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# PITTSBURGH GRANDVIEW PREK - 5 PARENT AND STUDENT HANDBOOK

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PITTSBURGH GRANDVIEW  
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## **Welcome!**

Dear Parent/Guardian of Grandview Students,

Welcome to Pittsburgh Grandview PreK-5! We are looking forward to an exciting and successful school year! We have prepared this parent/student handbook so that we may have a positive and productive collaboration between the school, parents and students. We ask for your cooperation so that we may provide your child with a rewarding and enriching educational experience. Please take time to read this handbook thoroughly.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation for you to visit our school, to attend your child's programs and to become an active member of our PTO and our PSCC. We are very happy to have you and your child with us at Pittsburgh Grandview PreK-5. We look forward to a very successful school year!

Sincerely,

**Sharon Fisher**  
**Principal**

## **Non-Discrimination Policy**

### **Policy 102- Non-Discrimination in School and Classroom Practices**

Board Policy 102 states in part:

The Board declares that it is the policy of the District to provide an equal opportunity for all students to achieve their maximum potential through the programs and activities offered in the schools without discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, creed, religion, sex, gender (including gender identity or expression), sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, marital status, pregnancy or disability.

The District is committed to the maintenance of a safe, positive learning environment for all students that is free from discrimination by providing all students course offerings, counseling, assistance, services, employment, athletics and extracurricular activities without any form of discrimination, including Title IX sexual harassment. Discrimination is inconsistent with the rights of students and the educational and programmatic goals of the District and is prohibited at or, in the course of, District-sponsored programs or activities, including transportation to or from school or school-sponsored activities. Discrimination is also prohibited in any remote learning program or activity of the District.

For the full text of Board Policy 102-Non-Discrimination in School and Classroom Practices, please visit:

<https://www.pghschools.org/nondiscrimination-policy>

## **Title IX Procedures**

For information about our Title IX procedures please visit: <https://www.pghschools.org/titleIX>

## **Mission Statement**

Pittsburgh Grandview PreK-5 will facilitate college, career, and life ready students through student-centered learning in a structured and supportive environment. The school will promote a community of learning among students, staff, and parents through teamwork and a shared vision.

## **Vision Statement**

Pittsburgh Grandview PreK-5 will provide every student with the opportunity to become college, career and life ready by teaching students to advocate for themselves. We will celebrate student voice and empower all learners through high quality and personalized equitable instruction.

## **Grandview's Pledge**

As a student at Pittsburgh Grandview, I pledge to be ready, respectful, and responsible as I work to become college, career, and life ready.

## **Grandview's Instructional Focus**

All students will grow in their ability to read, reflect and respond to print as measured by curriculum embedded units, DIBELS Next, and PSSA assessments.

## **School Procedures**

All students MUST bring their fully charged district device and charger daily. Students should follow the district's Covid policies.

### **Bell Schedule**

Our school day will begin at 8:25 and end at 3:10.

### **Arrival Procedures**

Adults who are dropping their children off should release their children to the staff on the sidewalk at the front gate. Students may enter the building at 8:10 am and all students will go through the metal detector, and then will be escorted directly to their classrooms. Students are discouraged from arriving prior to 8:10 to avoid injuries in the playground or outside areas resulting from unsupervised activities. If a student arrives after 8:25 am, he or she will ring the bell and a staff member will come to the door to greet them. Students are not permitted in hallways or classrooms prior to 8:25 a.m. Students will be marked tardy if they arrive after 8:40 a.m.

### **Dismissal Procedures**

Dismissal is at 3:10 p.m. If your child needs an early dismissal, it must be before 2:30 p.m. to eliminate confusion at dismissal time. Children meeting younger siblings should wait for them outside on the sidewalk. If parents are meeting children, they should meet their children on the sidewalk by the gate. It is advisable to make prior arrangements to meet at a designated spot away from the front door. Students should not come back into the building after they have been dismissed, unless there is an emergency crisis.

