



D. A. Grout Elementary School

THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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November 14, 2019

Calendar

Nov. 14 Free Family Art Night 5:30-7 pm
Nov. 15 \$1 Popcorn Friday
Nov. 18 Dine Out for Grout at Rocio's
Nov. 22 NO HEADSTART

Grout T-Shirt Day
Nov. 25-26 Parent/Teacher Conferences
PTA Clothing Swap
Nov. 27-29 NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

Important Information:

Thank you Portland Voters!

PPS thanks voters across Portland who voted to renew the levy that pays for over 800 teachers per year, including teachers in every school in the district. That's about one-third of ALL PPS teachers.

Thank you for your support and vote of confidence. Thanks for believing in great teachers and in the power of public education. Thank you for believing in Portland Public Schools.

Vehicles

Please be mindful when driving near the school. Slow down and look for students darting out into the street. We recently had a staff member's car hit and not reported. Thank you in advance for slowing down!

Shoe Giveaway

PPS is partnering with DSW, Soles4Souls, and the PTA Clothing Center to provide free shoes (Children's Size 11 to Youth Size 7) for our students! Shoes are available in sizes children's 11 – Youth 7. The shoe giveaway will be while supplies last on **Saturday, November 16, 2019 at Harriet Tubman Middle School from 10:00am-12:00pm**. For more information or for any questions, please contact Camille Idedevo at 971-804-5034.

November Harvest of the Month - Squash

Every Thursday in November, we will be celebrating our Harvest of the Month - Squash! Butternut squash from Hilltop Produce Farms will be baked and roasted in a variety of ways every Thursday in each school kitchen. [Hilltop Produce Farms](http://HilltopProduceFarms.com) in Troutdale, Oregon is a 4th generation family-owned produce farm offering a diverse selection of produce from cabbages, root vegetables such as beets and carrots, and raspberries. Support Hilltop and other local food growers and makers by buying school lunch every Thursday.

Whitney Ellersick, Senior Director, Nutrition Services

Upcoming Events:

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are fast approaching on Monday and Tuesday, November 25th and 26th. Teachers now have sign-up sheets out for you to meet with your child's teacher. Parent-Teacher Conferences are a great time to get to know your child's teacher, ask any questions you may have, and get an update on how your child is doing this year. Please contact your child's teacher to schedule a time or stop by their classroom to sign up.

\$1 Popcorn Friday

Popcorn Friday is back this week! Don't forget your \$1 for a bag of popcorn at pick up on Friday, November 15th! All proceeds from popcorn sales go straight back to the school.

PTA News:

Thank you to all who were able to make our second PTA meeting of the year last night—we had another great turn-out! A special shout of thanks to **Grand Central Bakery** for contributing yummy breads again to complement our Italian-themed potluck, **Dutch Bros.** for donating our attendee door prizes and to the **Grout S.U.N. staff** for providing childcare! We'd also like to thank Meeka Kullberg for stopping by to tell families about open Sellwood / Cleveland Softball and Baseball registration (closes in Jan. you can contact her at 503.833.2466 with additional questions). Here are some other highlights ([check out relevant info posted to Konstella too!](#))

- *Principal Annie addressed her retirement plans.*
- *Grout PTA announced Sept. Fundraiser Survey winner (baseball diamond, field and running track improvements selected by 35% of participants surveyed. A special projects committee, "Field Fundraiser" has been formed. Join today!*
- *Grout PTA budget was reviewed and voted on by members—board proposals to increase allocations for teachers, S.U.N., art, etc. passed. It will now be turned into the Oregon PTA as part of our 'Unit in Good Standing' requirements along with our year-end report, audit, CT-12 and 990.*
- *Hot Topic—how to keep your kids safe online. Want to learn more and engage w/ other parents? Visit the Parent Social Group on Konstella at <https://www.konstella.com/app/group/5d524bc6e4b035b147c9a567/chats>.*
- *Committee Chair Updates from Dine-outs (strong start totaling \$2340 so far); Book Fair (end today!); Teacher Appreciation (thank you amazing community – all donations are full); Clothing Swap (accepting donations next M-F); and the Auction (join comm. Mtg. 11/17 at 4:30 pm @ Double Mtn. Brewery on Woodstock to help pick theme and be involved in planning).*
- *T-shirts (from Sept. order) and PTA Kid's Club certificates (from Fall Fest sign-ups) were handed out.*

Save the date – **next PTA general meeting is Jan. 15 at Grout** and **Representative Rob Nosse** is schedule to speak about what's happening in Legislature regarding K-12 education + we'll have updates from the **Cleveland High School Modernization Committee!**

GROUT PTA FAMILY CLOTHING SWAP is Fast Approaching!

Start cleaning out those closets people. We plan to start the collection at school in the auditorium next **week starting Monday, Nov. 18th**. What are we looking for? So glad you asked! Gently used clothing (all ages), shoes, toys and books. Items should be in good shape. Please do not bring items that are torn, ripped, stained or broken – it will only exasperate the efforts of the volunteers 😊.

BIG NEWS! Grout PTA has launched a special online school spirit gear store until November 29th. You can now order youth and adult T-shirts (in a soft shirt), raglan shirts, hoodies, trucker hats and a decal with a newly crafted design! You will receive the orders by the beginning of December-just before the holidays. http://stores.inksoft.com/grout_elementary