

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome the New Year – 2025!

Dear GRMS Families,

Many thanks to all the families who, prior to the winter break brought in special treats for our staff! It was very much appreciated. It was so nice for all the staff at GRMS to have some time off. Hope it was the same for you!

A warm welcome to new families that will begin in 2025. Hope you will soon feel part of our GRMS family! We also had some transitions. Three young toddlers in D-1 moved to the older toddlers in D-2. A couple of our infants turned a year old and “graduated” to the young toddler side of the classroom and one older toddler moved to the preschool classroom. Whew!

We had so many illnesses in December. Our school nurse said that it was wide-spread and all of the sites she was visiting (public and private) had high numbers of both children and staff out sick. I hope this doesn’t continue! We are constantly cleaning and disinfecting everything and of course, practicing frequent handwashing.

Like in 2024, we are looking forward to safe and healthy days ahead,
Diana, and the GRMS Staff

Important Dates to Remember

CLOSURE DATE
Jan. 20
Martin Luther King Jr.
Day



Tax Information

Please send an email if you need a year-end statement of your 2024 childcare payments. We will respond promptly to all requests. grms@comcast.net
Our Tax Identification is: 91-1171288



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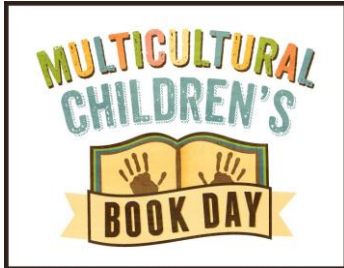
Supply Fees

The second (final) installment of yearly supply fees will be charged to accounts on the 25th of January.

Inclement Weather Closures

In the event of snow or severe icy roads, Green River Montessori School will always try to remain open but will consider the safety of our staff and families first. It may sometimes be necessary to open later to allow the parking lot to be de-iced.

If it is necessary for the school to open later in the day or close, you will be emailed by 6:00 am. It is imperative to always check your email in the morning when weather conditions warrant it.



Did you know there's a *Multicultural Children's Book Day* coming up on January 23rd? Explore this link to learn about it [About - Read Your World](#)

Our school is committed to providing multicultural literature for the children. We have a great selection of multicultural books in the classroom and in our school library.

Remaining 2024-2025 School Calendar

Closure Dates

January 20 – MLK Day

February 17 – President's Day

April 7-11 - Spring Break
(Brick Schoolhouse Only)

May 26 – Memorial Day

Last day of school - To be determined.

June 19 – Juneteenth

July 3rd and 4th – Independence Day



Hard copies of the school calendar are available in the office for those who have not received one.

Conferences

If you have not had a conference with your child's teacher, please feel free to schedule an appointment. We like to have parents meet with their child's teacher at least once during the school year.

In addition, we encourage families to email or phone the teacher (or office) whenever they have questions or concerns.

School Choice Week

January 23-27th 2025



Held every January, National School Choice Week shines a positive spotlight on effective education options for every child. The goal of National School Choice Week (NSCW) is to **raise public awareness** of all types of education options for children. These options include traditional public schools, public charter schools, magnet schools, online learning, private schools, and homeschooling. To meet this goal, NSCW encourages schools, organizations, and individuals to hold positive events that celebrate school choice options, while drawing attention to the need for even greater opportunities for children.

Green River Montessori supports this annual celebration. To learn more about the movement, go to <http://schoolchoiceweek.com/>

MLK Day

Our school is closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Friday Lunch Days

Please remember to send a lunch from home on Fridays. The children really look forward to it!



Front Office Drop-off/Pick-ups

During busy times, it is best to enter via the 12th street opening, wait in line until you can safely pull to the front of the office, and then exit on Harvey Road.

If there are other cars in line, please load/unload quickly and don't spend additional time in the lot.

If you want us to have your child ready when you arrive, please feel free to call the office. We will gladly get your child ready for you.

Many thanks to families who arrive and depart on a regular schedule each day and those who manage to get here no later than 4:30! Our official close time is 4:25, allowing five minutes for pick-up. Don't hesitate to come earlier if convenient for you.

See's CANDIES.

Our Fundraiser
Starts TODAY



Today through January 31st, order your See's Candy from our storefront! Candy will be delivered prior to Valentine's Day.

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/greenrms_green_river_montessori_school79/And_Ans9161/candy

"There's no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes."

This phrase hails from Scandinavia, where it's a common mantra repeated by parents who insist that their children spend time outdoors every day.

In Sweden, the parental attitude is one of "freedom with responsibility," where children benefit from their experience with the various outdoor elements. Research confirms the importance of outdoor play and the ability of nature to foster child development all around -- academically, emotionally, physically. There is value from dirt in boosting children's health and combating the high rates of asthma and allergies that now affect 40 percent of U.S. children.

We will follow the lead of this research by allowing the children to go outdoors every day, regardless of the weather, so please dress them appropriately. **Rubber boots, raincoats, and jackets with rain-repellent hoods are great to add to your child's wardrobe!** Learn more about the value of outdoor play, regardless of the weather conditions.

***There's No Such Thing as Bad Weather** (Touchstone, 2017), [\\$15 on Amazon](#)*



Early Bird Enrollment

February is the month for early enrollment for the next school year of 2025-2026. In March, enrollment will be open to the general public. Please watch for details in our February newsletter. Our Open House/Enrollment Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 1st between 11:00-2:00.

Fundraising

Families can pick and choose what fundraiser(s) they would like to support. Profits go directly into the school's Activity Account that is spent directly on special school events and staff development activities.

Brick Schoolhouse Families Only

You can deduct \$20 per month for signing up to provide snack for both classrooms. Points are given for helping on a field trip or volunteering at the YMCA for the Friday swim lessons.

Planning Committee Members Needed

Please email us if you would like to be on the Planning Committee for our Spring Auction, scheduled in May. The committee helps in various aspects from helping to secure donations, putting together baskets, setting up for the event, and general brainstorming.

Our care of the child should be governed, not by the desire to make him learn things, but by the endeavor always to keep burning within him that light which is called intelligence.

---Maria Montessori