



# D. A. Grout Elementary School

## THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Calendar

<b>October 19</b>	Coffee with Principal Annie- 8am Parents Night Out- 6-9pm Head Start- No School	<b>October 26</b>	Grout T-Shirt Day Costume Parade- 12:40pm Fall Festival- 6:00-8:00pm
<b>October 24</b>	Mind Up Parent Night 6:30-8pm	<b>October 29</b>	<b>No School- Teacher Plan Day</b>

### Upcoming Events:

**Costume Parade:** We will be having our annual costume parade on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Students should bring their school appropriate costume with them to school, and they will be able to change after lunch. Student's who do not wish to participate will be given the opportunity to stay at Grout and have quiet time in Mrs. Neal's room. Please remember no weapons, masks, or inappropriate costumes. See your classroom teacher for volunteer opportunities. We will be leaving Grout around 12:40pm and heading over to Oddfellow's.

**Cookie Dough Fundraiser:** We kicked off our Cookie Dough Fundraiser with an action packed, loud assembly on Friday. Students are really excited to fundraise for field trips and activities at the school such as assemblies. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser. Order forms will be due October 19<sup>th</sup>, to the office. Families can also order online until October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Parents Night Out:** It is 6-9pm on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, in the Grout cafeteria. For grades K-2nd (flexible) they can email Julie Crouser at [juliec@pps.net](mailto:juliec@pps.net) if you have any questions or to sign up.

**POPCORN day Friday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>:** Complete 10 acts of kindness to earn a FREE bag of popcorn!

**Mindfulness:** Come join our Mind Up Parent Meeting to learn about the Mind Up curriculum we are using to teach your students about how their brain works and self regulation. Retired PPS Counselor Jean Berg will be leading this meeting. Join us October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm in the auditorium.

### Fall Festival:

**Only a week away to the biggest PTA event of the year. The Festival committee requests the following to make our event a success:**

--The cake walk committee requests commercially made cakes, pastries, sweets and small prize worthy toys such as squishes or cans of slime. Please drop off items the day of the Festival before 5:30pm. Can't donate? Sue who is organizing could also use a couple of drivers to pick up donated items.

--This year, the Scary Room is having a gift shop - The Creepy Marketplace. We'll be selling novelty candy. If you have any large jars that are around a gallon size or anything that looks like it belongs in a mad scientist lab, please let Natasia know at [natasia.chan@gmail.com](mailto:natasia.chan@gmail.com). We'd love to borrow them.

-The committee could also use volunteers. Volunteers can get a free basic wristband good for game play for their child. First sign up on Konstella or email Natasia at [natasia.chan@gmail.com](mailto:natasia.chan@gmail.com) to sign up for a spot. Then let me know if you want to claim your wristband. I'll have a list of job openings on the PTA bulletin board by Friday, Oct. 19.

Also, the Fall Festival is for everyone. Please see Lucy in the office if you need a wristband and tickets that we've set aside for students who need assistance in order to attend.

PS-Wristbands are for those who want to play. Accompanying parents do not need one to attend with their child.

### Important Information:

**LOST & FOUND:** Our lost and found is full already! Please check the tables in the front hall for any of your students lost items. Also please remember to write your students name in their coats so we can return them if found.

**Grout Parents:** A big shout out to all of you for waiting in the main hallway or cafeteria in the morning for drop-off and for waiting in the main hallway at pick-up. Students are able to learn right up to 2:15 each day and your efforts are appreciated by all Grout Staff. Thank you!p

**Box Tops:** We will be doing a box top submission on October 26<sup>th</sup>, please bring any box tops you have collected to the office so we can get credit for them during this collection period.

**Nutrition Services is Hiring!**

Are you interested in earning extra income while your child attends school? Do you want to be part of a team that provides high quality, nutritious meals to Portland Public Schools students? PPS Nutrition Services is hiring Roving Nutrition Services Assistants to work 2-5 hour shifts. Starting salary is \$12.45/hour. Must pass a Criminal Record Check and know basic computer skills. For more information call: 503-916-3399 or apply on line at: <http://bit.ly/ppshiring>

**Super busy? MICRO-Volunteer to help ART at Grout.**

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 art room 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 keepsake'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:** 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!

We are also looking for a donation of a working MP3 player or I-pod with a charger cord for our dance party Fridays.

**Cleveland Boys Winter League Basketball is here and Registration is OPEN!** Cleveland Basketball offers Recreational and competitive teams for grades 3rd-8th boys. Recreational team registration is open, with limited availability and volunteer coaches are needed. Tryouts are required for Intermediate/Advanced Skill players in grades 5th-8th interested in playing on a PIL or Warrior Prep team. Tryouts for PIL & WP teams are November 3rd & 4th. Please visit Cleveland Basketball for complete details, tryout requirements & cost at: <https://www.cleveland-warriors.com/youth-basketball/>