## **Student Early Dismissal Protocol**

1. Parent ring the doorbell or calls the school.
2. The office will notify Security or Administration.
3. The parent will inform the person at the door or on the phone of the student's name to be picked up.
4. The office staff will call to the classroom for that student.
5. The student will walk to the front door.
6. The student will be dismissed to the parent.
7. The parent will sign the early dismissal log which will be located in the front foyer.

### **Visitors Policy:**

All visitors should make an appointment prior to coming to the school. Visitors are asked to announce your reason for visiting the school. Visitors will be greeted at the door and asked to go through the metal detectors.

All visitors without an appointment, and in an **emergency** situation, should call the main office at 412-529-6607. Visitors will be asked to announce their reason for visiting the school. Visitors will be greeted at the door when picking up a student. The student will be brought to the main door and early dismissal

procedures will be followed. Parent ID and name appearing on the Emergency Care Form will be required in order to dismiss students

Visitors and parents will not be permitted to escort students into school. Appointments must be made in advance. Where applicable, principal will have a designated time outdoors to meet with families. Pending COVID 19 restrictions availability for parents to enter the building maybe limited.

### **CARES Room:**

There will be an CARES room located by the nurse's office for students exhibiting COVID 19 symptoms based on district procedures.

### **Bus Safety**

All students who ride a bus or van to school are subject to strict regulations. Any misbehavior which distracts the driver is a **serious violation** and can jeopardize the safety of everyone. Students who ride a bus or van must:

- Stay seated while riding.
- Obey the bus driver.
- Refrain from fighting, using profanity or engaging in acts of vandalism.
- Keep hands and objects inside the bus at all times.

In the event a student, which regularly rides on a school bus, is not going to use the bus on a particular day, the student should bring a note to the office in order to inform the staff of this change in schedule.

### **Attendance**

Success in school depends upon the practice of regular attendance.

The Board of Education has strict rules regarding absenteeism and tardiness located in the **Standards and Procedures for Attendance Document** included in the **Code of Student Conduct Booklet**. Please refer specifically to the information included in the "Excessive Absences" section that must be enforced.

Children are required to bring an absent note, with the reason for the absence on the day they return to school. Any absence without a note is considered an *unexcused absence*. If your child has been seen by a doctor, a written document from the medical office is considered the best for legal purposes.

### **Tardiness**

Please see that your child arrives at school promptly each day. Students who arrive after 8:40 a.m. are marked tardy.

Repeated tardiness can cause a disruption to the child's learning and can result in a disruption for other members of the class. **Students who are habitually tardy will receive an "N" (Needs Improvement) on their report card.**

Continual absences and tardiness will be reported to the school social worker and appropriate action will take place.

## **Health Related Items**

A school nurse practitioner is scheduled to be at Grandview every day. The nurse practitioner performs duties including administering vision and hearing exams, conducting physicals, and applying routine first aid services.

If your child has any medical concerns or problems, please notify the school office. All school related injuries must be reported to Principal Fisher or the office personnel as soon as possible.

## **Medication Policy**

For the protection of your child, district policy does not allow medication to be given at school without a written request from the physician and parent. Appropriate forms are available at the school office. When possible, please ask your physician to schedule medications to be given when your child is not in school.

Medication brought to school must be in a container labeled by a pharmacist or physician. The label must include the student's name, the name of the physician, date of prescription, dosage and frequency of administration.

## **Discipline Policy**

A safe orderly environment is crucial to teaching and learning. Any student that is significantly disrupting the learning, will be removed from the classroom. As a result, the child may be placed in the Peace Room (time-out) until they are able to rejoin their classroom.

