



# D. A. Grout Elementary School

## THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

503.916.6209 [www.pps.net/grout](http://www.pps.net/grout) Facebook: [facebook.com/GroutSchool](https://facebook.com/GroutSchool) Twitter: @Grout\_School  
September 06, 2018

### Calendar

<b>September 6</b>	SUN School Forms Sent Home	<b>September 14</b>	SUN School Forms Due
<b>September 13</b>	Back to School Picnic/ Open House 530-7PM		PTA Forms Due

### Upcoming Events:

#### Open House/Family Picnic 5:30-7:00pm:

Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Bring your own picnic dinner and meet new families.

- 5:30 Picnic Begins: Head Start, Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- 6:15 Principal, Head Start, PTA and SUN introductions - Auditorium
- 6:30 Open Classrooms
- 7:00 TAG Meeting

**SUN School:** SUN School will begin Oct 1 and run through Dec 14 this term. This is an after school program for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. When you sign up you are guaranteed at least 2 days. You can expect the registration forms to come home on September 6<sup>th</sup>, and they will be due September 14<sup>th</sup>. Look for your students schedule to come home on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Important Information:

**Free/Reduce Lunch:** We are encouraging all Grout families to submit a confidential application for free or reduced-price meals for the 2018-19 school year, if your family meets the eligibility guidelines based on household size and income. Our school will receive additional Federal funding if enough eligible families apply. The additional funding helps pay for staff to keep class sizes small and support academic achievement for all students. Apply online at [www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/nutrition](http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/nutrition).

**Donations Needed:** We will be having a “how things work” class at SUN school again this term. We are looking for donations of cameras, small appliances, clocks (wind up and digital), radios, VCRs, adding machines, and anything else with small working parts. Please bring any donations to the office.

**Mind Up:** Dear Families, Happy start of the school year. This year Grout is embracing a schoolwide curriculum called Mind Up. What is Mind Up? It is a comprehensive and evidence-based curriculum that includes fifteen lessons that foster social and emotional awareness and promote academic success. Mind Up helps create an optimistic classroom that helps develop mindful attention to oneself and others. The four primary units are; getting focused, sharpening your senses, positive attitude and taking action mindfully. Classes will start the day mindfully in the classroom and lessons will be taught weekly. Towards the end of the school year, classes will implement ways of giving back to the community. On October 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be an informational parent meeting about Mind Up. In the meantime, visit the website- [mindup.org](http://mindup.org) and feel free to contact me at Grout if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dave Frankunas-Grout School Counselor



**Box Tops:** Every year collecting Box Tops brings in extra funds for our school. Please cut out the Box Top labels on selected items, and bring them to the office or place them in the drop box by the library.

### **PTA News:**

**New PTA Message System: Konstella:** We are really excited to announce that Grout's PTA is changing our communication platform to Konstella. A platform that many schools have switched over to for easy communication to parents. Here is the link to sign up if you did not already receive an invitation via email, <https://www.konstella.com/cd/ATE9DM>

**REMINDER!** PTA membership forms/T-shirt order forms are due Sept. 14. If you'd like to pay by credit card, just don't include payment with the order form and the PTA will send you an invoice.

Renew your Chinook Book app online at <http://chinook.co/groutelementary> and half of your purchase goes to support Grout programs!