



## *GRANT HIGH SCHOOL*

### *WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL*

*November 22, 2019*

#### *Did you know?*



*Hello Grant Community,*

*We've had a busy week and I appreciate all of the support and patience as we worked through some challenging events.*

*Just after school dismissed today, we smelled gas at various locations inside and outside the building. As a precaution, we evacuated and called the fire department and NW Natural. After about 30 minutes, we were allowed to reenter the building as no problems were detected and the odor had disappeared. Apparently there were other reports of gas odors in the neighborhood.*

*There is no school for students next week. Parent-Teacher conferences are Monday and Tuesday (see schedule in bulletin and on website). Schools and offices will be closed Wednesday-Friday.*

*I hope everyone has a restful break. I am thankful for the opportunity to work with staff, students and parents in the Grant community.*

*Have a good week,*

*Carol*

- **MASTER PLANNING FOR GRANT BOWL**

We have begun the master planning process for the Grant Bowl. In an effort to support all of Grant's athletic teams on the Grant Park campus, Portland Public Schools is funding this initial Master Planning phase so that we can define the work ahead. We have contracted BORA architects to lead the Master Plan for Grant Bowl. Our task at hand is to work with BORA to provide feedback and clarity in developing a Master Plan addressing;

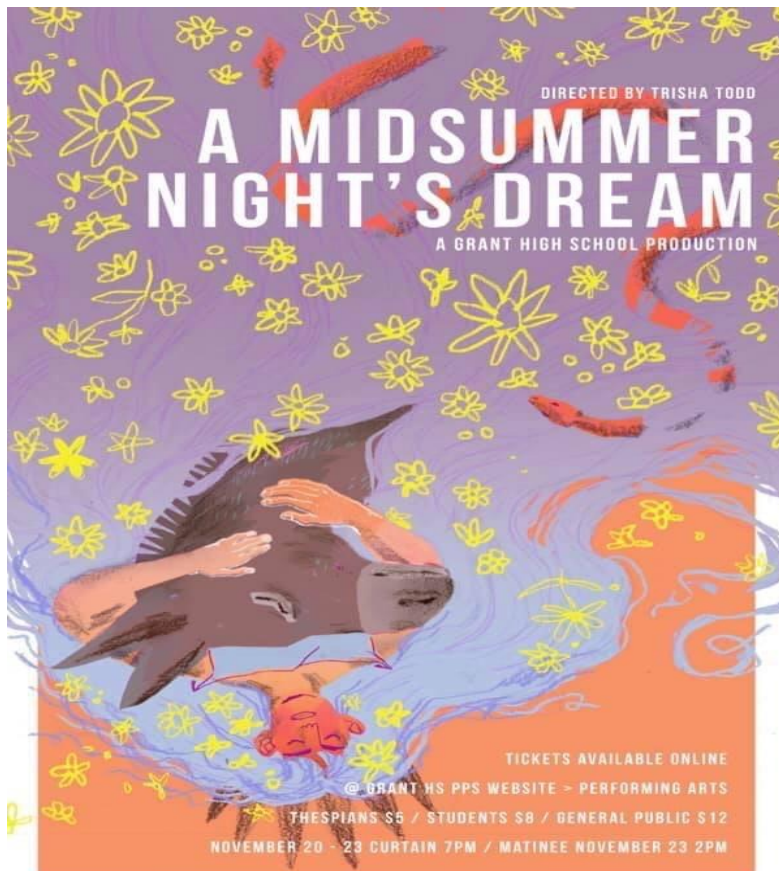
- Project Scope
- Priorities
- User needs
- Neighbor concerns
- Funding and partnership opportunities

The dates and time for community input are:

Wednesday, November 6	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Grant High School Library
<b>Tuesday, December 3</b>	<b>6:00-8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Grant High School Library</b>

- **FALL PLAY**

Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> is the final opportunity to see the fall play.



- **INTENSIVE SKILLS CLASSROOMS HOST CELEBRATION OF THANKS**  
Students in the ISC classrooms planned and prepared a meal to share on Friday. Students made a menu, shopped and helped prepare the meal. They also made labels for each dish so guests would know if they contained nuts or dairy.



- **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

November is Native American Heritage Month. Grant's Indigenous Peoples' Student Union held a flag raising ceremony earlier this month and the flag they designed last year has been on display during November. Below is a picture of the flags and flagpole on a bright sunny day. Thanks to IPSU for raising awareness of Native American Heritage.



- **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 https://www.safeoregon.com/](https://www.safeoregon.com/)
- 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.