



D. A. Grout Elementary School

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THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 19, 2012

Calendar

January 27	Grout T-Shirt Day	February 9	Room 213 to Oaks Bottom
February 1	Playworks Basketball 6:15 p.m.		Drama Performance 9 & 6:30
February 2	Last Day for Winter SUN	February 10	Report Cards Go Home
	PTA Meeting 6:30 PM		SCRIP delivered
February 3	Teacher Planning Day – no school	February 16	Kindergarten Roundup/
February 6	First Day of Spring SUN		Open House Curriculum Night
February 7	Room 211 to Oaks Bottom		
	SCRIP orders due		

Wanted: Hand-Me-Downs

Occasionally, students need to borrow an emergency change of clothes from the office. Our extra clothing supply needs size medium and large sweatpants or jeans. Do you have gently used pants you can donate? Also if you have clothes with GROUT written on the waistband, please wash and return them.

Registration Updates

If you have changed phone numbers or your address since school began, please stop by the office or call 503.916.6209 to update your child's registration form.

An inside look at PPS buildings

The PPS community is cordially invited to nine information meetings about our buildings starting Jan. 24 and ending March 14. The sessions cover maintenance, seismic stability, finances and more. All start at 7 p.m. and will be at various locations. Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Chinese and Somali interpreters will be available. Learn more at: www.pps.k12.or.us/families/6255.htm

Free or reduced-price Family Meal Applications may be submitted at any time

If your household has experienced a change in income, your child(ren) may now qualify for free or reduced-price school meals. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, if your income goes down, if you lose your job, if you start getting SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly food stamps) or TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families). You may submit an application for the first time, or you may reapply if previously denied and your income has changed.

For more information and to apply online go to: www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/nutrition/3984.htm or call the Meal Application Center at 503.916.3247.

Grout SUN Community School Advanced Math Class in Hands-On Equations for Fourth and Fifth Graders

Does your child love math? Then Hands-On Equations is an opportunity to get a start on middle school algebra right now. By the end of the seventh lesson fourth and fifth grade students will be able to physically set up and solve such equations as: $2x + x + x + 2 = 2x + 10$ and $2(x + 4) + x = x + 16$. A hands-on method using manipulatives and picture models will give them access to the world of basic algebra! This class meets on Thursdays from 3:45-4:30 from February 9 to May 31. Sign up through SUN School

HELP US AVOID GRIDLOCK! The streets are difficult to move around on for the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. In many cases it's impossible for cars and buses to move past each other, resulting in a situation where we are trying to have cars back up to get things moving again. Take a look at the traffic map on the back of the Thursday Announcements. Please follow the voluntary one-way traffic flow to help us avoid having traffic come to a stand-still or create a dangerous situation for our children. THANK YOU.



Wear your Grout School T-shirts TOMORROW