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**including the Grand Rapids Teachers Club/Grand Rapids
Kindergarten Primary Club (formerly the Grand Rapids
Kindergarten Union)**

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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title:	Grand Rapids primary schools collection
ID:	Collection 348
Date [inclusive]:	no date
Physical Description:	1.1 Linear Feet Four boxes
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	This is a devised collection including information on Grand Rapids, Michigan primary schools, as well as the Grand Rapids Teachers Club The Grand Rapids Primary Schools Collection, including the The Grand Rapids Teachers Club / Grand Rapids Kindergarten Primary Club Collection is a generic collection, defined as a place to bring together miscellaneous materials, for these two related Grand Rapids area educational organizations.

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Biographical / Historical

The Grand Rapids Teachers Club was organized in December of 1906. The Superintendent of schools, William A. Greeson, was the first president.

Kent County Teachers Associations, 1854, James Ballard, First President

First Teachers Institute held, 1855

First Central High School Graduation, Luce Hall, 1862

New Central High School, Lyon and Barclay, opened Sept. 1868

Grand Rapids Library Association formed 1858 (See Lydens, page 482, for how several organizations developed and came together to turn what had been a library in the Central High School to the first general public library in the new City Hall in 1888).

Kent Scientific Institute, 1865, organized at Union High School

First teacher's salary schedule adopted, 1867

First Board of Education for the City of Grand Rapids organized 1871, as the schools became consolidated as one district.

Grand Rapids Teacher's Club formed in 1906

1913 Hattie Beverly (later Robinson) first African American school teacher in Grand Rapids at Henry School.

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Scope and Contents

This collection includes a handful of documents for various Grand Rapids, Michigan education associations, generally related to primary and sometimes middle school instruction. For holdings related to Grand Rapids area high schools, also sometimes including middle schools, see Coll. 316.

Few archival holdings are included in the Grand Rapids Public Library archives related to the public schools of Grand Rapids. Some class photographs are scattered throughout the various archival collections of the GRPL Archives, but to date, no photographs are included in this general primary school collection.

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Related Materials

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Coll. 261: Grand Rapids Playground Association/Recreation Association of Grand Rapids.

Coll. 316: Grand Rapids High Schools Collection. Includes middle schools in some cases.

See also the American Federation of Teachers affiliated collections at the Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University, Detroit, which includes those for the Grand Rapids Education Association, formerly the Grand Rapids Teachers Club

See also the Grand Rapids School Survey of 1949. The full report is in the Local History books. A summary is located in Coll. 316.

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Collection Inventory

Series I. General Elementary School Materials.

Scope and Contents

This series removed to new Coll. 371, Box 58, Folders 7-8.

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Series II. Grand Rapids Teachers Club Records

Subseries A. History and Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
Grand Rapids Teachers Club Vol. 2. A brief history of the second decade, 1917-1927. 00.[4049].1	Box 1	Folder 1
Grand Rapids Teachers Club Vol. 2. A brief history of the second decade, 1917-1927. 00.[3381].1.	Box 1	Folder 2

Letter. Nov. 1, 1946. Re. Voting issues. Moved from Coll. 216, Box 2 Folder 3
9/12/2005.

Subseries B. Publications

Yearbooks (formerly Calendars)

Title/Description	Instances	
1921/1922. 00.[3379].1	Box 1	Folder 6
1922/1923.	Box 1	Folder 6
1928/1929. 00.[3379].1	Box 1	Folder 7
1929/1930.	Box 1	Folder 7

Calendars

Title/Description	Instances	
1915/1916. 00.[3379].1	Box 1	Folder 5
1916/1917.	Box 1	Folder 5
1917/1918.	Box 1	Folder 5
1918/1919.	Box 1	Folder 5
1919/1920.	Box 1	Folder 5

Announcements [yearbooks] includes the earliest Constitution, list of members and officers, programming and benefits of the organization.

Title/Description	Instances	
1906-1909	Box 1	Folder 4
1909/1910	Box 1	Folder 4
1913/1914 [Calendar]	Box 1	Folder 4

Constitution and Bylaws.

