



# Connections

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR GRAND TRAVERSE ACADEMY FAMILIES

## Dates to remember

**Now through Thursday, March 9 – 2023-24 Open Enrollment Period**

**Thursday, February 2 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Career Tech**

## Enrollment Information Meetings continue

Grand Traverse Academy's Open Enrollment period for the 2023-24 school year **continues through Thursday, March 9**. Several Enrollment Information Meetings are scheduled, as shown below. Each includes a brief presentation, time for Q & A and a tour of our facilities.

Enrollment Information Meetings		
Day	Date	Time
Thursday	February 2	6:00 pm
Wednesday	February 8	6:00 pm
Monday	February 13	9:30 am
Thursday	February 23	9:30 am
Thursday	March 2	6:00 pm
Monday	March 6	9:30 am

If you have friends or family members who are interested in learning more about Grand Traverse Academy for their children, please invite them to contact Amy Truesdell at (231) 995-0665 or [enrollment@mygta.us](mailto:enrollment@mygta.us) to reserve their spot at one of these meetings. Individual tours with a school leader are also available by appointment.

## Preschool enrolling now

Grand Traverse Academy's 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!

## Attention new-to-GTA families

As a reminder, once your children have been accepted for enrollment at Grand Traverse Academy, there is no need to reapply in subsequent years. Current GTA students will be automatically enrolled for the 2023-24 school year. What's more, siblings of current students who apply for the first time will receive preference should an enrollment lottery drawing be necessary.

## Med Club hosts Mutt Meetup

The GTA Med Club, created for students interested in a



career in the medical field and led by Mr. Drost, is organizing an exercise event each month in order to promote healthful activities. Last Friday, they held the Med Club Mutt Meetup, where students and their "mutts" met at the Grand Traverse Commons and took a short hike together. It was really fun and all the dogs did great! The club has asked Mrs. Drost to conduct a yoga class after school for February's activity.

## Sewing assistance needed!

Mrs. Schuetze is working on a decorating project for an upcoming band event and is in need of some help finishing the raw edges of a piece of fabric. If you have a serger or a sewing machine with an overlock foot, as well as a little time to spare, please contact her at [schuetzej@mygta.us](mailto:schuetzej@mygta.us). She would be "sew" appreciative!

## Elementary bands hold Mid-Winter Concert

The GTA Beginning and Advanced Elementary Bands



(5th & 6th graders) performed for the first time this year before a packed house. The 86 students were so excited to play their instruments in front of an audience and demonstrate what they can do. The bands did a great job and, though they were nervous, they played with chutzpah! If you missed it, the performance is available [here](#).

### Winter fun fact:

The tallest snowperson on record, created in 2008 in Bethel, Maine, stood over 22 feet. It was made of 13 million pounds of snow, and featured eight pairs of skis for eyelashes and a mouth made of five car tires. Two 30-foot spruce trees made its arms!

## Spring sports sign-up happening now!

Sign-up sheets for spring sports are hanging outside the



Secondary office. Students interested in playing JH softball, JH track, JH baseball, HS softball, HS track or HS baseball should sign the sheet so that the athletic

department can get numbers for each team and determine if more coaches are needed. Start dates and deadlines for paperwork will be available in a few weeks.

## Coffee's on!

Mr. Thomas's Upper Elementary class is selling coffee from the Leelanau Coffee Roasting Company to help fund their classroom activities, field trips and resources this year! The coffee comes in 12-oz. bags and is available in Regular and Decaffeinated, Whole Bean and Ground. **Orders are due on Friday, February 24** and will be delivered the following week. See the attached

order form for details and to place your order. They thank you for your support!

## School absences or late arrivals

If your child will be late for school or absent for the day, please notify the office by 8:30 am. Parents will be called to verify any unexcused absences after that time.

**Elementary 995-0665 / Secondary 932-6038**

## Winter soccer continues

Several Saturday soccer options are underway and it's



not too late to join. Schedules and details are as follows. Questions may be directed to Mr. Lazar at [lazarj@mygta.us](mailto:lazarj@mygta.us).

Participants are asked to please use the Elementary entrance for the following programs:

### Secondary Drop-In (Big Gym)

- Grades 6-12
- January 28; February 4, 11; March 4, 11
- 12:00 - 2:00 pm
- Cost: \$10 per session
- Parent/guardian must sign a waiver at first session attended
- Bring: Shin guards, light and dark shirts, water bottle

### Secondary Goalkeeper Training (Big Gym)

- Grades 8-11
- January 28; February 4, 11; March 4, 11
- 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- Cost: \$10 per session
- Parent/guardian must sign a waiver at first session attended
- Bring: Water bottle, long sleeve shirt or keeper jersey, goalkeeper gloves, comfortable clothing for diving

### Adult Drop-In (Big Gym)

- January 28; February 4, 11; March 4, 11
- 4:00 - 6:00 pm
- Must sign a waiver at first session attended
- Bring a light and dark shirts for splitting into teams

## A note from the GTA Family Council

We were so pleased at the turnout at last Friday's



Family Council ice skating event at Centre ICE. Not knowing what to expect, we were pleasantly surprised at over 130 people in attendance! It was lots of fun for everyone involved. A special thank you goes to parents **Jessica Collings** and **Courtney** and **Brandon Burley** for all of the hard work that went into making this happen. We're looking forward to hosting more events in upcoming months. Watch for more information!

