



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

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE  
PRINCIPAL**

**November 9, 2018**

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

*Hello Grant Community,*

*Schools are closed on Monday in observance of Veteran's Day. I would like to recognize our staff, former students, family members and members of the Grant community who have served our country.*

*Yesterday at our Race Forward activity, we were fortunate to have members of the Northwest Indian Veteran's Association (NIVA) here to help with the flag raising ceremony in recognition of Native American Heritage month. Many Native Americans have served in branches of the military and we take this opportunity to recognize their service to our country. Yesterday I learned that in Native American culture, ceremonies exist for all occasions and they serve to unite people. One of the NIVA members shared that the flag raising ceremony our students experienced unites the Grant community as family forever. Race Forward has provided us with many opportunities to learn about cultures other than our own and to experience different perspectives. It was very moving to see students and staff supporting the Native American Student Union and the Race Forward activities. I am grateful to be part of the Grant community and to have the opportunity to work with amazing students and adults.*

*Join us On **November 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the library.** 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.*

*Have a good weekend and week,*

*Carol*

- **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Conferences are on November 19 and 20 (see detailed information on the website and in the bulletin).

Here is some information about preparing for conferences:

- Prepare questions for your child’s teachers. The questions can be about the program, how your child is doing, homework, support available for your student, school or classroom policies and practices.

TIP: Your family can use the “Tips for a successful Parent-Teacher Conference” sheets, which are available in the five supported languages.

- Let the teacher know if you have changed your contact information. Teachers rely on the information you provide them with to contact you. Let them also know if you have a preferred time to be contacted.

**After** the parent-teacher conference – follow up:

- Start the action plan set by the teacher. The sooner your child starts working on this plan, the sooner you’ll see progress. If you are unable to follow the plan, ask the teacher for alternatives. These may include tutoring, workshops, and other student supports services offered at PPS.
- Ask questions about future communications with the teacher.

- **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAREER DAY**

Several Grant students participated in the Multnomah County IT Department Career Day this week. They spent the day with professionals and learned about Cyber Security, Mobile App creation, Business Systems Analysis and Project Management. The picture below was taken as the students were checking out the top floor “EcoRoof”.

If your student wants to learn about other opportunities like this, encourage them to stop by the College/Career Center and connect with our Career Coordinator, Madeline Kokes.



- **THE LATEST ISSUE OF GRANT MAGAZINE IS AVAILABLE**

Grant Magazine website: Access the website to see past issues and sign up for a subscription.

<http://grantmagazine.com/>



- **GRANT BOOSTERS NEEDS YOU!**

We would love to have more parents involved in the Grant community to help support our CLUBS and TEAMS, please join us on **Tuesday, November 13th at 7pm in the library on the Grant @ Marshall campus.**

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](http://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 join us this Tuesday or feel free to send an email to [grantboosters@gmail.com](mailto:grantboosters@gmail.com).

- **CROSSFIT STUDENTS COMPETE!**

Eighteen of our CrossFit students competed in the fall CrossFit PPS Fundraiser over the weekend. Enya Omana-Rodriguez and Ava McIntyre won the scaled division

<http://rivet.fit/pps-fall-throwdown/faq>

Follow us on facebook @ CrossFit PPS



- **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

November is Native American Heritage Month.

Here is the link to the video created by students for Race Forward:

<https://youtu.be/jeY18XRKWnM>



Below are some pictures from the Race Forward event on Thursday.





- **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.

- **LAST CHANCE TO SEE THE FALL PLAY, ORLANDO**

You can still see the play on November 9-10 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.