



# The Communicator

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## Focused on the Future

Each spring, hundreds of our high school students participate in the Advanced Placement (AP) testing program. These students challenge themselves by taking rigorous college level courses and exams while still in high school. Based on the student's scores, most public and private colleges grant credit for the exams, which could save considerable money in tuition costs. Students who score a three or above on a five point scale earn potential college credit for the course depending upon the university they eventually attend.

Grandville High school currently offers 12 AP courses for our students. "We continue to be pleased with the number of students taking advantage of this rigorous curriculum," said Assistant Principal Brad Lusk. "This year, there were 274 students who took a combined total of 454 AP tests., and 71.5% of all tests resulted in scores of three or higher," Lusk added.

### Dates to Remember

September 7  
Classes begin

November 24-26  
Thanksgiving Break

December 20-31  
Holiday Break

January 17  
No School (Teachers' Report)

February 18-21  
Mid-Winter Break

April 1-8  
Spring Break

May 27  
No School

May 30  
Memorial Day

June 10  
Last Day of School

Advanced Placement Tests	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Number of students taking AP Exams =	274	304	269	285	189
Number of tests with a passing rate of 3 or above =	325	358	328	349	240
Number of tests administered =	454	531	471	469	309

"Each year we have over 85% of our graduates entering a college or university, and those who have taken advantage of the AP program have a better understanding of how to succeed at that level," Lusk said. In addition to the potential benefits of earning college credit prior to stepping foot on a college campus, AP courses are viewed favorably on college admissions applications. College admission officials place value on a student choosing to challenge himself/herself with the most rigorous curriculum the high school has to offer.

Teaching a college-level course takes training and dedication. This summer, Grandville High School hosted an Advanced Placement Summer Institute for teachers from throughout the state as well as a few international instructors. Teachers attending the conference shared their knowledge and teaching strategies for guiding high school students through the difficult course work.

## Welcome back!

I am eager to welcome our students, their families, and our staff members back for a great year! The school year begins on Tuesday, September 7. The new school year always brings with it a “fresh start” for every student and we look forward to new beginnings.



Our staff has been very busy over the summer preparing for the year ahead. Our summer facility projects have been completed, the largest of which was the replacement of the heating/ventilation system in the majority of classrooms at Grandville Middle School. New vertical ventilation units provide more consistent temperatures throughout the classrooms and are quieter – creating a better learning environment.

Since most of the ceiling tile within classrooms had to be removed to install duct work, it was an opportune time to install new lighting, replace old and worn ceiling tile, install ceiling mounted data projectors, and replace the fire alarm system throughout the building. Occupancy sensors have also been installed within the classrooms to automatically adjust temperatures and lighting when the space is empty, providing further energy efficiency and savings. These items were identified as priorities within the Facility Master Plan that was established in June 2008.

In addition, this project included the installation of drywall and insulation to cover the windows that exist between classrooms (near the ceiling) which will provide a more effective noise barrier between rooms. The existing horizontal unit ventilators, which have been in place since the building was constructed in 1964, have been removed and the holes in the exterior wall have been patched and repaired. A fresh coat of paint was applied to the walls of these classrooms to complete the “make-over.”

The installation of the ventilation equipment and other upgrades brings us closer to the final stage of this multi-year project with the remaining portion of the building to be completed next summer. This facility improvement is being paid for through the district’s sinking fund which voters generously renewed in 2006.

Improvements in classroom technology continued this summer as well with the replacement of our oldest desktop computers, which were in some cases nine and ten years-old. District-wide, two hundred twenty-five (225) new computers were purchased and installed. As noted above, technology upgrades also included installation of additional data projection systems.

Our Curriculum Office also had a busy summer acquiring new instructional resources and providing training for staff. This fall, our sixth graders will benefit from a new mathematics textbook series, and our second graders will continue to gain from the new early elementary reading series, *StoryTown*. New textbooks have also arrived for Advanced Placement Statistics at the high school. Many of our newest books come with online resources which allow students, and their parents, a chance to review concepts that were covered in class at their own pace to help ensure success. The online option also eliminates the problem of a forgotten book at school.

