



D. A. Grout Elementary School

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THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 17, 2011

Calendar

November 17-22 Book Fair

November 18 – Girls Symphonic Choir Assembly
Grout T-Shirt Day

November 21-22 Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 23-25 No school - Thanksgiving

November 28 – TAG nominations due

November 29 – Family Night – Chinese Acrobats

November 30 - Spirit Assembly 12:30 p.m.

December 3 - Holiday Bazaar

Parent-Teacher Conferences are next week, November 21st and 22nd. Older students are an important part of conferences and we encourage you to bring them along.

Parent nominations are accepted for the Talented and Gifted program. Students who are testing and working in the 97th percentile may qualify for this program. The deadline for the only round of nominations is November 28. If you think your child might qualify, please discuss this with your child's teacher and then request a nomination form.

Assessment of TAG nominees will be completed by staff members and district personnel who have been trained to administer our identification assessment materials. Student traits, work samples, and standardized test scores will be used to determine whether a student qualifies for the TAG program.

Head lice are an occasional visitor and concern for elementary and middle school students. It is not unusual to find head lice in our school community at times throughout the school year. Getting head lice can happen to any child and is not a reason for panic or embarrassment.


Head lice are not considered a health hazard as they do not spread illness or disease, but can be a nuisance and cause a disruption at home and to your daily routine. Head lice are wingless insects that do not fly, hop or jump, but move and multiply very quickly. Lice are spread through:

- Direct head to head contact
- Sharing hats, clothing, or helmets
- Sharing hair grooming articles and hair decorations or accessories.

The most effective actions for prevent actions for preventing the spread of head lice are/;

- Routine weekly checking for head lice (about the size of sesame seed) and nits, which are lice eggs (about the size of a poppy seed) and are attached to the hair shaft by a type of "insect super glue" Nether lice nor nits can be blown off of the hair or scalp.
- If live lice are found, treat with an FDA approved pediculicide and comb for nits. Combing with a fine tooth metal comb is one of the most important steps to removing nits and preventing re-infestation of lice.
- Teach your children not share clothing, hats and helmets, rooming articles or hair accessories.

STAGE PLAY CREATION WORKSHOP
By Michael Wehrli and Rosalind Fell
Grout Elementary School
DECEMBER 19-23, 2011 Mon-Fri, 9am-12:30 pm

PTA is selling D. A. Grout School Sweatshirts and T-Shirts
 Sweatshirts- Children size \$25, Adult size \$30
T-Shirts- Children size \$10, Adult size \$12
Orders will be taken through November 22



Feast for Southeast will take place at Mt. Scott Community Center on Thanksgiving Day - from 2pm to 4pm. Our goal is to not only feed 400 of our neighbors, but to also meet and get to know them. Whether individuals are interested in attending, volunteering, or both - it is a wonderful opportunity to share a great meal with some neighbors, talk about what you're thankful for in 2011, and what you'd like to be thankful for in 2012.

Date: November 24, 2011
Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Place: Mt. Scott Community Center @ 5530 SE 72nd Ave
Call: 503-567-1176

If you ever wonder what you could give to the school or teacher, take a look at **The DA Grout Wishing Tree** in the hallway near the auditorium. Maybe you have something on hand that a teacher needs (anyone have an unused air popcorn maker?), or your work does, or you'd like to buy something to make a difference in a classroom. The list is also available on the Grout PTA website. <http://groutpta.com/about/> Thank you for your generosity! --The DA Grout PTA



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