



Connections

A Weekly Newsletter
for Grand Traverse Academy Families



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Dates to remember

Now through Thursday, March 11 – *Open Enrollment Period (see information meeting dates and times below)*

Friday, February 26 – *Parent-Teacher Conferences (see details below)*

Thursday & Friday, March 4 & 5 – *Parent-Teacher Conferences (see details below)*

Friday, March 5 – *“GTA’s Got Talent” Virtual Talent Show, 7:00 pm (see below for instructions to join)*

Friday, March 19 – *GTA Board of Directors Meeting, 1:00 pm (virtual: see below for instructions to join)*

GTA’s Got Talent

How to watch and vote for your favorite talent show



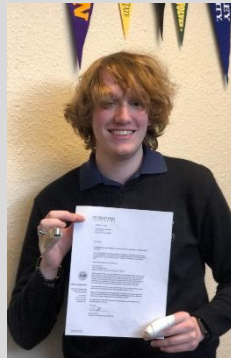
act. Our first-ever virtual talent show is set for next Friday! You can show your support for our students’ efforts and vote for your favorite act by watching from the comfort of your

own home! Gather your family, make some popcorn and tune in on Zoom at **7:00 pm on Friday, March 5**. Here’s how: Prior to the show, click on the Zoom link here <http://bit.ly/GTAGTReg> and fill in your name and email address. Next, click Pay and Register to purchase a virtual ticket with either a PayPal account or credit card to watch the show on one device. You’ll receive a registration email confirming the date and time and providing a link to join. After the talent show concludes, you’ll receive a ballot in your email to vote for your favorite act. One ballot will be sent per ticket purchased. We hope you’ll join in on the fun, but don’t delay! **We need an accurate count to be sure that our Zoom Meeting room has adequate space for all of our students’ families and friends. Please purchase your virtual tickets by Wednesday, March 3.**

Board of directors meeting held virtually

Our next GTA board of directors meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 19 at 1:00 pm and will be virtual for both the board and the public. To join via Google Meet, go to <https://meet.google.com/boc-qigw-ayn?hs=224>. To join by phone, call (US) [+1 508-738-2851](tel:+15087382851) (PIN: 499288678).

Congrats,
you're in!



Congratulations to **Noah Froehlich** on his acceptance at Michigan State and Ferris State Universities.

Student testing in April

A battery of standardized tests for all students will begin on April 12, including SAT, ACT WorkKeys, M-STEP and PSAT. Parents of our virtual learners are asked to let us know as soon as possible if your children will be joining us so that we can assign students and staff to testing rooms as needed. Please call (231) 995-0665 for Elementary or (231) 932-6038 for Secondary. Thank you!

Parent-teacher conferences continue next week

Second semester parent-teacher conferences continue on **March 4 & 5**. If you haven’t already scheduled yours, either in-person or virtually, use the following links to



SchoolBookings, our online conference manager:

Elementary

<https://www.schoolbookings.net/code?code=phzpd>

(Call 995-0665 with questions)

Secondary

<https://www.schoolbookings.net/code?code=w4d2u>

(Call 932-6038 with questions)

Note: Conferences may be in-person or virtual. All Secondary conferences on **March 4** will be virtual through Google Meet, as indicated on SchoolBookings. For Elementary students, please contact the teacher once you have reserved your spot to let them know if you would prefer a virtual meeting. Parents of Elementary *virtual learners* should contact their child's teacher directly to set up a conference.

Open Enrollment period continues

Grand Traverse Academy's Open Enrollment period



continues through **Thursday, March 11.**

Enrollment Information Meetings are planned as shown below. Each includes a brief presentation, time for Q & A and a tour of our facilities. Masks are required and safe distancing will be practiced.

Monday, March 1, 9:30 am

Thursday, March 4, 6:00 pm

Friday, March 5 – 6:00 pm*

Tuesday, March 9, 6:00 pm

*special Kindergarten and Young Explorers Information Nights

If you have friends or family who are interested in learning more about Grand Traverse Academy for their children, please invite them to join us at one of these meetings. Space is limited, so participants are advised to contact Amy Truesdell at (231) 932-6900 or truesdella@mygta.us to reserve their spot. Individual tours with a school leader are also available if these dates and times are not convenient.

Preschool accepting applications for fall

GTA's Mighty Mustangs Preschool is accepting



enrollment applications for the 2021-22 school year. Our preschool offers a play-based and developmentally appropriate

program for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds. Options include 2, 3 or 5 mornings or full days per week, and the days of operation follow the GTA school calendar. If you have preschool-aged children or know someone who does, an application and more information can be found at www.mygta.us/page/preschool. Feel free to contact Sharon Swartz, director, at 932-6953 or swartzs@mygta.us with questions.

Girls' softball coach needed

The Mustang athletic department is seeking applicants for a varsity girls' softball coach. Requirements include coaching experience, knowledge of the game, the ability to teach and motivate our student athletes, and a commitment to the success of the program. A background check and fingerprinting are required. Interested? Contact Shelley Alejandro at alejandros@mygta.us.



Elementary teaching team requests for 2021-22 accepted

If you would like to request a specific teaching team (or kindergarten teacher) for the next school year, please complete the attached form and turn it in to the Elementary office **no later than Friday, March 12.** Here's how: 1) Review the names of kindergarten teachers and Elementary teaching teams. 2) Write your first and second choice selections in the spaces provided. In the case of Elementary teaching teams, write in the name of the preferred homeroom teacher in the #1 slot; another member of the team will go in the #2 slot. **Note that only forms with both first and second choices can be considered.** If you have questions, please call the Elementary Office at (231) 995- 0665.

Fun facts

Cathay Williams became the first African-American woman to serve in the U.S. Army, in 1866. Since women were barred from joining the military at the time, she enlisted as a man under the pseudonym



William Cathay.

Source: mentalfloss.com

Grand Traverse Academy Teaching Team Request Form

I would like to request the following team teachers for my student(s) for the 2021-22 school year:

Student Name	Grade in Fall	First Choice Team Request*	Second Choice Team Request*
_____	_____	1 _____ / 2 _____	1 _____ / 2 _____
_____	_____	1 _____ / 2 _____	1 _____ / 2 _____
_____	_____	1 _____ / 2 _____	1 _____ / 2 _____
_____	_____	1 _____ / 2 _____	1 _____ / 2 _____

Parent Signature	Date
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*Please choose a teaching team from the list below; indicate your first and second choice teacher within each team. Only forms with a first and second choice team can be considered. Forms must be turned in to the Elementary Office by March 12, 2021.

Teaching Teams**

Kindergarten	Lower Elementary 1 st & 2 nd Grades	Middle Elementary 3 rd & 4 th Grades	Upper Elementary 5 th & 6 th Grades
Conrad (Young Explorers)	Bohrer/Flores	Cherup/Kipke/Wilson	Alejandro/Justin Lazar/Wingfield
Hartwig	Burrus/Dennis	Hetherington/Michelle Lazar	Haberlein/Windon
Johnson	Gorton/Rogers		
Myers			
Terrill			

** Note that Team Teachers and locations are subject to change.