In June, the Board of Education approved a new strategic plan for the coming years which is aligned with our district’s improvement plan. The plan focuses on improving student outcomes in the core areas of math, reading and writing. While these goals may seem somewhat basic and simplistic, be assured that they were established after careful review of student achievement data. Our focus on these goals will drive instructional decision-making and we will continue to align our resources to fulfill these priorities.

A component of the strategic plan is our new mission statement: *Improving lives by producing successful, life-long learners*. This statement drives what we do each day – prepare our students to be successful in an ever-changing world.

I appreciate the opportunity to hear your ideas on how we can continue to meet our mission. If you have comments or questions, please contact me at (616) 254-6570 or via e-mail at [rcaniff@gpsk12.net](mailto:rcaniff@gpsk12.net)

### Board Lowers School Taxes

*Did you notice that your summer tax bill was lower? The Board of Education reduced the debt levy by two-tenths of a mill to 3.7 for the 2010 summer taxes. When combined with the previous year’s reduction of .75 mills, the debt levy has been reduced by nearly one mill.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Caniff". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Ron Caniff  
Superintendent

## Board of Education

The board elected the following officers for 2010-11 at its organizational meeting in July: President Bob Wondergem, Vice President Steve Zinger, Secretary Karen Cheydleur and Treasurer Barb Palmer. Rob Blitchok, Tim Grifhorst and Dean Vredevoogd will serve as trustees.

The Board of Education meets on the first and third Mondays of each month in the board room at the Administration Building, 3839 Prairie SW, at 7:00 p.m. All regular meetings are open to the public.



## KCTC Students Win Tech Awards

Kent Career Technical Center (KCTC) students took top honors in three statewide competitions where students pitted their knowledge and skills against others across the state. In all, students earned 11 gold, five silver, and four bronze awards. Three students from Grandville Public Schools were honored.

“These competitions are a great way for students to show what they have learned in preparing for a wide variety of careers. We are so proud of all their achievements and the great staff who taught and encouraged them,” said Kevin Konarska, Superintendent of Kent ISD.

SkillsUSA Michigan supports students with career interests in technical, skilled, service, and health occupations. The organization provides educational opportunities and reinforces learning through team-oriented competitions. On April 16-18, seven students from KCTC traveled to Lansing and took gold medal honors in Chapter Display, Technical Preparation Showcase, and Culinary Arts. This accomplishment qualified them to compete at the National competition June 21-26, in Kansas City.

### *Chapter Display Medal Honors*

CAD/Site Design Program: Levon Cimonian, Grandville High School - Gold award

Graphics/3D Animation Program: Kaleb Nation, Grandville High School - Gold award

Quiz Bowl: Eric Shemanski, Grandville High School - Bronze award

## Improving Teaching Skills for AP Courses

Grandville High School had the opportunity to host an Advanced Placement Summer Institute June 27-July 1 for high school teachers. Approximately 130 Advanced Placement teachers attended the sessions where they had the opportunity to work with accomplished AP teachers and college instructors to further improve their knowledge and skills. Most of the participants were from the Grand Rapids area, but some come from as far away as Germany, Spain, and Honduras. It was a wonderful week of learning and networking. Grandville Public Schools is looking forward to hosting this valuable event again next summer.



## Champion Drivers

Two bus drivers from Grandville Public Schools competed in a safety competition at the National School Transportation Association's conference in St. Louis in July. Mark VanderZouwen took 17th place and Jennette Visser 21st in the competition which included a written test on bus safety and mechanics as well as driving through an obstacle course.

Last spring, our drivers were crowned champions for the overall Region 8 division. Congratulations!

## All-American Athlete

Clark Vredevoogd, Grandville High School senior, was selected as an All-American rugby player in the 19 and under category. The honor included an opportunity to attend the Under-19 National Camp in Atlanta this summer and a try-out for the US travel team. The Grandville High School rugby program captured two state championships last spring. Congratulations, Clark!

