



# D. A. Grout Elementary School

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## THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 8, 2016

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### Calendar

<b>September 8</b>	<b>PTA Meeting 6-730pm</b> SUN school forms sent home Head Start begins for ½ of class	<b>September 15</b>	<b>Back to School Picnic/Open House 530-7</b>
<b>September 9</b>	Head Start begins for ½ of class	<b>September 16</b>	SUN School forms Due
<b>September 10</b>	Full-day for all Head Start	<b>September 21</b>	<b>Late Opening School Starts 9:50</b>
		<b>September 26</b>	Fall SUN School Begins
		<b>October 5</b>	Fall Picture Day

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### Open House/Family Picnic Thursday September 15th

Join our picnic and open house on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Bring your own picnic dinner, and meet new families. If you want information about the **Grout ESL program**, Kristin Kjome and Ashley Osborne in room 207 from 5:00-5:30. If you want information about the **Grout TAG program**, join Mrs. Stephenson and Principal Annie in room 213 from 5:00-5:30.

**The first PTA Meeting is Tonight**, Thursday, 9/8 from 6:30 to 7:30pm. We will have our first Grout PTA meeting of the school year. Come as early at 6pm if you want to meet others in the Grout Community and pay for memberships, Chinook Books and t-shirts. We'll have the credit card reader and extra Chinook Books on hand. We'll also have snacks. SUN School staff will also be on hand to provide childcare.

Please see the PTA Grout Volunteer Form that went home with your child today for volunteer opportunities at Grout

**Volunteer Background Checks**– Please remember that background checks expire every 2 years. Make sure to check on the website to see when you are going to expire, and if you need to renew it does take a couple of weeks to process so please plan ahead. To check on your status please go to: <http://volunteer.pps.net/>

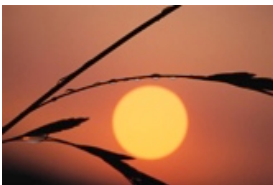
**Grout Dine Out** is Friday, 9/9 – Cloud City is donating 20% of sales all day to Grout PTA. Have some dessert and help us raise money for projects such as the new play structure.

### School Hours

Please remember that our school hours are 7:50-2:15. Our first bell rings at 7:50 and the tardy bell is at 8:00. Teachers teach up to 2:15. Please let your students finish their school day and pick your children up at 2:15.

### After School

Students who walk home should go directly home and not stop at the Grout playground or go to the park across the street. We do not have supervision for your children after school and want your children to be safe.



### SUN School is an after school program for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders

Most students are able to attend 1-2 days a week

**Thursday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>** – Registration packets delivered to teachers to send home with students

**Friday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>** – Registration forms due

**Monday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup>** – Fall SUN CS classes begin

### 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.

**School Success:** Two things families can do to ensure school success: make sure your child gets enough sleep and learn that reading is important at home. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest. 5-7 year olds need 10-12 hours of sleep a night. Older students, 8-11, still need 8-10 hours of sleep as well. Reading to, or with your child every night demonstrates the value you have for reading and helps a child learn to read and build their vocabularies that support them in school every day.

**End of the Day Check Out of Classrooms:** To ensure every child's safety during and after school, classroom educators were asked to check with families to gather information on how your child, grades K-5, go home. Classroom educators make an end of the day contact with each child by shaking their hand, doing an elbow bump or another method to acknowledge the student is leaving. It may take us a couple of extra minutes this fall, but we will be able to tell you the plan for going home if you ever have to call looking for your child.

**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 2016-2017 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. The 2016-17 confidential family application may be completed online at [www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/nutrition](http://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.