

Connections

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR GRAND TRAVERSE ACADEMY FAMILIES

Dates to remember

Wednesday, February 14 – *Spring Student Count Day*

Thursday, February 15 – *GTA Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 pm, Lecture Hall*

Friday, February 16 – *Family Movie Night, 6:30 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm), Big Gym*

Monday, February 19 – *NO SCHOOL, Winter Break*

Tuesday-Friday, February 20-23 – *Secondary Frost Fest*

Enrollment Information Meetings continue

Grand Traverse Academy's Open Enrollment period for the 2024-25 school year **continues through Thursday, March 7**. Several enrollment information meetings are planned and are listed below. Each includes a brief presentation in the Lecture Hall, time for Q & A and a tour of our facilities. *Year after year, our surveys show that the #1 reason parents apply for enrollment at Grand Traverse Academy is the recommendation of a friend or relative.* If you have acquaintances with school-aged children, we encourage you to invite them to reserve their spot at one of these meetings by calling (231) 995-0665.

Enrollment Information Meetings

Day	Date	Time
Monday	February 12	6:00-7:00 pm
Thursday	February 22	9:30-10:30 am
Wednesday	February 28	6:00-7:00 pm
Thursday	February 29	9:30-10:30 am
Monday	March 4	10:00-11:00 am
Tuesday	March 5	9:30-10:30 am

Current students automatically enrolled for 2024-25 school year

Once a student has been accepted for enrollment at Grand Traverse Academy, they do not need to go through the application process to attend in future school years. However, an [enrollment application](#) must

be completed for siblings of current students who will either be entering kindergarten in the fall or transferring from another school. Enrollment questions may be directed to Mrs. Truesdell at truesdella@mygta.us.

There's an app for that

PowerSchool, our student information and tracking



software, allows Secondary students and their parents to check assignments, grades, attendance and more. It's easily accessible from your computer or mobile device, but did you know that PowerSchool also has an app for more convenient access?

PowerSchool Mobile provides real-time updates, easy access for parents and allows for push notifications about grades and attendance to keep everyone in the loop. Find it on Google Play for Android users or the Apple App Store. Once it's downloaded, use **district code RDCL** to proceed with setup.

I was accepted!



Congratulations to **Alleah Dix**, who has been accepted to attend the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Grand Valley State University and Ferris State University, among others! She plans to study accounting and business management.

Preschool enrolling now for 2024-25

Grand Traverse Academy Preschool is a licensed,



tuition-based program created especially for 3-5-year-olds.

Through fun, hands-on activities, children develop the confidence, creativity and critical thinking

skills that prepare them for success in kindergarten and beyond. Full- and half-day sessions are available and parents may choose two, three or five mornings or days

per week. For more information or to apply for enrollment, visit the [Preschool webpage](#). Please feel free to share this information with other parents of preschool-aged children!

Powerlifting Club competes, excels

The GTA Powerlifting Club's competitors had a great



day last Saturday at the Michigan High School Powerlifting Association regional meet in

Manistee. Eight young men and one young woman participated. **Stuart Nottke, Cole Anderson and Perry Middaugh** all placed second in their respective divisions, and qualified for the state meet at Croswell-Lexington High School on March 2. **Max Hobbs** will also participate in the state meet based on his qualifying total. For more photos, visit the [GTA Facebook page](#). Best wishes to all!

Board seeking member prospects

GTA's board of directors is seeking individuals who are



passionate about our school and have an interest in the possibility of serving on the board in the future. Board

membership is a great way to share your time and talents in supporting our mission of ensuring that all students are safe, loved and learning as they achieve excellence in character and academics. For information on the role and responsibilities of a GTA board member, please contact Amy Ettawageshik at ettawageshika@mygta.us

Family Council plans movie night

The recently released "Wish," an animated musical that pays tribute to Disney's 100th anniversary, will be featured at next Friday's Family Movie Night. Join your GTA friends on **Friday, February 16 in the Big Gym at 6:30 pm** (doors open at 6:00). Kids may wear their pajamas and bring a blanket and pillow (**no outside chairs, please; folding chairs will be provided**). Admission is free and concessions will be available for

purchase. **NOTE:** Several parent volunteers are still needed to assist with concessions, clean-up, etc. [If you can help, sign up here](#). Please **use the form to volunteer only**; an RSVP is not necessary to attend the movie. Thank you, and we'll see you at the movie!

Mustang Roundup

The following basketball games are scheduled for this weekend:

Friday, February 9

JH Girls (White/Navy), Home vs. Traverse City Christian, 4:00 pm



JH Girls (Silver) at The Children's House, 4:30 pm

JV Boys at Onkama, 5:30 pm

Varsity Boys at Onkama, 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 10

Elementary Boys at Northport, starting at 8:15 am (see calendar at the link below for all times)

For a full schedule of athletic events by season and sport, visit the [Practice & Event Schedules webpage](#) and click on the sport and grade level of your choice. Our Mustangs love to have fans to support and cheer them on!

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.



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 and 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 Robotics Team Meetings – *Fridays from 12:15-3:00 pm, Copper 1*

Girls Who Code Club Meetings – *Tuesdays from 3:45-4:30 pm, Copper 1*

Secondary Muffin Sales – *Mondays from 7:40-8:00 am in the MPR; \$2.00 each starting January 22*

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 – *March 6, April 17, May 15*

Elementary Pizza Days – *Every other Wednesday, as follows: February 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*



Fun fact

What is the only food that can never spoil? The oldest sample found was 5,500 years old!

Answer: Honey