## Welcome New Staff Members

We welcome several new staff members to Grandville Public Schools this year.

Emily Adema  
*High School*

Pagiel Beel  
*High School*

Libby Cassell  
*Century Park Learning Center*

Drew Engels  
*Middle School*

Ryan Gritter  
*High School*

Rhonda Heitzman  
*Grand View Elementary*

Anne Hoover  
*Central Elementary*

Abrah Klinge  
*High School*

Andrea Lytle  
*Middle School*

Sue Merriman  
*High School*

Lorie Murray  
*Central Elementary*

Angie Schwartz  
*West Elementary*

Brian Topolewski  
*High School*

Kristin Turnwald  
*Century Park Learning Center*

## Successful Schools

All Grandville Public Schools (with the exception of Orion) received “A’s” and made Adequate Yearly Progress on the Michigan Department of Education’s report card. Orion, formerly the district’s alternative education school, was closed at the conclusion of the 2009-10 school year.

More information on our district’s success can be found in the Annual Education Reports (AER) posted on each of the building’s pages on our Web site [www.grandville.k12.mi.us](http://www.grandville.k12.mi.us). Copies are also available in each school’s office.

## Project Dictionary Benefits West Students

Third grade students at West Elementary received personal dictionaries last spring through The Dictionary Project, a non-profit organization. The organization’s goal is to assist students in becoming good writers, active readers and creative thinkers by providing third grade students dictionaries they can continue to use throughout their academic careers. Principal Dave Martini said the dictionaries were appreciated by the students and teachers alike.



## Sharpening Skills

Summer learning opportunities were offered throughout the district this year, and many students took advantage of the options. Elementary media centers were opened and reading programs were offered at Central Elementary, East Elementary, West Elementary and Grandville Middle School.

High school students had the opportunity to take a variety of courses for credit recovery or to make room in their schedules this fall for additional elective classes during two summer school sessions.

East Elementary hosted its annual two-week summer school program. The program focused on math, reading and writing skills. Area businesses donated learning incentives for the students including: Auntie Anne’s Pretzels, Cone World, Fairlanes Bowling and Tarry Hall Roller Skating Rink.

## Pesticide Information

As part of our pest management program, pesticides are occasionally applied. The majority of outside grounds applications are done during summer months. Ground pesticides are never applied when children are in school. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the grounds and buildings. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following such an application. Notification will be posted by the school’s main entrance at least 48 hours before a pesticide application. In addition, there will be a posting at [www.grandville.k12.mi.us](http://www.grandville.k12.mi.us) at least 48 hours in advance.

If you would like to request prior notification, please contact:  
Arlyn Cribley  
4100 Kenowa SW Grandville MI 49418  
(616) 254-6530

## Asbestos Report

In compliance with a law passed in 1988, our school district contracted with an independent state-certified architectural and engineering firm to do an extensive asbestos survey of each of our buildings. Based on the findings of the inspection, a comprehensive management plan was drafted in accordance with state and federal guidelines. This plan detailed the response action that the district would be taking regarding materials containing asbestos in our buildings.

Any area left with asbestos-containing material is being monitored on a regular basis to ensure it remains in satisfactory condition and formal inspections are done every six months.

The comprehensive management plan is available for inspection. If you wish to have a personal copy, please notify the superintendent’s office and it will be supplied to you within five (5) working days. The superintendent’s office is located at 3839 Prairie Street SW, Grandville.

## Directory Information

According to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, Grandville Public Schools may disclose directory information relating to a student.

The following is defined as directory information:

- name and address of student
- telephone number
- class designation
- name of school previously attended
- dates of attendance
- date and place of birth
- weight and height of members of athletic teams
- participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- achievement awards or honors
- student e-mail address

Parents, legal guardians, and students 18 years-of-age must inform the school principal in writing by October 1, 2010 if they do not want certain directory information released without prior consent.

# Bus Transportation Information

The Transportation Department will be sending postcards to families approximately two weeks prior to the start of school with information on bus numbers and route times. Please remember that routes, stops, and times often change within the first two weeks of school as drivers and students adjust to the schedule. Your students may be arriving home late the first few days of school until a routine is established. If you have moved, please notify the transportation office of your new address by calling (616) 254-6530.

