



# D. A. Grout Elementary School

## THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Calendar

January 17	PTA Meeting – 6:30 pm	January 24	Art Night – 5:30 pm
January 21	No School MLK Day	January 25	\$1 Popcorn Friday
January 22	No School TeacherPlan Day		Grout T-Shirt Day

### Upcoming Events

#### PTA

Join us at the PTA mtg tonight. We will hold an *Emergency Preparedness presentation* in the auditorium: Grout is getting ready! Come to the PTA meeting for a presentation on how your family and Grout can prepare for future emergencies. YOU CAN HELP by bringing donations of emergency blankets or money for GASP (Grout Association of Seismic Preparedness) to purchase supplies including safety vests, cones, and more. The presentation is at 6:30 on Thursday, 1/17 in the auditorium. There is free childcare for school age kids.

Is your family prepared? You can stock up, receive a discount, and support Grout by purchasing an Earthquake Bag from [earthquakebag.com](http://earthquakebag.com) and using the promo code GroutPTA10%. You will receive 10% off your order, and the company will donate 10% to Grout PTA. Offer is good through the end of the month.

#### Grout Auction Planning Meeting

Wednesday, January 23rd from 6:30 - 8pm at Shut Up & Eat. Come help plan for Grout's biggest party and fundraising opportunity of the year! We have a new, larger venue this year at The Oaks Park Dance Pavilion and are planning an 80's auction theme. If you are interested in decorating, party timing or food/dessert/beverage planning opportunities come join us!

#### Grout Family Art Night

Winter Wands: Make Your Own Magic Wand

Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 5:30 pm

RSVP by 2:15 on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

This art night offers Grout artists a chance to explore the art of prop-making by creating their own wand to suit their own character. You may come dressed the part and bring any sticks (from nature, or even chopsticks) that are suitable. Sticks will also be provided. RSVP with the number of wandmakers that plan to attend at <https://www.facebook.com/events/277743333087773/> or call 503-916-6209 and reserve a spot.

### Important Information:

#### Calling all volunteers:

Want to support our youngest artists in the art room?

If you are available Monday or Tuesday afternoons (12:15-2:10pm) Kindergartners would love you to assist them in the art room. They request that you "help hold their paper" for cutting, "help slide" their artwork onto drying racks, "help clean up" any accidents, and other similar assisting tasks! Contact Ms. Yao to get started on your paperwork.

Super busy but still wish to help? MICRO-Volunteer with your smart phone camera. Be a photographer/

uploader to get student art onto Artsonia, our online portfolio sharing and fundraising website. If you even have only 10 minutes, you can stop into the workroom and/or pickup student work to photograph at your leisure. Each time someone uploads a classroom (24-30) art projects by a class, we earn proceeds from any Artsonia keepsakes sold. This means in 10 minutes, you might earn the school \$10-20 of proceeds, plus kids get to keep a copy of their work privately or publicly in an online portfolio. Instructions from Ms. Yao are available at <https://tinyurl.com/ya8n7ke9>

### **Want to know more about Artsonia?**

Enjoy your student's art online before it comes home crumpled in their backpack! Artsonia is COPPA compliant and fully supports schools' FERPA compliance. They are regularly reviewed and approved for compliance with iKeepSafe's COPPA and FERPA Safe Harbor programs. In addition, Artsonia has signed the Student Privacy Pledge and has been reviewed and selected as a top pick for learning by Common Sense Education.

### **Donations Needed:**

#### **Donations Accepted in Advance of Art Night:**

Sticks of all sorts; driftwood sticks, chopsticks, dowel rods, to be transformed into magic wands. We also need a very large cardboard or foam core (maybe 4 feet by 7 feet) to be transformed into a magical backdrop for the event). Contact Ms. Yao at [kyao@pps.net](mailto:kyao@pps.net) or 503-916-6209

#### **Legos**

Looking to get rid of those unloved LEGO bricks and parts that are all over your house? Please donate them to the SUN LEGO Program. The LEGO machine class is "gearing up" for Winter term and can use all of the parts you've got. We can even use Duplo blocks.

Or maybe the thought of parting with your LEGO pieces is horrifying? We can always use some adult volunteers who love to build and help me out in class. Our Machines class works with 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders and meets once a week.

Also, our Robotics class seeks your old laptops that can run Windows and Android tablets or phones. Donations are tax deductible.

If you can help with any of the above, please contact Natasia at [natasia.chan@gmail.com](mailto:natasia.chan@gmail.com).

#### **Fabric**

SUN school would like donations of polar fleece (minimum size 12X24 inch), cotton printes (minimum size 12X12 inch), and flannel for our sewing class that starts in January. We are also looked for a few pairs of shears and thread in assorted colors if you have any to spare.