



# D. A. Grout Elementary School

## THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Calendar

November 8	PTA Meeting 6:30-8:00	November 19-20	No School - Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 9	No Headstart \$1 Popcorn Friday	November 21-23	No School-Thanksgiving
November 12	No School-Veterans Day		

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### Upcoming Events:

**Please join us for the PTA meeting this evening.** Come learn how to make the most of your conference with your child's teacher. You will also get an election post mortem from Representative Rob Nosse and an update on events happening at Grout. Free childcare is provided by SUN School (though please note SUN does not have the resources to provide child care for babies and young children).

Popcorn Friday is this Friday! Bags of popcorn will be for sale for \$1 in the front hallway at pick up. Ms. Kirk has been handing out coupons for a free bag of popcorn to students that have gone out of their way to be kind to others.

**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:

Time to clean out those closets! Drop off your donations of used or new baby to adult clothing, books, toys, sport equipment, shoes and school supplies for the free clothing swap taking place during conferences. There will be boxes in the front hall for donations at drop off and pick up all next week.

### 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.