



D. A. Grout Elementary School

THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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March 5, 2020

Calendar

Mar. 6	NO HEADSTART	Mar. 12	Drama Performance by Rm 210 and SUN Drama 6:30 pm
Mar. 11	PTA Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm	Mar. 13	\$1 Popcorn Friday
Mar. 12	PTA Clothes Closet Volunteer Day Last Day of Winter SUN Classes	Mar. 14	PTA Native Plant Sale 9 am-2 pm

Important Information:

Coronavirus (COVID19) Updates

The district has a live website to provide Coronavirus Updates that can be found at pps.net/coronavirus. Please share and visit to receive timely updates. Also, please use the County’s website for timely information: <https://multco.us/health-officer/novel-coronavirus-covid-19>

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!



English

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

Community members invited to apply for Southeast School Boundary Committee

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With work about to start in Portland Public Schools’ effort to balance our boundaries and programs, we are seeking community members to serve on a committee to help guide the project in Southeast Portland – the first phase of the district-wide effort.

Family and community members with ties to our Southeast Portland schools are invited to apply for the Guiding Coalition that will review draft proposals, consider community input and make recommendations for new boundaries, school feeder patterns and special program locations. Selected members will be asked to be available for meetings, open houses and other gatherings on Thursdays, from 6 to 8 p.m., through November 2020. The coalition will meet from April to June, then September to November, at locations in Southeast Portland. Childcare and interpreters will be available.

The application window will close March 17. Applicants will be notified if they are selected by March 20. The first Guiding Coalition meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2. [Click here to apply](#)

Enrollment and program balancing work will begin in Southeast Portland with a focus on setting attendance boundaries for the newly modernized Kellogg Middle School, which will open the fall of 2021. The final decision on boundaries and feeder patterns for Southeast schools will be made by the Board of Education in

winter 2021, with changes taking effect in the 2021-22 school year. Balancing work on the rest of the district will follow. More information and archived materials on enrollment and program balancing can be found at www.pps.net/enrollmentbalancing.

Field Trip Chaperones

With Field Trip season coming up soon, we wanted to share some general information about the requirements for being a chaperone. If you are planning on going on a field trip with your student, you will need to complete a PPS Volunteer Background Check. Please visit volunteer.pps.net to complete the background check application. It usually takes about 2 weeks for the background check to clear, so plan ahead and complete them early! Once the background check has cleared, stop by the office with your driver's license or other government-issued ID so we can scan you in to our system ahead of the field trip. If you have any questions, you can contact us in the office or email volunteer@pps.net.

Grout SUN Community School's Robotics Program seeks additional coaches

We're looking for two volunteers to add to our coaching team for First Lego League. This year's first ever team for Grout, Robotic Penguins, had a great time last fall working together on the challenges for competition and nearly made the State Tournament after a long day competing with hundreds of other students at Regionals. To expand this opportunity to more kids, we would like to create a second team. Last year we could only accept 10 out of 16 applicants. For the next year, we envision two teams of 6 to a maximum of 8 students. No qualifications are necessary. Each team usually has a technical mentor and a team manager. You can decide where you fit. New coaches are required to attend a workshop through Oregon Robotics Tournament and Outreach Program some time in the summer to the early fall, oversee team meetings and practices and be available to go with the team to the day long tournament in December. Fall practices can be scheduled to your availability. As a bonus your child can join the current team this spring as they take on a fun robot challenge. If you're interested or have further questions, email Natasia at natasia.chan@gmail.com.

Grout PTA News:

Grab your Grout Auction tickets TODAY!

Come join us for a fun (kid-free) night with teachers, parents, neighbors, friends, and alumni for an evening of food, drinks, and music to raise funds for our school and field. Auction tickets can be purchased here: www.auctria.com/auction/grout2020

Grout PTA General Meeting next Wednesday, March 11.

Agenda (held in cafeteria): Principal Annie + Open PTA Board & Committee updates for 2020-21 school year all while we help the auction make adult and kid friendly crafts for the auction. SUN childcare also available.

This week's featured OPEN 2020-21 Board Positions

FYI: 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.

- **Grout PTA Board 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.
- **Fall Fest Committee Chair** – for this beloved event to continue, we need to secure the chair before school ends. We will also need to fill all committee spots in order to begin planning early as the event occurs late October. Check out Konstella to view 2019 past positions, here: <https://www.konstella.com/app/school/5b731eb3e4b060a3c24b6d2d/committees/5b74b6c2e4b073eb38a8d1d5>

Grout PTA Events Needing Volunteers

- PTA Clothing Closet Sign-up is Thursday, March 12 from 9:30-1:30 pm. We need to send 4-6 people to help. <https://www.konstella.com/app/school/5b731eb3e4b060a3c24b6d2d/signups/5e530a6e6e1cd6904ce0dec2>
- Grout PTA **Native Plant Sale** is **Saturday, March 14** from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. [Volunteers needed – easy, short shifts still available!](#) Sign-up here: <https://www.konstella.com/app/school/5b731eb3e4b060a3c24b6d2d/signups/5e49bd736e1cd6904cc1f8ca>

Grout PTA Connections

- 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 (groutpta@gmail.com), at juliebolstad@outlook.com or 602-703-5854.
- Do you have Grout PTA Auction questions? Contact us at groutptauction@gmail.com or for Auction Classroom Art Project questions contact Kristen Larsen at Klarsen30@gmail.com.