## Reminders for Parents

- Your child's day care provider must be within the school attendance area if you want the availability of bus transportation. In general, the attendance areas are south of 44th Street, north of the Grand River, and in-town. Please call the transportation office at (616) 254-6530 with specific questions.
- Students are limited to one bus stop address in the morning and one bus stop address for the afternoon run. We do not provide day-variant transportation. The driver will only pick up or drop off the student at the same location each day of the week.
- Bus service is not available for non-emergencies such as visits to friends' homes. In an emergency situation, please call or write the school office and they will provide a pass for a student.
- Walking distance for K-6<sup>th</sup> grade is one (1) mile. Walking distance for 7 - 12<sup>th</sup> grade is one and one-half (1-1/2) miles.
- If you meet your student at the bus stop, please do not call them to cross the street. Let the bus driver do his/her job by following our crossing policy.
- Have your child at the bus route at least five (5) minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.



## Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18-years-of-age certain rights with respect to the student's education records. Including:

- The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access. Parents and eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the school to amend the record they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
- The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.
- The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-4605

## Non-Discrimination Policy

### Grievance Procedure

Any person believing that the Grandville Public School District or any part of the school organization has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (2) Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, (3) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (4) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and (5) Title II of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, who may bring forward a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance, to the local Civil Rights Coordinator at the following address:

Tim Purkey, Assistant Superintendent  
Grandville Public Schools  
3839 Prairie Street, SW  
Grandville, Michigan 49418  
(616) 254-6557

## Disclosure of Names to Military Recruiters & Service Academies

State and federal law requires all public school districts to make available to military recruiters and military service academies the names and addresses of high school students. However, parents, guardians, or students who are 18 years-of-age or older may ask that their personal information not be disclosed to military recruiters or service academies. If you do not want your son or daughter's personal information provided, submit a signed, written request that the information not be disclosed to the high school guidance office by October 1, 2010. Unless a signed, written request is received by that date, the names and addresses of our high school students will be provided to military recruiters and service academies that ask for such information.

# Grandville Seniors

## Self-Defense Class

What do the element of surprise, canes and purses have in common? They can be used for protection. Join the Hapkido self-defense class at the Grandville Senior Neighbors Center and learn ways to be safe. This low-impact class begins Monday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m. The class is open to all ages and the donation is \$3.00.

## Flu Shots

Flu shots will be offered for seniors 65 and older on Tuesday, October 12, from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. The cost may be covered by Medicare or health insurance. If not covered by insurance, the cost is \$30.00.

## Family Fun Night

Our annual Fall Family Fun Night will take place on Tuesday, October 26, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Come as you are or dress up in your favorite costume. Stop by the game and trick or treat stations. There will also be a cake walk, music, popcorn and food for purchase.

## Services at the center

### Free Eyeglass Adjustments

Grandville Optical will offer adjustments on October 28, 10:00 a.m.

### Free Legal Services

Free 15 minute consultations with Attorney Mike Herring the second Thursday of every month from 10:00 a.m. – noon. Sign up is required.



## Free Hearing Tests

Monday, October 11, 9:00 a.m. – noon for hearing testing and battery checks by Beltone.

## Sunday Dinner

A dinner is catered by Carol's Catering at 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Call 531-5250 for the menu and cost. Reservation must be made in person by the 1st Tuesday of the month.

*Grandville Senior Neighbors Center*

*3380 Division SW*

*Grandville, MI 49418*

*Phone Number: (616) 531-5250*

*Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

## Athletic Boosters

The Grandville Athletic Boosters Club contributes to the financial support of the athletic programs. These contributions include new equipment, warm-ups, facility rentals, scholarships and much more. The sole purpose of the Athletic Boosters organization is to provide our athletic programs financial support during the entire school year. On behalf of the Boosters' board, we hope you will participate in supporting our student athletes through membership in the Athletic Boosters Club for the 2010-2011 school year.

