



# D. A. Grout Elementary School

## THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Calendar

Sept. 12	<b>Back to School Night Picnic and Open House: 5:30-7:00</b> ELL mtg - 5:00-5:30 Title 1/State of the School mtg - 6:15 Rooms Open - 6:30-7:00 TAG mtg - 7:00-7:30	Sept. 20	<b>No Headstart</b> <b>\$1 Popcorn Friday</b> <b>PTA Movie Night – Doors open at 5:30, Movie begins at 6 in the Grout Auditorium</b>
Sept. 16	<b>Fall Picture Day Forms go Home</b>	Sept. 21	<b>Reed 5-K FUNd Run – Run begins at 9 am</b>
Sept. 18	<b>PTA Meeting – 6:30-7:30 pm</b>		

### Upcoming Events:

#### Back to School Night Picnic and Open House

Join us tonight for our annual Family Picnic & Open House, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Bring your own picnic dinner, and enjoy the company of other families and staff on the field. The picnic will be followed by Title 1 Information Meeting and State of the Schools address in the auditorium at 6:15 p.m. Classrooms will be opened to visit from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for you to see your child's room and meet their teacher. You can also learn about some of the programs and organizations who will be tabling during the picnic. Additionally, parents of students in the English as a Second Language Program can meet with the ESL teachers and hear about this program at 5:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Parents of students in the Talented and Gifted Program (TAG) or parents interested in information about that program may meet in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. for information.

#### Lego Robotics Meeting

Attention parents of 4th and 5th grade students: through a partnership between Grout SUN Community School and Grout PTA, we are forming a First Lego League Robotics team. Interested students should bring their parents to an information meeting in the library from 6pm to 6:45pm on Thursday, Sept. 12, the same night as the Back to School Picnic. If you can't make it, visit [www.groutsuntinkers.org](http://www.groutsuntinkers.org) for information.

#### First PTA Meeting of the Year!

**Join us for our first PTA meeting of the year on Wednesday, Sept. 18.** This is an awesome opportunity to connect with other Grout families, meet our educators and staff, hear briefly what's on tap next and help us strategize this year's fundraising goal(s). **Childcare** will be provided by Grout S.U.N. staff but kids must be potty trained. Plus, we'll have **snacks** and **door prizes!** Plus, grab a punch card and attend all 5 PTA meetings during the school year and be entered to win a grand door prize next May. Yay!

#### Reed 5-K FUNd Run

Join us, **TEAM GROUT ELEMENTARY**, on Saturday, **September 21**, 2019, for the Reed College 5K FUNd Run/Walk to support the following local public elementary schools: Duniway, **Grout**, Lewis, Llewellyn, and Woodstock. One hundred percent of the registration fees and sponsorship dollars go directly to Portland Public Schools and is split equally between the five schools, helping over 2,000 children. This event is open to community members of all ages and abilities. We invite the entire community to cheer on participants, join us for a free pancake breakfast, volunteer to support the run/walk, and tour Reed's beautiful campus--all put on by Reed College. Join **TEAM GROUT ELEMENTARY** when you register! <https://www.reed.edu/5k/>

### End-of-September Grout PTA Goodness

- **Wednesday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>** is school picture day! Do you **want a coupon** for a **free picture package**? The Grout office has requested at least 2 people, and we need 1 more person to [sign-up on Konstella](#), who can help move students through getting their pictures taken.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 25** is **DeNicola's Dine Out + Farewell to Lindsay Ruoff** (former Grout S.U.N. coordinator). DeNicola's is donating a whopping 15% of sales for the evening and offering us all the chance to properly say goodbye to Lindsay who is been with Grout for over 10 years. If you'd like to donate \$ towards a gift card for her, please drop at the office attention: April St. John. Another option? I heard she loves homemade cards!
- **Friday, Sept. 27** is **Dutch Bros.** (Holgate & 26<sup>th</sup> Location) **Buck for Kids Day!** This means for every drink sold on Sept. 27 at this location, Dutch Bros. will donate \$1 to the Grout PTA.

### Important Information:

#### Grout PTA News

- **Stop** by the **Grout PTA booth** at the **Back-to-School Picnic** to say hello and learn about the PTA Kid's Club! Plus, sign-up for a volunteer shift or committee role and your family will **receive bubbles** for each commitment made! We'll also be handing out free Otter Pops to all kids! **Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>** is going to be such a fun night!
- **Desperately Seeking Committee Chairs and Members**—auction planning is happening now, and we are down a Grout [Auction Committee Chair](#)! Be a hero today and sign up to help manage our biggest fundraiser of the year. If this isn't your jam, there are plenty of other [crucial-open committee roles posted to Konstella](#).
- **Special Reminder!** Deadline to turn in your Grout t-shirt order form and payment is Wed., **Sept. 18!** We are accepting PTA memberships as well.

The Grout Movie Night Committee is looking for [volunteers to sign-up on Konstella](#) to help us out at the Grout PTA Free Movie Night event on **Friday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**.

#### A Message from Nutrition Services

Did you know that Portland Public Schools is nationally recognized when it comes to Farm to School initiatives, particularly purchasing and serving local foods? By choosing to purchase school meals, students and adults are supporting local food growers and makers. On September 17, we will be serving local Oregon, organic chicken drumsticks from the Willamette Valley - Aurora Valley Organic Farms. Our kitchens will be oven roasting these drumsticks and brushing them with American Soul Brothers BBQ sauce. We hope you join us for lunch! - Whitney Ellersick, Senior Director, Nutrition Services