



# D. A. Grout Elementary School

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## THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 15, 2016

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### Calendar

September 15 Back to School Picnic/Open House 530-7

September 16 SUN School forms Due

September 21 Late Opening School Starts 9:50

September 26 Fall SUN School Begins

October 5 Fall Picture Day

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### Open House/Family Picnic is **TONIGHT** 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.

**New Website:** Grout's website is getting a new look! Please feel free to go to our same link: <http://www.pps.net/grout> and see our new look.

**Families-** We are excited to begin using new Chromebooks in all the classrooms this year. We have enough headphones for students to share. If you would like to send your child with his or her own headphones for the year please send them in a plastic bag with his or her name on it.

**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/>

**Affordable Internet Option:** Comcast has an affordable internet program (\$9.95) for families with children who receive free or reduced lunches through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Parents will need to submit documentation to verify their child receives free/reduced lunch. Link to Comcast's program: <https://internetessentials.com>

### Reed College Run

Saturday, October 1 at 9am is the Reed College 5k FUNd Run/Walk Located at Reed College. 100% of the registration fees and sponsorship dollars are donated to Grout Elementary as well as 4 other neighborhood schools. Register and volunteer at [reed.edu/5k](http://reed.edu/5k) Register before September 29<sup>th</sup> and receive \$5 off registration fees with code TEAMGROUT

**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.

### 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.

Please see the back of this week's Thursday notes for Counselor Dave's "School Counselor Corner"