The club also maintains an Athletic Alumni Brick Garden, located within the football stadium main gate, adjacent to the field. Alumni bricks can be purchased for \$50 each. Booster membership information, along with information regarding alumni bricks, is available at [www.grandvilleathletics.com](http://www.grandvilleathletics.com).

## Community Education Opportunities

### Fall Recreation Brochure

The fall recreation brochure will be sent home with students the first week of school. Many new activities are available as well as the old favorites. Opportunities include fencing, hunter safety, snowmobile safety, decoupage, and Spanish classes. Be sure to check out the brochure on our website [www.grandville.k12.mi.us](http://www.grandville.k12.mi.us) the last week of August.

### Aquatics Program

Information on our swimming lessons and other aquatics programs is available in the fall recreation brochure at [www.grandville.k12.mi.us](http://www.grandville.k12.mi.us).

### Golden Age Cards Available

The Golden Age Card entitles retirees, age 60 and older, to free admission into home athletic events at Grandville Public Schools. If you live within the Grandville Public Schools district and qualify, please call Community Education at 254-6553 or stop by the Community Education office at 3843 Prairie Street to receive your Golden Age Card.

### Men's Early Morning Basketball Program

Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 6:00 – 7:30 a.m. at Grandville Middle School. If you enjoy playing basketball and would like some exercise, please join us. The cost is \$25.00 for September – December and \$25.00 for January through April regardless of how many days a week you play. Punch cards are available at the Community Education office, 3843 Prairie Street. Please call 254-6553 for more information.

### Love and Logic Class for Parents

This course in parenting is designed to give you practical skills that can be used immediately. The class begins Thursday, September 23, 2010 and runs through November 4, 2010 at South Elementary. The cost for the course is \$125 per person or \$145 per couple. Please see our website [www.grandville.k12.mi.us](http://www.grandville.k12.mi.us) or call the Community Education Office at 254-2553 for more information.

# Library Happenings

## Programs for Families

### *Lego Family Block Party*

The library is the place for Lego fun! Drop in and make your own special Lego or Duplo creations. All materials are provided by the library. So come, design and create!

Saturday, October 23, 1:00 p.m.

### *Board Game Bonanza*

Bring the whole family to the library for some competitive board game fun.

Saturday, November 13, 1:00 p.m.

## Storytime Programs for Young Children

Ages 6 and under. Registration is required for all storytime programs.

### *Toddler Time*

For children ages 3 and under with a caregiver.

Tuesdays, September 14 - November 2, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

### *Babytime*

For babies from birth - 18 months with a caregiver.

Tuesdays, September 14 - November 2, 1:00 p.m.

### *Preschool Storytime*

For children ages 3 - 6.

Tuesdays, September 14 - November 2, 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

### *Family Storytime*

For children ages 6 and under with a caregiver.

Thursdays, September 16 - November 4, 6:30 p.m.

## Programs for School-Age Children

Ages 6 and up.

### *Codes, Secrets, and Adventure:*

#### *A 39 Clues Party*

Join us as we uncover secrets, solve codes and mysteries, and enjoy activities related to the popular book series, 39 Clues! Registration is required.

Monday, November 1, 6:30 p.m.

### *Native American History — ALIVE!*

Kent District Library, in partnership with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, presents a program to celebrate Native American Heritage Month that will include storytelling, dance, and lessons on everyday life. Registration is required and participation is limited.

Tuesday, November 16, 10:00 & 11:15 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

## Programs for Teens

Grades 6-12

### *Teen Zone*

Join us as we play games, complete crafts, discuss books, and enjoy snacks.

Thursdays, September 16 - November 11, 3:00 p.m.

### **Early Childhood Essentials**

Free classes for parents, daycare providers, and early childhood educators. All classes will be held at the Grandville Middle School auditorium, 3535 Wilson Ave SW. Registration is required.

### *Let's Play and Learn with Music*

This workshop engages participants in a creative learning experience that will provide tools for using music to interact with young children in a creative and educationally-based way.

