



D. A. Grout Elementary School

THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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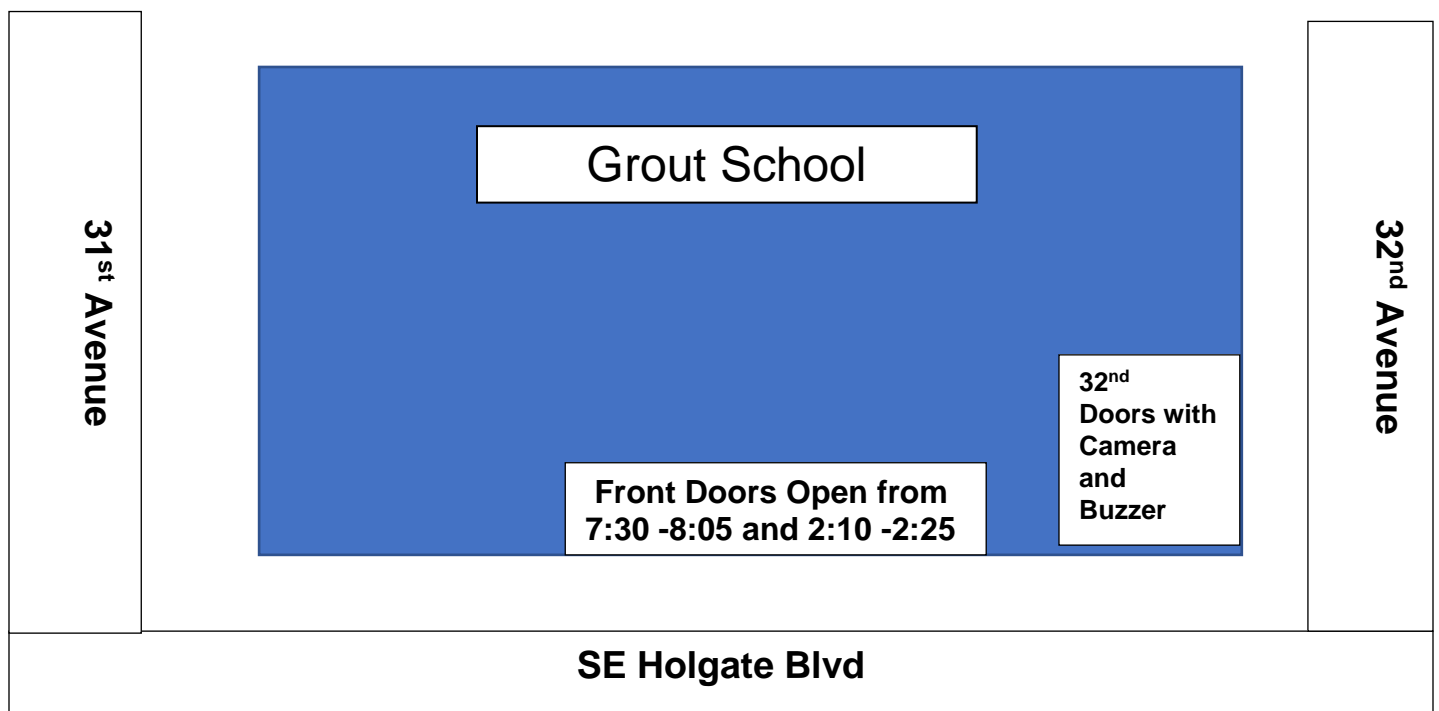
Calendar

November 19-20 No School - Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 21-23 No School-Thanksgiving
November 28 Cookie Dough Order Pickup

A CHANGE IS COMING TO GROUT DOORS and SECURITY on Monday, November 26, 2018:
For all students and staff safety, we will begin locking all doors at the school. The **front door** will be unlocked between 7:30 to 8:05am and 2:05-2:25pm with staff **MONITORING** the entrance. If you miss these open times, students and families may enter through the double doors on the corner of SE Holgate and 32nd Avenue. Please ring the bell so the office staff will buzz you in. Please look into the camera for identification purposes. This may be an inconvenience, but your children's safety is our highest priority.

This applies to all Grout School students and families, Head Start students and families, SUN School, YMCA Childcare on site and for breakfast.



Upcoming Events:

Parent-Teacher conferences are coming up on November 19 and 20. Please look out for a sign up sheet by your teachers classroom and sign up for a time slot. If you haven't signed up for a conference yet, please do. Teachers will not make-up conferences.

Important Information:

Phones: Parents this is a reminder about student phone usage at school. During the school day, students are asked to give their phone to their teacher and they will store them in a cupboard in their classroom and return them at the end of the school day. Unfortunately, students cannot leave their phones in their backpacks because of theft. Having students carry their own phones is not an option because they too often get on their phones when they are not supposed to. Thank you in advance for your support with student phones.

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.

Clothing Swap Donations

We are still taking donations for the Clothing Swap. Please bring donations of baby, kids or adult gear to donate to the swap. Look for the donation boxes in the front hallway. The Clothing Swap will be happening in the cafeteria during conferences. Don't forget to stop by and see if there is anything you can use. We're also looking for more volunteers to help out at the swap on Monday or Tuesday. Sign up on Konstella or email Juliebolstad@outlook.com.

Calling all chefs! Consider signing up to help feed our teachers during conferences! We are looking for people to volunteer to make and bring soup for the teachers on Monday of conferences. Soup needs to be to school by 4pm and in a crock pot to keep it warm. (If you don't have a crock pot, let us know and we can probably find one for you to borrow). Sign up on Konstella, email juliebolstad@outlook.com, or let Maria in the office know.

Spare Change Challenge:

Don't forget to clean out those couches and bring in spare change! So far the Spare Change Challenge has brought in over \$600 for new recess equipment and blacktop paintings. The class that brings in the most spare change before winter break will win a party.

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 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:

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.

Absences:

Parents please remember to call the office and let Maria Carpenter know if your child is out of school for the day. We appreciate your support with attendance. If your child is sick with a fever, a severe cough, or has thrown up within the last 24 hours, please keep them home. *Remember, students should come to school if they do not have a fever, have not thrown up, and don't have a bad cough. Attendance is very important for all of our students.