## **Discipline Policy (Continued)**

Some examples of unacceptable behaviors include (**but** are not limited to):

- running/pushing
- harassing others/bullying
- fighting in and out of school
- showing disrespect to classmates or staff
- refusing to turn in homework or classwork
- poor bus, lunchroom, playground conduct
- damage, destruction or theft of property
- bringing gum, candy or toys to class without teacher permission
- refusal to wear a mask or follow social distance guidelines

Severe and/or frequently disruptive behaviors by students will require an intervention with the principal. A conference with a parent or guardian may be required. If a student is suspended, the parent or guardian must accompany the child and meet with school personnel before the student will be allowed to return to the classroom.

Grandview's School Wide Positive Behavior Program rewards students who consistently follow the **3 R's: being Ready, Respectful and Responsible** rule. Some ways students are able to earn points for following the **3R's** include:

- Keep hands, feet and unkind words to yourself.
- Be on time and prepared for school and each class.
- Walk in a single file line on the right side of the stairs and hallways.
- Do not eat gum, candy, seeds or chips. (outside food)
- Respect school property.
- Respect adults and follow all directions.
- Complete classwork
- Participate
- Active engagement
- Proper use of technology and tech related tools

We expect each student to help take care of our building and grounds by:

- Caring for materials, books, laptops and iPads.
- Taking all papers home for parents to read.
- Being considerate of others.
- Reporting anyone who defaces school property.

The Grandview staff appreciates your continued support in helping the children become responsible, independent and self-assured.

### **Cell Phones/Electronic Devices (except Laptop or IPAD)**

Cell phones and electronic devices will be collected when students enter the building. Cell phone will be placed in a secured area in the classroom. Students will receive their cell phones when they are dismissed from school. Under no circumstances will the school and/or school district be held liable for cell phones damaged or stolen. It is recommended that students keep cell phones/electronic devices at home for safety and security reasons

### **Dress Code**

Students are expected to adhere to the following rules for appropriate dress:

- Proper mask use unless while eating or drinking.
- Shorts/skorts and skirts cannot be shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
- Shirts should cover the waist- no bare stomachs.
- No halter-tops or spaghetti straps
- No wide--armed or net t-shirts.
- No see-through clothing.
- Pants are to be worn at the waist.
- No clothing that advertises, suggests, or symbolizes illegal substances.
- No inappropriate slogans or offensive statements on any items.
- No clothing designed to be worn as undergarments or pajamas are to be worn.



- No hats or hoods are to be worn in school. Hats are to be removed before entering the building.
- No bandanas or scarves.
- No shoes with wheels.

### **Breakfast/Lunch Program**

All students in Prek-5 are eligible for free breakfast and lunch.

### **Cafeteria Procedures**

- Each class is to enter the lunchroom in a quiet, single file line and sit at their designated table.
- When a class is called, students will form a line to get lunches and milk then check in with the lunch aide and return to their original seats.
- Students are to always remain in their seats, unless they have permission from a lunch aide or teacher to get out of their seats.
- When lunches are finished, students are to remain in their seats while adults bring garbage cans to the area so remaining food can be thrown away.
- When the tables are cleaned, students will be escorted to recess.
- No food or drinks are allowed outside. Students are only permitted to use the bathroom before or after lunch.

### **Procedures for Outside**

Students are not permitted to play on the sidewalk, street or near parked vehicles. For safety reasons, placing their hands or chasing other students is not permitted.

When the bell rings, students are to hand in basketballs and jump ropes to the lunch aide and line up with their homeroom class in the basketball court.

### **Procedures for Inside**

Students are permitted to watch a movie or talk quietly in groups of two in the gym. When games are distributed students are responsible for all game pieces. When the bell rings, all activities cease. Games must be returned, and students must line up quietly to meet their teacher.

### **Consequences for Inappropriate Behavior**

- Verbal reminder of expectations
- Dojo documentation
- Take a 5-minute break in the Peace Place (in classroom)
- Private conversation
- Parent contact (phone or virtual)

### **Homework**

It is the policy of the Pittsburgh School District to assign homework. The approximate times that students will spend on homework are as follows:

#### Kindergarten

Assignments will be on an occasional basis based on instructional activities and student needs.

