



D. A. Grout Elementary School

THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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January 16, 2020

Calendar

Jan 17	NO HEADSTART Free PTA Movie Night 5:30-8 pm	Jan 20	NO SCHOOL – MLK Day
		Jan 24	\$1 Popcorn Friday

Important Information:

KG Connect/STEAM Night

Please join us for our annual Kindergarten Connect/STEAM Night on **Thursday, February 6th from 6-7:30 pm**. Principal Annie will be presenting to incoming kindergarten families at 6:15 in the auditorium and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) activities will be in the cafeteria and Gym. This is a great chance to get to know the teachers, see the school, and meet other Grout families. We hope to see you there!

Free Lunch – Families Can Apply at Any Time

While the Nutrition Services department has processed thousands of applications for free/reduced price meal benefits for families this fall and many others were directly certified (eligible) because they received SNAP benefits, we are finding that families who were eligible last year may not have reapplied this school year. On October 10, all families who were eligible last school year (2018-19) and did not reapply this school year, switched from free/reduced status to paid status. It is not too late! If your family's financial situation has changed midyear, you can still apply throughout the school year.

January Harvest of the Month: Root Vegetables

This January, we will be celebrating a variety of root vegetables as our Harvest of the Month. All PPS kitchens and cafeterias will be featuring root vegetables from Hilltop Farms in Troutdale, Oregon, just 20 miles outside of PPS! Last week, we served cumin roasted carrots. Upcoming weeks will also include:

- Roasted Parsnips with Garlic
- Roasted Parsnips and Apples
- Roasted Red and Gold Potatoes with Herb Mustard Dressing

We hope you will join us for lunch and encourage your students to try these new recipes featuring Oregon's harvests.

Inclement Weather:

Delays and closures: The district has two options in the event of bad weather: Delay school openings for two hours or close the schools altogether. Before deciding which to do, district officials consult with local meteorologists, city transportation officials and PPS transportation staff in the field. This information will be on the local television news and broadcast through PPS alerts. If there were a two hour late opening due to weather, students scheduled start time would then be 9:50AM. If you have bus questions, please call PPS Transportation Services at 503-916-6901.

Donation/Volunteer Requests:

Request for Broken Electric Items

Linda Mendel is seeking donations of electric fans, drills, and other items with electric motors for SUN students to take apart next semester. She would also love to get some mechanical items such as old adding machines, broken typewriters, and broken sewing machines for the "How Things Work" class.

Grout's in Need of Small Girls Pants/Leggings

As you may know, Grout has a collection of spare clothes for students to change in to if they have accidents or get dirty. Currently, we are really in need of small girl's pants and leggings, sizes 5/6 and 7/8. If you have some that your child has grown out of, we would love to take them off your hands! Just bring them by the office.

Grout PTA News:

Thank you to all who could attend our January 15 PTA meeting. A special thank you to our Principal, Annie Tabshy, Vice Principal, Denise Self and Senior Director, Kristie Lindholm, and Esther Omogbehin, Area Superintendent and Representative Rob Nosse for speaking about the state of education at Grout and in legislature. If you missed it and would like to view the meeting minutes, please view our [PTA General Meeting Notes](#) archive folder on Konstella (to be posted soon). If you have additional questions, please contact leaders directly.

GROUT PTA UPCOMING EVENTS

Grout PTA Free Movie Night this Friday!

January 17, 2020: from 5:30-8:00 pm in the auditorium

The Grout PTA proudly present Pokémon Detective Pikachu as our first free movie night of 2020! Popcorn, pizza, candy and drinks will be available for purchase, as well as, face painting of red Pikachu cheeks! Kids are encouraged to come dressed up in their Pokémon costumes, pajama's or clothes.

Grout PTA Free Dinner and Be Internet Awesome Family Workshop

February 12, 2020: from 5:30-7:00 pm

Early December, Grout PTA shared we were awarded the **Be Internet Awesome Family Workshop grant** and have since completed the requirements. **Special Invitation to Entire Grout Community!** We would like to invite you all **Wednesday, February 12 from 5:30-7 pm** for a free **dinner** and **workshop** (parents and children encouraged to attend together). Please contact Julie Bolstad if there is anything we can do to make this event easier for you to attend (interpreters, etc.) or if you are interested in helping us deliver the content (i.e. computer security background or knowledge)—at groutpta@gmail.com.

GROUT PTA 4th Annual “Denim and Diamonds” Auction

April 4, 2020: from 6:00-9:00 pm at Oaks Park Dance Pavilion

We'd love to close out the following donation requests by the end of this month! Help us knock these items off our list!

The Grout PTA Auction requests your help to make this event spectacular, by:

- Donate a bottle of wine (\$10 min. value) to the front office, or bring to our Jan. 15 PTA mtg., for the wine wall fundraiser
- Donate glass vases you no longer need to the front office to be used as part of our décor
- Donate blue jean denim (old worn out jeans or fabric? We'll take it!) to the front office to be used as part of our décor
- Email groutptauction@gmail.com with your procurement ideas, or if you have an “in” with a great local business!