## Students learn and give

Seniors in **Mrs. McCann's** first semester Global



**Room to Read®**

Perspectives classes recently made donations of \$130 each to two student-nominated nonprofits. During the semester, they raised funds by selling "Boo Grams" and "Candy Grams." For their final exam, students worked in groups to make a presentation to the class on a worldwide matter of public concern that included an independent organization that is working on a solution to the problem. Each class voted on the organization that was the most deserving of a donation. Congratulations to **Elizabeth Kornexl** and **Norah VanWingerden**, whose organization, [Room to Read](#) earned the most votes during first hour, and **Ashton Cherup**, **Isaac Dunson**, **Miles Dimitrijevic** and **Isaiah Towne**, whose organization, [4Ocean](#), received the third hour contribution.



## Ski & Snowboard School offered

The annual Kiwanis Club/Record-Eagle Ski & Snowboard School at Traverse City's Mt. Holiday has begun for students in grades 1-9. Details, including dates, cost and a link to register, are attached to this newsletter. Questions should be directed to Mt. Holiday at the phone number or email address provided.

## Ongoing events

**Med Club Muffin Sales (Secondary)** – *Every Monday from 7:45-8:00 am, \$2.00 each for several varieties, Multi-Purpose Room*

**Sophomore Class Bagel Sales** – *Every Wednesday from 7:40-8:00 am, \$2.00 each for several varieties, Multipurpose Room 4 and the Intention Room (Mrs. VanHouzen's office)*

**Elementary Pizza Days** – *Every other Wednesday, as follows: February 8 & 22, March 8 & 22, April 12 & 26 and May 10 & 24 (order and pay by the preceding Monday using forms sent home on off weeks), \$1.50 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*

**NHS Secondary Doughnut Sales** – *Every Friday in Multipurpose Rooms 1 & 2, 7:40-8:00 am, \$1 each for several varieties*

**Secondary Beverage Sales** – *Monday-Thursday at Lunch in Bronze 1, \$1.50 each for Snapple fruit drinks*

**Fill the Pantry Jeans Days** – *Thursdays: March 23, May 25 (\$2 per person to wear jeans with a uniform top)*



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	Whole Bean	Ground
Bakery Blend	_____	_____
Bakery Blend Decaf	_____	_____
GTA Blend	_____	_____
GTA Blend Decaf	_____	_____
French Roast	_____	_____
French Roast Decaf	_____	_____
Hazelnut	_____	_____
Hazelnut Decaf	_____	_____
Caramel & Pralines	_____	_____
Caramel & Pralines Decaf	_____	_____
Chocolate Cherry Festival	_____	_____
Chocolate Cherry Festival Decaf	_____	_____

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Teacher \_\_\_\_\_





## Kiwanis Club / TC Record Eagle Ski & Snowboard School

Lessons held at Mt. Holiday Ski & Recreation Area, 3100 Holiday Rd, Traverse City, MI 49686

**All Lesson Times are: 6-8pm**

<u>Ski Lessons</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Snowboard Lessons</u>	<u>Grades</u>
January 10, 11, 12	K-1	January 10, 11, 12	1-2
January 17, 18, 19	K-1	January 17, 18, 19	1-2
January 24, 25, 26	2-8	January 24, 25, 26	3-9
January 31, Feb. 1, 2	2-8	January 31, Feb. 1, 2	3-9
February 7, 8, 9	2-8	February 7, 8, 9	3-9
February 14, 15, 16	2-8	February 14, 15, 16	3-9
February 21, 22, 23	K-1	February 21, 22, 23	1-2

**Cost of the Lessons are:**

**\$42 per 3-Day Session**

**Cost of Rental Equipment (if needed)**

**\$15**

**To Register Click on the LINK: <https://mt-holiday.com/ski-snowboard/>**

**Payment is collected on the online registration using credit or debit card.**

Questions regarding Ski & Snowboard School, contact Mt. Holiday at 231-938-2500 or email: [skischool@mtholiday.org](mailto:skischool@mtholiday.org)

**To Bring/Wear: Warm Coat, gloves, hat and Helmet (if available). A helmet will be provided if you don't have one for your child.**



**REGISTER NOW**

