



D. A. Grout Elementary School

THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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February 20, 2020

Calendar

Feb. 21	Free PTA Movie Night 5:30-8	Feb. 28	Grout T-Shirt Day
Feb. 22	ESL Parent Academy 10-1 pm at Roosevelt High School		PTA Coffee with Principal Annie – 8 am in Grout's Cafeteria
Feb. 28	NO HEADSTART		\$1 Popcorn Friday

Important Information:

Successful Schools Survey

Shape the future of your student's education

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the phrase "successful schools?" We believe that successful schools are safe, healthy and welcoming learning spaces that are inclusive for all students. But we want to hear your thoughts.

Our commitment is to continue listening about the experiences, needs, and perceptions of our students, families and personnel to be better equipped to support our school communities. Please be honest and thoughtful, we value your feedback!

<https://www.pps.net/sss2020>



English

Head Lice

As Spring approaches, we want to remind you that we always have an increase in cases of head lice. Remind your children not to share coats, hair brushes or hair ties. Prevention is the best course of action and we suggest that you check your child's head weekly as prevention measure. If you would like more information about head lice or need support with head lice issues, please contact our School Nurse through the Main Office.

Dogs on School Grounds

We would like to remind visitors that PPS school grounds are public property and are used for many different kinds of play, from soccer to jogging during non-school hours. Dogs on leash are also welcome visitors except during school hours (7:50-2:30) as long as owners scoop the poop. **Dogs off-leash are not allowed on PPS school grounds at any time.** Thank you for your support as we continue to work toward keeping our schools clean and safe for our students and the community.

Grout PTA News:

Grout PTA Gratitude

Thank you to our Grout OBOB Committee leaders, especially Stephen Ellis, for stepping up to help organize the potluck and mock battles for our 3rd-5th grade OBOB teams. A special thanks to all adults who contributed food and their time to make the battle a success for the kids.

Thanks to our Garden Club Committee Co-chairs, **Erica Keeley and Renee Laney**, who wrote and submitted a grant this Fall—we're the soon-to-be proud recipients of the **\$3,000 Gardening Know How grant!**

These funds will be used to subsidize the \$6K+ bill the Grout PTA funds to keep the Grow Portland program at Grout for our kiddos. This is beyond awesome!

Grout PTA News

Grout Grounds Improvement Project hitting its stride. We have secured a bid from a company who manages the field at Nike headquarters who also has working relationships with PPS and Portland Parks and Recreation plus has completed similar projects for other school fields in Portland. If you have video, or photography skills, and are able to help with before and after assets please contact Julie Bolstad at juliebolstad@outlook.com.

Grout PTA Board + Committees Ramping for Next Year—Contact Julie Bolstad to discuss (juliebolstad@outlook.com or via text at 602-703-5854).

Next year, the scope of a board role for the VP, Secretary and Members at Large are changing in order to provide additional committee support. These positions will pick 1-2 committees to serve as a Board Liaison or Committee Chair to help round out efforts across major initiatives.

This week's featured and new OPEN 2020-21 Board Positions

- **Grout PTA Graphic Designer** – looking for a graphic designer who has access to basic graphic design software to help with tasks as needed to promote PTA events. This role would aid the Grout PTA Communications Coordinator & is 80%+ remote.
- **Grout PTA Volunteer & Konstella Coordinator** – seeking a detail-orientated person with communications skills to work with the board and committee chairs to assess volunteer scope required by event and complete sign-ups plus other ad-hoc announcements to Konstella. Coordination and communication are mainly handled remotely.
- **Grout PTA Teacher Representative** – pursuing 1-2 teachers to actively join our board meetings to provide key inputs and help report back out to Grout staff what's happening and what's on the horizon.

Grout PTA Events

- **Free Movie Night** showing *The Addams Family* is planned **Friday, Feb. 21** in the Grout Auditorium. Concessions will start at 5:30 pm with movie to follow at 6:00 pm.
- The next **Auction Committee meeting** is scheduled **Sunday, Mar. 1** from 4:30-6:00 pm at Starbucks on Powell and 28th. All are welcome to attend.
- Grout PTA **Dine Out** is **Tuesday, March 3** all day at Westmoreland Pizzicato.
- Grout PTA **March General Meeting** is **Wednesday, March 11** in the Grout Cafeteria from 6:30-7:30 pm. Parents and kids welcome to attend together to craft decorations for the Auction and help with Plant Sale prep! SUN childcare also provided if art doesn't appeal to your kiddos. We'll informally discuss OPEN 2020-21 Board and Committee positions, answer any questions and offer auction sneak peaks!

Grout PTA Connections

- **Did you miss our Jan. 15 PTA meeting?** [Click here](https://www.konstella.com/app/school/5b731eb3e4b060a3c24b6d2d/announcements/5e2e153de4b0fd79e33072c2) (<https://www.konstella.com/app/school/5b731eb3e4b060a3c24b6d2d/announcements/5e2e153de4b0fd79e33072c2>) for the recap, presentation link and next steps.
- Are you reading this and have input how we can make it easier for you to become more involved at school or have any other questions? Please contact Julie Bolstad using our PTA gmail (below) or at juliebolstad@outlook.com or 602-703-5854.
- Grout PTA: groutpta@gmail.com.
- Grout PTA Auction: groutptauction@gmail.com
- Grout PTA Classroom Art Projects: Kristen Larsen at Klarsen30@gmail.com