



# D. A. Grout Elementary School

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## THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 5, 2012

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### Calendar

January 5 -	PTA Meeting 6:30 SUN registration forms going home	January 13 -	SCRIP orders delivered
January 9 -	SCRIP orders due SUN registration 5:30 p.m. cafeteria	January 16 -	Martin Luther King Day, No school
January 11 -	Crazy Hat and Hair Day Midterm Assembly 12:30 Playworks Basketball 7:15 p.m.	January 18 -	2 Hour Late Opening Playworks Basketball 7:15 p.m.
		January 25	Playworks Basketball 6:15 p.m.
		January 27	Grout T-Shirt Day

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**Look for SUN School registration forms** coming home today. Registration forms will be accepted Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m in the school cafeteria. Do not turn the forms into the teachers. The new session starts February 6<sup>th</sup> and will continue until June 1<sup>st</sup>. The current session continues until February 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any questions, please call Jamie Moos-Benjamin at 503.916.6421.



**Inclement Weather** Winter weather is on the way. Although rare, it is sometimes necessary to close school or delay the opening of school due to the unsafe weather conditions. In making the decision if schools should remain open or closed, first consideration is given to student and staff safety, while keeping in mind the importance of attendance and learning.

Before the school district makes the decision, local meteorologists, transportation officials, regional school districts, and traffic safety experts are consulted. The school district will attempt to make the decision as early as possible and communicate it quickly to the media and our website. Sometimes it will be possible to make the decision the night before, but often this decision cannot be made until early in the morning. The Student Transportation Department will be distributing the Alternate Emergency Snow Route Stops booklet to students who ride the bus. Please refer to this book when we announce through the media and our website that Portland Public Schools' buses will be on snow routes.

In the rare event PPS calls a 2 hour late opening on a day your school has a scheduled late opening, school will start 2 hours later than your normal bell time – not 2 hours later than your late opening time. For example if your normal bell time is 8:00 AM, your scheduled late start time is 10:00 AM, and the district calls a 2 hour late opening due to inclement weather school will start at 10:00 AM.

As a general rule PPS will not close schools early. The chances of children arriving home early without parental supervision or the ability to gain entry clearly presents concerns when poor weather conditions are forecasted. All of our schools are capable of providing shelter in place until the end of the school day. As always, parents have the individual choice of picking up their child prior to the end of the school day.

Local radio and television stations will broadcast closure and late opening information. You can also check for updates on the District's website at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us> or local media websites. Families will be notified via the Rapid Broadcast System. New this year, the district has set up a Twitter feed to relay closure, delay and emergency information at no cost. You may sign up to receive the free alerts at [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com). Simply search PPSAlerts and click "follow". If you don't already have one, you will need to set up a Twitter account.

## Hosford Shadow & Parent Information Night

Students who would like to shadow a fellow classmate from their elementary school or another 6<sup>th</sup> grader, call Tina at Hosford, 503.916.5640 ext 70353 with your plans. They will spend the first half of the day following students to their classroom; however visitors will not be able to have lunch with us. Parents must drop them off and pick them up in the main office.

### Shadow Days:

2/8, 2/9, 2/15, 2/16, 2/21, 2/22, 2/23, 3/5, 3/6, 3/7

### Parent Tour with Mr. Bacon

2/15 2:30-3:30

2/21 9:30-11:00

### Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders & Parent Information Nights

2/13 Meet Mr. Bacon 6:00-7:30 p.m.

3/6 Informal meeting with Mr. Bacon 6-7 p.m.

**Thank you** to everyone who came and participated in the Holiday Bazaar as volunteer, vendor or shopper. The PTA raised about \$1300 to support 5th graders going to Camp Kiwanilong next year. Final amounts are still being tallied. We couldn't do it without you. Also a big thank you to the Odd Fellow's Home who donated a delicious pancake breakfast.

If you would like to know when there are opportunities to participate or volunteer for future events, there are 3 electronic ways to get notified:

- DA Grout Facebook page is kept updated
- DA Grout PTA website <http://groutpta.com/>
- Or join the PTA mailing list by emailing [groutpta@gmail.com](mailto:groutpta@gmail.com) You do not need to be a PTA member to join. All family, friends, teachers are welcome.

If you don't have a computer, there is a 3-ring binder in the office which has volunteer sign-up sheets for upcoming events. Stop by, put your name and phone number on a sheet, and we'll contact you with more details about the event.

Thank you. Together we can make our school even better.

Johanna Colgrove

PTA President

Going home today is the SCRIP order forms for January. Orders need to be in by Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> for a delivery date of Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Help support your school by ordering gift cards through SCRIP. If you have any questions, please call the school.

## CRAZY HAIR & HAT DAY and SPIRIT ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, January 11



Students can come with wild hair or a hat on that day, too. Check with your parents, and then find a fun hair-do or a wild hat to wear to school that day. We'll all look silly together and have a little fun.