#### Primary Grades (1--3)

Assigned homework will be given four nights per week for an average of thirty minutes per night.

#### Intermediate Grades (4--5)

Assigned homework will be given four nights per week for an average of 60 minutes per night.

Homework reinforces classroom learning, independence and instills self-discipline and strong work habits. Homework can have a significant impact on a student's grade. Failure to complete 80% of the homework assignments for a given subject during a report period can result in lowering a student's overall grade in that subject by one level (i.e., from a C to a D).

### **Report Cards**

Report Cards are issued four times a year. The scheduled dates for distribution of report cards across the school year are listed on the District Calendar.

In addition to quarterly report cards, additional forms of communication regarding academic performance are sent home including Progress Reports, classroom tests, and daily class work in addition to opportunities for parent / teacher conferencing.

Parents can access grades on the Home Access Center (HAC) at all times during the academic year. The HAC located at [www.pghschools.org](http://www.pghschools.org), click on parents and then login to Home Access Center. Parents can also call the parent hotline for help at 412-529-help.

Individual student grades are determined based on several areas including class work, class participation, tests, performance assessments, and homework.

### **Honor Roll**

Honor Roll is awarded to any student that has attained a 3.0 average with no D's or E's on their report cards. High Honor Roll is awarded to any student that has attained a 3.5 average with no D's or E's. Honor Roll status is determined through a computer-generated process. Grades are weighted according to the number of periods associated with a particular subject. A student also receives a Citizenship mark based on their effort and attitude. An "Outstanding" mark reflects the performance of a student that consistently demonstrates a positive attitude and exceptional effort.

### **Office Procedures**

The office phone is for school business and should be used for emergencies only. Telephone calls to the school requesting that messages be delivered to students should be restricted to emergency situations. (Office telephone: 412.529.6607) Students are encouraged to make arrangements for after-school activities the day before to avoid the need to phone home for permission.

### **Change of Address and/or Telephone Number Procedures**

Make sure the District has the most up-to-date information on file for your child(ren). Visit [www.pghschools.org/annualupdate](http://www.pghschools.org/annualupdate) and log-in using your Home Access Center Account (HAC) information. **Not sure your HAC login?** Contact the Parent Hotline by phone 412-529-HELP (4357). Or if you have a change of address and/or telephone number during the school year, please notify a member of the office staff. It is important that this information be kept up to date in the event of an emergency.

### **Student Withdrawal Procedures**

If you are planning to withdraw your child from school, please notify the office personnel as soon as possible to expedite the transfer of records and, if necessary, adjust transportation arrangements.

### **Emergency Care Forms**

There are occasions when it is necessary to get in touch with parents, but no one is available. For this reason, please make sure to complete and return the Emergency Care Form for each of your children that is sent home on the first day of school. Throughout the year, it is important to notify the office of any changes to the information provided on those forms. In the event of a medical emergency or unplanned early dismissal, it is imperative that the school can contact you or your designee as quickly as possible. For this reason, please provide a work number and/or an alternative phone number where you or a designated individual can be reached in case of emergency.

### **Emergency or Weather-Related Closings or Delays**

If Pittsburgh Public Schools is closed or delayed due to inclement weather or some other type of emergency, the information is communicated through a number of ways including local television, Robo Calls, radio stations and the district website. Parents are encouraged to listen for “School Closings or Delays” announcements usually heard from 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on the following television stations: KDKA; WTAE; WPXI or at the District Website: [www.pghschools.org](http://www.pghschools.org).

The school district also uses an Alert Now Calling System which automatically calls parents with school closing or school delay information.

In the event of a two-hour delay, school will begin at 10:25 a.m. **Please do not call the school to find out information about a delay.**

### **Lost and Found**

A Lost and Found area is located in five lockers on the first floor across from the main office. Children are encouraged to place any article they find in the lockers or check for articles they may have lost. Whenever possible, parents are encouraged to sew or mark their child’s name on clothing.