Title/Description	Instances	
1913 00.[3380].2	Box 1	Folder 3
1916 00.[3380].1	Box 1	Folder 3
Grand Rapids Teachers Club Newsletter v. 3, no. 24, Feb. 22, 1935. 2006.023.	Box 2	Folder 1
Grand Rapids Teachers Club Newsletter v. 19, no. 2, Oct. 1951. 1986.095. Formerly in Coll. 285.	Box 1	
Grand Rapids Teachers Club Newsletter v. 14, # 4, Dec 1946. Formerly in Coll. 285.	Box 1	

Grand Rapids Teachers Club Newsletter v. 14, # 5, Feb 1947. Formerly in Coll. 285.	Box 1	
Grand Rapids Teachers Club Newsletter v. 14, # 6, March 1947. Formerly in Coll. 285.	Box 1	
v. 18, no. 10, June 1951. 1986.095. Formerly in Coll. 285.	Box 1	
v. 21, # 5, Jan 1954. 1986.134.9. Formerly in Coll. 285.	Box 1	
[Bulletin] 1932-33 1986.095	Box 2	Folder 2
[Bulletin] 1933-34 1986.095	Box 2	Folder 2
[Bulletin] 1934-35, v. 3 1986.095	Box 2	Folder 2

Subseries C. Ephemera

Title/Description	Instances
Follies of 1953 Program. Moved from Coll. 216, 9/12/2005.	Box 1
Program. GR Teachers' Club presents the Adolph Bolm Ballet Intime. 03/07/21.	Box 1

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Series III. Grand Rapids Kindergarten-Primary Club Records

Subseries A. Minutes

Minutes of the Grand Rapids Kindergarten Union / Minutes of the Meetings of the Grand Rapids Kindergarten Primary Club

Title/Description	Instances
Sept. 1904/Sept. 1905	Box 3 Folder 2
1910/1911 to 1921/1922	Box 3 Folder 3
1922/1923 to 1937/1938	Box 3 Folder 4
Treasury. Bonds on Deposit at Peoples National Bank.	Box 3 Folder 5
Minutes of the Board Meetings, Oct. 1932-May 15, 1956.	Box 3 Folder 1
Michigan Assoc. for Childhood Education Membership card. 00.[4080].1.	Box 3 Folder 1
Letter sent to the Board May 13, 1946. Unsigned. 00.[4080].2.	Box 3 Folder 1
Letter to Board of Ed., G.R. May 10, 1946 from Mable C. Tenhaaf, Secretary, School Women's Club. RE equal salaries for men & women. 00.[4080].3.	Box 3 Folder 1
Letter to Miss Noble, from Mable C. Tenhaff, n.d. 00.[4080].4.	Box 3 Folder 1

Subseries B. Miscellaneous

Title/Description	Instances	
Conference of the Michigan Association for Childhood Education. Pontiac, Mi. May 4, 1946.	Box 4	
Program Committee Records, 1947-1954	Box 4	
A.C.E. (America Council on Education?)	Box 4	
Program. ACE Luncheon, Oct. 18, 1951	Box 4	
Program. ACE Luncheon, oct. 23, 1952	Box 4	
Typed note RE the Annual ACE Luncheon, Oct. 22, 1953, for ACE members of the MEA (Michigan Education Association).	Box 4	
Handwritten note RE Regions 9 & 13	Box 4	
At the End of the Rainbow Dinner, May 20, 1952.	Box 4	
Later Elementary Club and Kindergarten Primary Club. Parents Night Program. Apr. 21, no year. Colored illustration at the bottom.	Box 2	Folder 5

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Series IV. Grand Rapids Kindergarten Association & Training School.

Annual Reports

Title/Description	Instances	
1893/1894. 00.[3377].9.	Box 3	Folder 6
1895/1896. 00.[3377].10.	Box 3	Folder 6
1896/1897. 00.[3377].11.	Box 3	Folder 6
1897/1898. 00.[3377].12.	Box 3	Folder 6
1898/1899. 00.[3377].1.	Box 3	Folder 6
1899/1900. 00.[3377].2.	Box 3	Folder 6
1900/1901. 00.[3377].3.	Box 3	Folder 7
1901/1902. 00.[3377].4.	Box 3	Folder 7
1902/1903. 00.[3377].5.	Box 3	Folder 7
1903/1904. 00.[3377].6.	Box 3	Folder 7
1905/1906 (2). 00.[3377].7-8 .	Box 3	Folder 8
1908/09 00.[3377].13	Box 3	Folder 9
1909/10 00.[3377].14		

	Box 3	Folder 9
Excerpts, 1946 Moved from 216, 9/12/2005	Box 2	Folder 4
Excerpts, 1947 Moved from 216, 9/12/2005	Box 2	Folder 4
Grand Rapids Kindergarten Training School [Annual Report or Yearbook] 1910-1911-1912 00.[3377].18	Box 3	Folder 9
1915/1916 [brochure]. 00.[3377].15	Box 3	
1916/1917 [brochure] (2). 00.[3377].16-17	Box 3	

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