



D. A. Grout Elementary School

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THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 3, 2015

Calendar

September 5	NO SCHOOL- Labor Day	September 15	Back to School Picnic/Open House 530-7
September 8	PTA Meeting 630-730 Head Start begins for ½ of class	September 21	Late Opening School Starts 9:50
September 9	Head Start begins for ½ of class		
September 10	Full-day for all Head Start		

Head Start

Grout has two Head Start classrooms this year serving three and four year olds. If you have a three or four year old child please contact Patti Schatz, Head Start Family Service Worker, at 503.916.6711 for more information.

Open House/Family Picnic

Thursday, September 15th from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Bring your own picnic dinner, and meet new families.

PTA

See Information about the PTA on back of this page.

Come to the first PTA Meeting at Grout, September 17th from 6:30–7:30 pm. We need you to help support our Grout students and teachers. It's always a fun, and lively, informative meeting.

After School

Student's need to go home after school

Box Tops and Campbell's Labels for Education



Every year collecting these two items brings \$400-\$500 in funds and equipment to our school. Please collect the Box Top labels on selected items and the UPC codes on Campbell's products if you use them. Bring them to the office or place them in the drop box by the library. Campbell's used to request the entire label, but now we only send in the UPC code cut from the label. If you can trim them prior to drop off that really saves time for the volunteer who prepares them. All of those little labels really add up and help provide our PE and recess equipment (Campbell's) or provide direct funds to our school in the form of cash (Box Tops). Thank you for helping with this.

Did you know that applying for free meals helps our school get funding?

We are encouraging all Grout families to submit a confidential application for free or reduced-price meals for the 2015-16 school year, if your family meets the eligibility guidelines based on household size and income. Our school will receive additional Federal funding if enough eligible families apply. The additional funding helps pay for staff to keep class sizes small and support academic achievement for all students.

There are some great new choices on the menu this year. Please consider trying one of our delicious, nutrient-rich school lunches soon. Even if your children prefer to bring lunch from home, you can apply for free and reduced-price meals to help benefit the school. The 2015-16 confidential family application may be completed online at www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/nutrition. You will receive a notification letter if your application is approved or denied. If you have questions about the meal application process, you may call the district meal application center at (503) 916-3402.