### **Fire Drill Procedures**

Fire drills will be conducted monthly. Students are to walk quietly and quickly, in a line, to designated areas. **Please note:** The unapproved activation of the school alarm system for any reason other than its intended purpose – emergency evacuation of the building – is a serious violation and must be immediately reported to school authorities.

### **Parent Involvement**

### **Parent - Teacher Organization (PTO)**

The purpose of the Pittsburgh Grandview PTO is to establish a direct line of communication and cooperation between the school administration, parents, teachers and students. Active participation by parents, community members and school staff will help make the organization successful. Meetings are held on a monthly basis to provide an opportunity to inform the parents and community members of the academic programs and school activities being planned for the school. Meeting dates and times are provided in the monthly school calendar. All parents are encouraged to become part of the school's Parent Teacher Organization.

### **Parent Volunteers**

During low Covid times:

All parents are encouraged to consider assisting in the school as a volunteer. Information regarding how you might help and the necessary clearances that must be provided before becoming a volunteer are available in the office. The school is always seeking volunteers to assist with tutoring students, helping in the office and or participating in after school activities.

### **Parent Workshops**

A variety of workshops may be offered for parents during the school year to acquaint them with our curriculum and programs and to provide assistance in helping your children at home. These workshops will be announced in the monthly calendar and through special notices. Please feel free to contact the office or any staff member if you have any questions about an upcoming workshop or would like to make a recommendation about a topic or area of interest.

### **Parent School Community Council (PSCC)**

The Parent School Community Council (PSCC) is an opportunity for parents and community members to collaborate with school staff to discuss how to create a positive learning environment and improve the overall academic achievement of our students. One of the important roles of this team is to develop review and discuss how best to implement the Pittsburgh Grandview's School Plan for Excellence. Membership on this committee is by election only, although everyone is invited and is able to come and share their thoughts. Members serve on the committee for a term of two years.

### **Fund Raising Events**

Throughout the school year, optional fund-raising events occur which benefit all the students. The additional money raised supplements the school-based budget, providing the students both directly and indirectly with a variety of educational experiences at no cost/low cost to the parents.

## **Community Resource Guide**

### **Family Resources**

**Alliance for Community Respite Care** - 1(888) 954-2424

A collaborative network of families, providers, community members and advocates who work to ensure the availability of quality respite care.

[www.classcommunity.org/how-we-help/alliance-community-respite-care](http://www.classcommunity.org/how-we-help/alliance-community-respite-care)

**Allegheny Family Network (AFN)** - 1(888) 273-2361

Supports and partners with families raising children with emotional and mental health needs to improve their quality of life.

[www.alleghenyfamilynetwork.cfsites.org](http://www.alleghenyfamilynetwork.cfsites.org)

**Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh** - (412) 622-3114

The Carnegie library has multiple branch locations offering special services such as job career and educational centers.

[www.clpgh.org](http://www.clpgh.org)

**Child Care Information Services - CCIS of Allegheny County – City** - (412) 261-2273 or 1(800) 392-3131

CCIS serves as a primary resource to assist families with child care referrals, emergency childcare, subsidized care for qualifying families, and promotes quality child care by offering training in subjects such as early literacy.

<http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/findfacilsandlocs/childcareinformationservices/>

**Children’s Health Insurance Program - CHIP** - 1(800) 986-5437

Pennsylvania’s program to provide health insurance to all uninsured children and teens who are not eligible for or enrolled in Medical Assistance.

[www.chipcoverspakids.com](http://www.chipcoverspakids.com)

**Family Resources** - (412) 363-1702

Family Resources offers many services to help parents and children improve their relationship along with youth enrichment activities at its centers.

[www.familyresourcesofpa.org](http://www.familyresourcesofpa.org)

**The Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern Pennsylvania** (412) 281-2535

Helps mentoring programs by providing training, recruiting, quality assistance, and support to increase the number of mentors in the community.

