



D. A. Grout Elementary School

THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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September 13, 2018

Calendar

September 13 Back to School Picnic/
Open House 530-7PM
PTA Forms Due

September 14 SUN Forms Due
September 27 SUN Schedules Sent Home

Upcoming Events:

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

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

****If it is raining, the picnic will be in the cafeteria****

5:30 Picnic Begins: Head Start, Kindergarten through 5th grade

6:15 Optional Presentation-Climate Specialist, Head Start, PTA and SUN introductions. In auditorium.

6:30 Open Classrooms

7:00 TAG Meeting

Tardy Announcement: In an effort to get students in to class quicker we are now asking that students go straight to class anytime before 8:10am and the teacher will mark them as late. Anytime after 8:10am please come to the office for a late slip. Thank you!

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

Reed 5k run is on Saturday, September 22: Visit <https://www.reed.edu/5k/> to sign up! Proceeds go towards local schools, including Grout.

Spare Change Challenge- The Spare Change Challenge is back! Please bring in your spare change to your classroom, collection will begin next week! The classroom that collects the most change will win a prize! All proceeds will go toward new recess equipment.

Important Information:

Our new Climate Coach here at Grout is Karey Kirk. Ms. Kirk has taken on this position to help promote student emotional growth and academic achievement through a proactive approach using positive behavioral interventions and supports as well as using restorative justice practices. Her work will help promote a strong sense of community and belonging for students, parents and staff together.

Popcorn Fridays coming soon! We will be selling popcorn on Friday, September 28 after school for \$1 a bag. Ms. Kirk will be giving out coupons for a FREE popcorn all month to students who are a positive influence in our school.

Attendance: Welcome back to school! School attendance is very important. Did you know:

- Students who miss 10% of the school year (or 17 days throughout the year) are considered chronically absent
- This number includes excused AND unexcused absences
- Missing 10% or more of the school year can make it harder to learn to read

- Attendance is one of the three school success indicators reflected in our school's report card issued yearly by the state
- When students reduce absences, they can make great academic gains

If you have any questions about your child's attendance or if you need resources for your family to help support school attendance, don't hesitate to call the main office for our School Counselor, Dave Frankunas.

Congratulations to Teacher Chris (K), Teacher Karen (2) and Mrs. Stephenson (5) for having the best attendance last week! Keep up the great work coming to school on time and ready to learn!

Important Cafeteria Information:

Starting this school year, the kitchen will be offering each student the opportunity to receive one breakfast for free and to purchase one lunch per day. **Students will now be able to purchase milk ala carte again.**

This new process supports the District's wellness policy, as well as Portland's sustainability efforts. Students are encouraged to bring beverages from home to support the school community's desire to reduce milk carton waste. This new policy will also help reduce confusion around use of school meal funds on the student's account (for example, charging additional meals and/or milk without parent knowledge and approval). We will continue providing cups for water and unlimited fruits and veggies for students purchasing school lunch.

Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to seeing you in the cafeteria this school year.

The Nutrition Services Department, 503-916-3399, nutritionservices@pps.net

SafeOregon is a program that allows anyone to anonymously report and respond to student safety threats. Access the SafeOregon Tip Line via the "Report unsafe behavior" button on our school websites, the SafeOregon website, calling or texting 844-472-3367, emailing tip@safeoregon.com, or downloading and sending information through the "SafeOregon" mobile app. Let's work together to keep our school community safe.

Donations Needed: Please donate your old or no-longer-needed appliances and tools to SUN's Art of Take Apart class! We're looking for old radios, cameras, keyboards, printers, fans, cellphones, and other technology, as well as tools like #1 & #2 Phillips screwdrivers, Torx/star bit screwdrivers, needle-nose pliers, slip joint pliers, and wire cutters. Donations can be brought to the SUN office in the cafeteria. Thank you!

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!