



**GRANT HIGH SCHOOL**  
**@ Marshall Campus**

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE**  
**PRINCIPAL**

**November 2, 2018**

## ***Did you know?***

*Hello Grant Community,*

*Conferences are approaching. Please check the bulletin and website for detailed information. It is helpful to come to the conferences with a list of questions and/or discussion topics. The conference time is limited and we are asking that conversations be 5-7 minutes (especially if others are waiting). If you need a longer conversation, please communicate via e-mail, phone or set up another meeting time. Prior to the conference dates, we will send out a list of teachers, classrooms where they will be located and any teacher availability information (some teachers won't be available at certain times). Here is a link to a website that has some tips for preparing for teacher conferences: <http://www.nea.org/home/60103.htm>*

*This is midterm election week and politics as well as political issues have been prevalent in the news. At Grant we try to ensure all students feel safe and welcome, while at the same time encouraging discourse, or conversations in which all students can hear multiple perspectives as they develop their own beliefs and values. While we don't support one political party over another, we do support an environment that is safe and inclusive. Please remind students to be tolerant of others viewpoints and replace judgement with curiosity.*

*Have a good week,*

*Carol*

- **UNIFIED SOCCER WINS GOLD!**

Grant Unified Soccer won a gold medal at the end-of-season tournament this past Saturday. Thanks to teachers, Amy Angell, Miranda Nchekwube, and Ashley Brooks for coaching and preparing students for the competitions. Thanks to the fans, families and especially the students.



- **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

November is Native American Heritage Month. Our school community is celebrating Native American Heritage Month by focusing on Native American culture in the Race Forward event on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The student and staff equity team and the Native American Student Union have been planning the activity which includes reflecting on ways that Native Americans have been treated throughout history and how we can be allies in ensuring stereotypes are not perpetuated.



- **GLOBAL CITY CLASS VISITS GRANT CONSTRUCTION SITE**

Mr. Gavitte's Global City class visited the Grant construction site on Friday. They got a tour of the site and had an opportunity to ask questions of the construction site managers.





- **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 turfed multi-use 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.

- **FALL PLAY, ORLANDO OPENED THIS WEEK**

You can still see the play on November 8-10 at 7:00 p.m.



- **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](http://grantgives.com) to make a donation. Thank you!



**Give it up for our clubs and teams!**

Grant clubs and teams keep our kids inspired, active, and connected—and they wouldn't be possible without the support of parents like you. Please give what you can to help us reach our goal:

**\$100,000 by 2019**

To make your donation go to:

**grantgives.com**

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Support the clubs and teams our kids love!

- **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Tuesday, November 13th!** Mark your calendars for an evening of informative discussion and refreshments hosted by the Grant PTA. Shelley Campbell RN from Legacy Health System's - Trauma Nurses Talk Tough, will present on adolescent intoxicant use and its effect on the adolescent brain. More info to come.

- **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.

- **PTA**

Join us for the next PTA meeting on **Tuesday, November 13 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.

On **November 13** the PTA is sponsoring a presentation by Shelley Campbell RN from Legacy Health System's - Trauma Nurses Talk Tough. The talk will focus on adolescent intoxicant use and its effect on the adolescent brain.

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](#).*

- **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](mailto: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](http://www.pps.net) and click on the “Mobile First” button.