (Thanksgiving Break)

Saturday, December 16 – Build-a-Teddy Workshop and Movie, 2:30 pm, MPR 3 & 4

Build a teddy, watch *Paddington*!

The GTA travel club is holding a Build-a-Teddy



Workshop and movie event on **Saturday, December 16 at 2:30 pm**. Each plush pal is 14" tall and comes ready to stuff for \$20. After participants stuff their new friend in MPR 3 & 4, they can take it to the movie

(*Paddington*). Movie tickets are \$1 each and popcorn and other concessions will be available for sale. See the attached flyer for available styles and complete this [order form](#) by **November 20** so that we can order your specific friend! Please email Mr. Kinney at kinneyr@mygta.us with questions or for more info.

Mustang spirit wear store discount offered for a limited time

Just in time for holiday shopping, our [spirit wear](#)

[Sideline store](#) is stocked with clothing in youth and adult sizes, as well as accessories – from headwear to blankets and everything in between! Order by November 27 at 11:59 pm for delivery before December 25. **And for a limited time, save 20**



percent off a \$75 or more

purchase using the code SCORE20.

Student absences and late arrivals

If your child will be absent from school or arriving late, please contact the appropriate office at your earliest convenience:

☎ Secondary: hsoffice@mygta.us or (231) 932-6038

☎ Elementary: elementaryoffice@mygta.us or (231) 995-0665

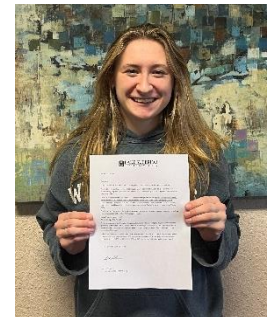
College acceptance

Congratulations to GTA senior **Dana Bacon**, who has received a letter of acceptance for fall 2024 from the University of Michigan-Flint. Dana currently has an interest in studying biology after her graduation from high school.



Hats off to Anna

Hoffman, who has been accepted to attend Lake Superior State University and Northern Michigan University in the fall of 2024. She wants to pursue a career in veterinary medicine.



National Cherry Festival prince and princess selected

Congratulations to first graders **Marcus Hollenbeck** and

Beatrix Butler, who will represent Grand Traverse Academy in next summer's National Cherry Festival parades. First grade parents will be needed to

help build the float, so be sure to stay tuned for more information!



Easy ways to raise funds for GTA

Box Tops for Education. Box Tops for Education offers a way to support our school with the purchase of many grocery items: The [Box Tops mobile app](#) allows you to



scan store receipts, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our earnings online. No more clipping, taping onto collection sheets and dropping them off at school!

Save your Oleson's receipts, please! Do you shop at Oleson's Food Markets? Did you know that your cash register receipts are worth money for our school? With the Oleson's



Community Share Program, you earn "Community Share Points" each time you shop (with the exception of alcohol purchases). One point equals one cent, so if you spend \$100 on groceries, you've earned \$1 for GTA! These points add up quickly. It's easy to participate – simply save your receipts and deposit them in the box just to the right of the Elementary Office door.

Ongoing events

Secondary Bagel Sales – *Wednesdays from 7:30-8:00 am in the MPR; \$2.00 each*

Secondary Doughnut Sales – *Fridays from 7:40-8:00 am in MPR 1 & 2; \$2.00 each*

Secondary Bake Sales – *November 29, December 13, January 10 & 24, February 7 & 21, March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17, May 1, 15 & 29*

Elementary Pizza Days – *Every other Wednesday, as follows: December 6 & 20, January 10 & 24, February 7 & 21, March 6 & 20, April 10 & 24 and May 8 & 22 (order and pay by the preceding Monday using forms sent home on off weeks), \$2.00 per slice of pepperoni or cheese*

Secondary Pizza Days – *Every Thursday (order and pay by Tuesdays using forms provided in Advisory classrooms), \$1.50 per slice of cheese or pepperoni*



TEDDY BEAR WORKSHOP KITS

Hand Stuff a Furry Friend • Place a Wish Star Inside • Name It • Love It FUR-ever



Aster The Leopard



Chilly Snowman



Ocean Bear



Ruby Reindeer



Candy Cane Reindeer



Wonder Mooser



Eska Husky



Snow Monster



Icee Polar Bear



Waddles Penguin



Snap Gingerbread Dog



Sugar Plum Bear



Red and White Striped
Hat and Scarf



Custom Printed Tee Shirt

Kits Include: 14" Unstuffed Friend, Stuffing, Wish-Star, Birth Certificate and Buddy Bag

Teacher' s Name _____ Child' s Name _____

Selection(s) ___1___2___3___4___5___6___7___8___9___10___11___12___13___14___