



Portland Public Schools
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October 29, 2021

Upcoming Dates:

- November 5 - Teacher Planning Day - No School
- November 11 - Veterans Day - No School
- November 12 - Teacher PD/Planning Day - No School
- November 17 - Principal's Chat
Virtual PTA Meeting
- November 22 & 23 - Conferences - No School
- November 24-26 - No School
- November 29 - Picture Retake Day

Important Reminders:

- The PPS School Board recently elected to change our school calendar. There is **no school on November 12**. It will be a teacher professional development and planning day.
- **Fall conferences** will be held virtually this year. We will be sending out a process for online sign-ups next week.
- Please **write your child's name in their coats** and sweatshirts.

Dear Grout Families,

Happy Fall! As we wrap up the first two months of school and head into fall conferences, we are proud of everything the staff and students have accomplished. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Grout.

Sincerely,

Denise Self
Principal

Katy Vawter
Assistant Principal

Principal's Chat: Understanding Covid Protocols at Grout

Thank you to those of you who joined us at our Principal's Chat last week. If you were unable to join us, we spent our time explaining the steps we are taking to protect students, staff, and families with our Covid safety protocols. Below is the presentation that I shared:

[Understanding Covid Protocols at Grout Presentation](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or the office.

Our next Principal's Chat is scheduled for November 17 at 5:00 pm, before the PTA meeting.

New Visitor Procedures

PPS has recently changed our visitor protocols. Visitors that need to be in the building for more than 15 minutes, will be asked to show their Covid Vaccination information or a negative Covid test from the prior 72 hours. Anyone who is unable to provide this information will be asked to reschedule with a virtual meeting. Visitors that that will be in the building for less than 15 minutes are not required to show their vaccination card.

Student dropoff and pick up will continue to be done outside the building. If you need assistance, please call the office.

PTA NEWS!

Congratulations to Helen Lynn in Ms. Kirk's class for winning the 2021 Grout T-Shirt Design Contest! All students at Grout will be receiving a free Grout t-shirt from the PTA in a few weeks. There will also be a Grout merchandise store available online for anyone who wishes to purchase any items with the new design. More information to come on the online store.

Upcoming Dine-Outs to benefit Grout PTA:

- Friday Oct. 29, 10am-6pm at Unicorn Bake Shop 2824 SE Gladstone St. 20% of proceeds (not including cakes).
- Wednesday Nov. 10, 11am-10pm at Next Level Burger 4121 SE Hawthorne Blvd. 10% of all dine in or take out food and beverage sales, no online orders.
- Wednesday Dec. 15, 11am-10pm at ¿Por Que No? 4635 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland. 10% of sales.

If you are interested in being a voting member of the PTA, you must sign up and pay the \$10 dues at grout.memberhub.com/store. If you want to be a voting member and cannot pay the fee, please contact Antonia at groutpta@gmail.com. We have funds available to help those who need it.

Any questions, concerns, ideas please email groutpta@gmail.com.