



GRANT HIGH SCHOOL
@ Marshall Campus

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE
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Did you know?

Hello Grant Community,

Thanks to all who attended Grantasia last night. The event was amazing, highlighted our many talented students, and exemplified what an inclusive environment looks like. Thanks to Jessica Murray, Brian McFadden, Trisha Todd, Branice Howard and John Eisemann for all of the work they did to put this show together. With their guidance, students also contributed significantly to the preparation and coordination of all aspects of Grantasia. Thanks to the entire Grant staff who provided flexibility and support throughout the week. Thanks to all the parent volunteers.

It was great to see so many Grant parents, families, caregivers and community members at the event last night. I appreciated the patience everyone demonstrated as we worked through some of the logistics of having this event in the gym and the challenge of creating as much seating as possible. The Grant Community comes together often to support our school and I'm grateful every day for the opportunity to work with the staff, students and community.

I apologize for the confusion about the live streaming. The filming company had some technical issues and the live streaming was not successful. We did, however, have a PPS film crew here and they will post the entire Grantasia show on YouTube. I will let you know when it is available to view.

Next week is the last week before the winter break. Encourage students to check in with teachers regarding any missing work. The break should be a time to "take a break" and I hope everyone is able to get some rest. It can also provide some time for students to do some "catching up." If your student is falling behind, see if you can identify some work they could do. Contact teachers if you need some guidance on specific assignments. Many teachers have google classroom, websites and/or information on ParentVue. Don't be afraid to ask for clarification on ways you can help your student with any missing work. E-mail is a good way to communicate, but we welcome phone calls too. The counselors are also supportive and can provide suggestions.

Have a good weekend and week,

Carol

- **PTA**

Join us for the next PTA meeting on **Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the library.**

The program begins with a short presentation/update by the Grant Principal, Dr. Carol Campbell. There is also time for questions.

Consider joining the PTA and attending the monthly meetings. We have had a small core group of parents/guardians for the past several years and would very much like to expand the membership. If you are a new parent/guardian to Grant, PTA is a great way to get involved and meet other parents/guardians. *You can now join on [School Pay.](#)*

- **GRANT BOOSTERS NEEDS YOU!**

The Grant Boosters supports all extracurricular activities at Grant through fundraising, community building events and volunteerism. We currently have open board positions that need filling but we would also greatly appreciate any and all support you can contribute whether it be financial (grantgives.com) or physical!

If you would like to learn more about the Grant Boosters and the important role we fill in the Grant Community, please feel free to send an email to grantboosters@gmail.com.

- **IMPROVEMENTS TO GRANT FIELDS**

The PPS Board of Directors has approved funding for an investigation and the creation of plans for upgrades to the Grant bowl area into a multi-use facility for soccer, lacrosse, softball, track and field, and football. The bond funded upgrades to the upper field area including a turf field for soccer, lacrosse and baseball.

The process will include stakeholder meetings, discussion and recommendations to an architecture firm that will come up with a possible plan. Some of the improvements to be discussed include lights, bleachers, two HS softball fields, fencing, press box, concession stand, restrooms and storage. Since this is PPS Parks property, representatives from Portland Parks will also be involved in any planning and recommendations. Funding for the improvements has not yet been determined. Stay tuned for additional information.

There is a section on the modernization website titled, "Grant Fields Update," with more information: <https://www.pps.net/Page/474>

- **VIDEO OF GRANT REMODEL**

Latest video of Grant remodel by Jonah Herman
<https://youtu.be/t4CC2uDpvD8>

- **GRANT GIVES 2019**

GRANTgives2019 is a new funding campaign that gives you an easy way to support activities kids love! With one click, parents and friends of Grant High School can make a tax-deductible donation to Grant Boosters, and the money goes directly to kid-led clubs, extracurricular, and sports teams at Grant! Just as our auction has done in the past, GRANTgives2019 provides critical support — such as travel expenses, supplies, equipment, tools, uniforms, electronics and so much more...with no overhead and zero stress!!

Boosters funding is currently running low. In order to offer the many engaging opportunities that keep our kids healthy and inspired, we need your support! Simply go to grantgives.com to make a donation. Thank you!



- **AFTER SCHOOL STUDY HALL**

There is an after school study hall available in the library from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Students cannot be in other parts of the building after 4:00 p.m. Any student who needs or wishes to stay after school can attend the study hall.

In addition, National Honor Society provides after school tutoring in the library on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

- **THE SAFEOREGON TIP LINE**

In keeping with our commitment to student safety, last October PPS joined school districts across the state in using the SafeOregon Tip Line. We want to remind you about this important resource.

SafeOregon was funded by the Oregon Legislature as part of a statewide effort to improve school safety. **It provides a secure means for anyone to anonymously report suspicious or imminently unsafe situations, such as threats of violence, fights, drugs and alcohol, weapons, bullying, harassment, intimidation or self-harm.**

Anyone, from students to parents to community members, can access the system in a variety of ways, including:

- The “Report unsafe behavior” button found on every PPS school’s website
- The [SafeOregon website](#)
- A live call/text (844-472-3367)
- An email to tip@safeoregon.com
- The mobile app that can be downloaded from your Smart Phone via iTunes or Google Play

Trained staff are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to respond.

Please be sure to share this information with your friends and family. Remind your students: **If you see or hear something, say something – immediately.**

- **GET CONNECTED TO GRANT VIA SOCIAL MEDIA**

There are several Grant High School Facebook pages. I manage a page that can be found at: **PPS Grant High School**. I post pictures and news related to events at the high school.

I also send information via Twitter at: **@ccampbellGHS**

- **ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION TOOL**

PPS has shifted family, student and staff communication to a new tool that gives schools the ability to send texts about emergencies, closures, delays and other important news. To receive text notifications, you must opt in to the service. **You opt in by texting YES to 68453.** Parents and students should confirm their cell numbers listed in the student information system. Staff should confirm their cell numbers are the “primary” number in the PeopleSoft system. For more information about texting, go to www.pps.net and click on the “Mobile First” button.