



D. A. Grout Elementary School

THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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November 7, 2019

Calendar

Nov. 11	NO SCHOOL- Veterans Day	Nov. 14	Free Family Art Night 5:30-7 pm
Nov. 12-14	Book Fair in Auditorium	Nov. 15	\$1 Popcorn Friday
Nov. 13	PTA Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm		

Important Information:

Round 2: Beyblades – Family help needed:

Beyblades are a popular toy that is causing some problems at school. As per school policy, toys are not to be brought to school. We are asking that parents remind their children not to bring them to school. We have had a handful of Beyblades stolen and school is not responsible for them. If Beyblades are found at school, staff will keep them until the end of the day. If the problem becomes chronic, Principal Annie will keep them until the end of the school year. Thank you for your support with Beyblades.

PPS Before and After School Child Care Survey, 2019-20

Please take a moment to complete this confidential [online survey](http://www.pps.net) or go to pps.net, departments, child care. Your input is valuable. Survey results will be used as part of an annual program evaluation. Please complete the survey by December 13, 2019.

PPS La Encuesta de Cuidado Antes y Después de Clases 2019-20

Por favor tómese un momento para llenar esta encuesta confidencial [PPS La Encuesta de Cuidado Antes y Después de Clases 2019-20](http://www.pps.net) o “pps.net – Departamentos – Guarderías”. Sus aportes son importantes. Los resultados de la encuesta se utilizarán como parte de una evaluación anual de programas. Sírvase completar la encuesta antes de 13 de diciembre de 2019.

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://www.hilltopproduce.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:

Free Grout Family Art Night

Join us for a free family art night to create your own **Mix-and-Match Creature Cubes!** Our wonderful art teacher, Kendra Yao will walk you through how to decorate the cubes so you can build your own unique and unusual creatures! On Thursday, November 14, 2019 a free dinner will be provided from 5:30-6, then we will make our creature cubes from 6-7 pm in the Grout Cafeteria. Please tell the Office if you are planning on coming.

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 will be back next 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:

November 13 - Italian Themed PTA Potluck! Join us at our next PTA general meeting where we'll be talking about **how to keep your kids safe online this holiday season and beyond!** We'll also be **announcing the winning project** from the **Sept. fundraiser** survey and discussing propping up a special projects committee to lead it, **sharing** Fall Fest survey results, our year-over-year numbers from Fall Fest, PTA membership and donations, voting on the PTA **budget** (members only) and providing a glimpse of what's on deck for the **April 4 auction!** We'll close w/ hearing from a Sellwood/Cleveland baseball and softball board member about registration opening up this month! **Door prizes will be awarded (we've got some good ones!),** plus if you bring a min. \$10 value bottle of wine to donate to the Auction's *Wine Wall*, you can double your entry and have an extra chance to win! Interested in bringing something to share at the potluck, you can contact Julie Bolstad at juliebolstad@outlook.com or 602-703-5854 or check out Konstella.

GROUT TEACHER APPRECIATION Homemade Soup Drive is Coming Up!

During conferences teachers will be staying late at school. To show our appreciation for their efforts, we will be supplying a soup dinner for them on Monday Nov. 25. If you can help with store bought or homemade soup, crackers or cookies please sign up on Konstella. You can also contact Antonia Maurer at pdxmaurer@gmail.com or 503-382-7344 to sign up or with questions.

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 the **week of 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 😊.

GROUT AUCTION COMMITTEE – Open Call to Fill Remaining Committee Spots!

[Get involved today](#)—more hands mean less work! Here's what we still need:

- **Decorations Director:** Help lead the theme decision process and plan event decorations.
- **Art Enthusiast Classroom Projects:** Seeking 2 more individuals to help work with Teachers and students on their classroom art or basket project to be sold at the auction.
- **Auction Software Sales Lead:** Seeking 1-2 individuals to help review our Auctria software and create training how-to sessions in the Spring for our volunteers and manually complete data entry (procured items).
- **Music Lead:** Help determine the music for the evening whether it be performance based or playlists.
- **Extra:** This role is perfect if you want to get involved & can pick up small tasks but can't commit to a larger role—5 spots left.

NOVEMBER PTA GOODNESS

- **Nov. 12-14:** Grout PTA **Scholastic Book Fair**. Only [1 more volunteer needed](#) to help pack up at end of event, Nov. 14 from 5:30-7:00 pm.
- **Nov. 13:** Grout PTA **General Meeting**. Italian-themed potluck in school café, bread provided by Grand Central Bakery on Woodstock. S.U.N. childcare provided for potty-trained kids in gym. Hot topic—how to keep kids safe online.