[www.mentoringpittsburgh.org](http://www.mentoringpittsburgh.org)

**Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership (PEAL) Center** - (412) 281-4404

The PEAL Center is an organization of parents of children with disabilities reaching out to assist other parents and professionals.

[www.pealcenter.org](http://www.pealcenter.org)

**Pittsburgh Public Schools** - (412) 529-4357 (Parent Hotline)

The Pittsburgh Public Schools believes in regular, two-way, meaningful communication connecting student academic learning and other school activities; To this end the Parent Hotline is one of a number of resources to assist parents and families in engagement.

[www.pps.k12.pa.us](http://www.pps.k12.pa.us)

**Right to Education Task Force** – (412) 529-2300

The Local Task Force provides opportunities for parents, guardians and community members to ask questions about special education services as well as address concerns that affect students with disabilities in the Pittsburgh Public School District.

Program for Students with Exceptionalities PSE/Oliver

2323 Brighton

Rd. Pittsburgh,

Pa. 15212

lft2pgh@gmail.

com

<http://on.fb.me/1vtwvYK>

**United Way of Allegheny County** - 211 (HelpLine), (412) 261-6010

United Way of Allegheny County provides information to families through their online resource [Help Connections](#); Agency funding, planning, and community problem solving for health and human services agencies operating within Allegheny County.

[www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org](http://www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org)

### **Children's Services**

**Achieva** - (412) 995-5000

A world-renowned leader in the field of disabilities, known for its innovative programs, and dedication to children with disabilities and their families.

[www.achieva.info](http://www.achieva.info)

**Alliance for Infants and Toddlers** - (412) 885-6000

This program provides service coordination, screenings, assessments, family support services, and early intervention service coordination to families with children between the ages of birth to three years of age.

[www.aft.org](http://www.aft.org)

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh** - (412) 363-6100

Big Brothers Big Sisters increases the self-confidence of children and the probability that they will become fully integrated members of society, leading productive and rewarding lives through mentoring and enrichment programs. [www.bbbspittsburgh.org](http://www.bbbspittsburgh.org)

**Boys and Girls Club s** - (412) 782-5710

The BGC is a unique organization consisting of eight Club facilities, a Charter H.S., Outlet Connection retail venture, Campfire USA, and extension programs. The goal is to provide every child with the essential tools needed for a successful & bright future.

[www.bgcwpa.org](http://www.bgcwpa.org)

**Catholic Charities, Child Care Support Services** - (412) 456-6999

Catholic Charities provides counseling, refugee resettlement, respite care, utility assistance, emergency relief, tangible assistance services and makes referrals for clients. In 2007 it expanded services by opening a Free Health Care Center.

[www.ccpgh.org](http://www.ccpgh.org)

**Children's Institute** - (412) 420-2400

The Children's Institute is a nonprofit pediatric rehabilitation facility which provides education services for children ages two to twenty-one with cognitive or physical disabilities with in-home services for children and families with special needs.

[www.amazingkids.org](http://www.amazingkids.org)

**Girl Scouts - Trillium Council** - (412) 566-2570 or 1(800) 248-3355

The Girl Scouts inspires girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service that they may become happy and resourceful citizens.

[www.gswpa.org](http://www.gswpa.org)

**Greater Pittsburgh Council Boy Scouts of America** - (412) 471-2927

The Boy Scouts trains young people in citizenship, service, and physical fitness through the Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing programs, & more.

[www.gpc-bsa.org](http://www.gpc-bsa.org)

**Junior Achievement of Southwest PA Inc.** – (412) 208-4747

JA's purpose is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise and understand business & economics to improve the quality of their lives.

<https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-westernpa>

**Parks and Recreation** - (412) 255-2539

Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of recreational programs and facilities for use by Pittsburgh citizens. <http://pittsburghpa.gov/citiparks/>

**Pittsburgh Toy Lending Library** - (412) 682-4430

The Pittsburgh Toy Lending Library, a cooperative run by volunteers, is an indoor play space for children, pre-kindergarten, and their caregivers.