Monday, October 4, 6:30 p.m.

### *Scribble, Sculpt, Paint*

This interactive session will give you many ideas for simple games, crafts and activities that will help get toddlers and preschoolers ready to write.

Monday, October 11, 6:30 p.m.

### *Brain-Based Look at Early Childhood*

Recent research into the brain has given us a new view of how children develop. During our time together we will look at the importance of play, early learning, and the role of media. How does our new knowledge of the brain guide us in working with children? We will also look at some of the unique needs we see early on in some children.

Monday, October 18, 6:30 p.m.

### *Little Tike Science*

Science comes alive in this hands-on session for adults designed to share fun ways to incorporate the wonders of our natural world into an early childhood environment.

Monday, October 25, 6:30 p.m.

*The Grandville branch of the Kent District Library is located at 4055 Maple SW. Phone: 647-3890. [www.kdl.org](http://www.kdl.org)*

*Registration is required for most library programs.*



## Grandville Education Foundation

Thank you to our generous donors during the 2009/10 school year.

As we embark on the 2010/11 school year, please remember the Grandville Education Foundation when making tax-deductible gifts. There is no better time!

- Visit [www.GrandvilleEducationFoundation.org](http://www.GrandvilleEducationFoundation.org) for information and online giving opportunities. New Grants You Can Fund are posted in October.
- Participate in corporate Matching Gift programs, designating the GEF as recipient of the match. Check with your payroll office.
- Designate all or a portion of your United Way contribution to benefit the Grandville Education Foundation
- Find our page on facebook and "friend" us.
- Join the Heritage Circle for a gift of \$2,500, \$5,000 or \$10,000.
- Mail a gift to Grandville Education Foundation, 3843 Prairie, Grandville, MI 49418

Do you have questions or suggestions for the GEF? Contact Amy Kosta, executive director at 254-6922 or e-mail [akosta@gpsk12.net](mailto:akosta@gpsk12.net).



# School Meal Prices

Grandville Public Schools offers healthy meals each school day for a reasonable price.

Student prices for the 2010-11 year are:  
**Elementary:** Breakfast \$1.10, Lunch \$1.85, Milk .40  
**Middle & High Schools:** Lunch \$1.95, Milk .40

### Lunch Accounts Available Online

Parents can now make deposits into their student's lunch accounts using a credit or debit card, monitor the items being purchased by their child, and view a current balance online. The student's identification number is required to establish an account, and \$20 is the minimum deposit accepted. Please call 254-6404 if you have questions.

### Free & Reduced Meals

Your children may qualify for free or reduced breakfast and lunch. Children in households getting Food Stamps, FIP or FDPIR and most foster children can get free meals regardless of your income. A household may qualify for free or reduced price meals due to a temporary loss of income, such as a period of unemployment. Households with incomes within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines also qualify (see chart).

Please call (616) 254-6404 for any special dietary needs or concerns.

Applications for free or reduced meals may be submitted any time throughout the year. Forms are available in all school buildings, by calling (616) 254-6404 and at [www.grandville.k12.mi.us](http://www.grandville.k12.mi.us).



Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$835	\$771	\$386
2	\$26,955	\$2,247	\$1,124	\$1,037	\$519
3	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$1,412	\$1,303	\$652
4	\$40,793	\$3,400	\$1,700	\$1,569	\$785
5	\$47,712	\$3,976	\$1,988	\$1,836	\$918
6	\$54,631	\$4,553	\$2,277	\$2,102	\$1,051
7	\$61,550	\$5,130	\$2,565	\$2,368	\$1,184
8	\$68,469	\$5,706	\$2,853	\$2,634	\$1,317
*For each additional household member add:	\$6,919*	\$577*	\$289*	\$267*	\$134*

## Newsletter Notes

To request additional copies of *The Communicator*, submit ideas or add you name to the mailing list, please call (616) 254-6569 or e-mail [jjohnson1@gpsk12.net](mailto:jjohnson1@gpsk12.net). The deadline for the next issue of *The Communicator* is October 7, 2010.

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