

Dear Grand Peak Families,

Don't forget...tomorrow is **Count Day!** Staff and Students in K-8 are encouraged to wear a numbered jersey or any shirt/t-shirt with a number on it to generate enthusiasm for the state-wide "count" day tomorrow; jeans may be worn with the jerseys or shirts; please no inappropriate themes or graphics. Also, no ripped, cut, torn jeans or sleeveless shirts, or tank tops; students can also wear their GPA spirit wear shirts as well. If your student does not have a numbered jersey, shirt, or spirit wear that's OK! Students can also wear their uniform shirt with jeans.

Each year, every school district in Colorado participates in a one-day count of students to determine the funding each district and school will receive. On Thursday, October 1st:

Attendance every day is important at Grand Peak Academy! Count Day is extra important because:

- It is where almost 80% of our federal funding comes from
- supports funding for Specials teachers like Art and PE plus their needed supplies so parents don't have to pay for them
- adds additional technology resources to our building
- there is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.
- Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing, and reading.

And remember, this **Friday, October 2nd** is **Picture Day** for our **in-person** students only; streaming school students and in-person students who may miss this Friday will have the opportunity to have their picture taken on **Wednesday, November 4th** (more information will be coming soon with details and times). Ordering is completely online; please do not send any order forms in with your child. To order, go to <https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/49583Y> (an order form has also been attached with pricing information).

Students are encouraged to Dress to Impress for picture day; however, your student can also choose to wear his/her uniform. Since picture day falls on a Friday, jeans are allowed without the required donation of \$1 toward Jeans for Dreams. If your child wears jeans on picture day, please be sure that their shirt is "Dress to Impress" appropriate.

Examples of "Dress to Impress" attire for our young men would be khaki/dress pants with a polo or button-down shirt; for our young ladies, modest dresses/skirts (proper length per the Family Handbook; no spaghetti straps) or dress pants/capris with a nice top. Examples of inappropriate attire would include t-shirts, tank-tops, short skirts/dresses, hoodies, and hats. This is by no means an all-inclusive list but we hope you will use your best judgment.

Lastly, **all student and middle school course fees and Family Handbook Acknowledgement forms are due tomorrow, October 1st.** Links for the forms are below and fees can be paid online for your convenience, <https://www.grandpeakacademy.org/make-payment/>; You can also call the front office and pay over the phone, or send in a check with your student.

- [GPA 2020-21 Family Handbook](#)
- [GPA Family Handbook Acknowledgement Form](#)
- [GPA 2020-21 Media Release Form](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 719-495-7360.

Sincerely,

Grand Peak Academy