[www.pghtoys.org](http://www.pghtoys.org)

**Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh** - (412) 227-4802

The Urban League is the largest social and educational service provider and advocacy agency devoted to empowering African Americans to enter the economic and social mainstream community in Pittsburgh through its diverse programs.

[www.ulpgh.org](http://www.ulpgh.org)

**YMCA**- (412) 227-3800

YMCAs serve America's children, families and communities by "building healthy spirit, mind and body for all." [www.ymcaofpittsburgh.org](http://www.ymcaofpittsburgh.org)

**YouthPlaces** - (412) 434-0851

YouthPlaces promotes the positive cognitive, social, physical, emotional and moral development of youth by providing a safe place for them to engage in a range of activities.

[www.youthplaces.org](http://www.youthplaces.org)

**YouthWorks Inc.** - (412) 281-6629

YouthWorks builds a community solution to help young people whose potential might be overlooked to pursue employment and career development opportunities.

[www.youthworksinc.org](http://www.youthworksinc.org)

**YWCA Greater Pittsburgh** - (412) 391-5100

YWCA works to improve our community by increasing the status of women, girls, families and advancing racial justice by tackling homelessness, childcare needs, unemployment, fair housing and civil rights issues.

[www.ywcapgh.org](http://www.ywcapgh.org)

## **Cultural Organizations**

**The August Wilson Center** - (412) 258-2700

The August Wilson Center for African American Culture is a not-for-profit organization that presents performing, visual and education programs that celebrate the contributions of African Americans within the region and the impact of cultural expression from Africa to the African Diaspora.

<https://culturaldistrict.org/venues/august-wilson-center>

**Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh** - (412) 622-3131

Natural History & Art, (412) 237-3400 Science Center,

(412) 237-8300 Andy Warhol. A collection of four dynamic, distinctive museums, and the Pittsburgh region's home for great art and science exploration.

[www.carnegiemuseums.org](http://www.carnegiemuseums.org)

**Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh** - (412) 322-5058

Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh provides innovative museum experiences that inspire joy, creativity and curiosity. [www.pittsburghkids.org](http://www.pittsburghkids.org)

**The History Center** - (412) 454-6000

The Senator John Heinz History Center is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in the state of Pennsylvania.

[www.heinzhistorycenter.org](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org)

**Manchester Craftsmen’s Guild** - (412) 322-1773

Manchester Craftsmen's Guild is a multi-discipline, minority directed, center for arts and learning that employs the visual and performing arts to foster a sense of accomplishment and hope in the urban community.

[www.mcgyouthandarts.org](http://www.mcgyouthandarts.org)

**National Aviary** - (412) 323-7235

The National Aviary is America’s only independent indoor nonprofit bird zoo. It is home to 600+ birds of more than 200 species.

[www.aviary.org](http://www.aviary.org)

**Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens** - (412) 622-6914

Encounter the wonders of the natural world. Tour through the jewel like Conservatory and visit exotic lands and ancient worlds with vivid colors, natural oddities, and surprises around every corner of the botanical gardens.

[www.phipps.conservatory.org](http://www.phipps.conservatory.org)

**Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium** - (412) 665-3640

The Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG is a 77-acre facility that is home to thousands of animals representing hundreds of diverse species. The Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium is one of only six major zoo and aquarium combinations in the country.

[www.pittsburghzoo.org](http://www.pittsburghzoo.org)



**PARENTS: THANK YOU FOR READING THE PITTSBURGH GRANDVIEW PARENT HANDBOOK. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL. ONCE THE HOMEROOM TEACHER RECEIVES THE COUPON EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE A “DESIGNER PENCIL”!**

I have received and read through the Pittsburgh Grandview Elementary School Student- Parent Handbook. I have reviewed it with my child.

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(Parent/Guardian Signature)

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