



## **Panda Paws Groveland Park Elementary Newsletter October 24, 2016**

### **Reminder**

Students in grades PreK – 5 do not have school this Friday, Oct. 28. It is a report card marking day for teachers.

### **Music Program for Fall Classes**

Our music teacher, Anita McLaughlin, is at Groveland for a couple of hours each days. Every student in grades K-5 has music for 30 minutes two-three times per week for 12 weeks this year – either fall, winter or spring. The fall classes will end soon and students are looking forward to performing for their families. At the end of each session (fall, winter, spring) students will share what they have learned in music:

The following classrooms will perform in the gym on Monday, Nov. 21 at 2:45:

Ms. Clark Gr. K  
Ms. VanNatta Gr. 1  
Ms. Johnston Gr. 1  
Ms. Hanson Gr. 3  
Mr. Lish Gr. 4

Ms. Murphy's Gr. 2/3 class will perform during a drumming residency concert on Friday, Dec. 2.

Five classes will have a dress rehearsal Thursday, Nov. 17 at 2:45. (This does not include Ms. Murphy's class.) If you do not see your child's class listed it means they have music in the winter or spring.

## **Extended Day for Learning – EDL – Still Time to Sign Up for Music**

EDL has started but your child may still sign up!! EDL is from 4:00-5:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students have a snack, academics and enrichments during the EDL time. If students are bused during the school day they are eligible for a bus for the EDL program. Mr. Gilbert Hale is the site leader. Musical instrument instruction will be offered for grades 4-5. If students are already signed up for Lego League and they want to take music, a music form can be filled out.

### **Bus Information**

Contact Becky Pedersen – [Rebecca.pedersen@spps.org](mailto:Rebecca.pedersen@spps.org) or Gilbert Hale – [gilbert.hale@spps.org](mailto:gilbert.hale@spps.org) for general bus problems.

Contact Michele Brinkhaus - [Michele.brinkhaus@spps.org](mailto:Michele.brinkhaus@spps.org) for route information

### **CogAT7 Assessment (Refer to past Panda Paws for the complete information on the CogAT7.)**

The CogAT7 is a standardized screening used in St. Paul Public Schools to identify children in kindergarten-grade 5 for accelerated services.

#### **Who will take the CogAT7? When will it take place?**

The CogAT7 test will be provided to all SPPS students in kindergarten and to any **previously unidentified** students in second grade, from Oct. 10-Nov. 15, 2016. (At Groveland students in kindergarten will be assessed Nov. 7-15. Grade 2 and nominated students will be assessed Oct. 10-24.)

### **Arrival and Dismissal**

Students may enter the building at 9:15 a.m. to get breakfast and go to class. Students should not arrive at school before 9:15 a.m. The day begins at 9:30. Dismissal is 4:00 p.m.

Please drop off and pick up students on Sargent Avenue. A staff member and patrols are on Sargent from 9:15-9:25 and 4:00-4:10 daily.

Please leave the entire bus drop off/pick up area on St. Clair open for buses. We have 9 buses as well as district vans needing the busing area. Please do not pull up to drop off or pick up students on St. Clair.

Parents walking to pick up students should meet the students by the east (or small) playground by the rec center. Students need to stay with their class until the teacher and parent see each other. Dismissal is 4:00 p.m.

### **School Nurse**

Jessica Lux is our school nurse. Her days at Groveland are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. **Her direct line is 651-888-7627.**

### **News from Parents – See the attachment for complete PTO news**

GROVELAND AFTER DARK, PTO's outdoor theater extravaganza for the whole family is on Thursday, Oct. 27.

PreK/K/1st: 6:00-6:45

2nd/3rd: 7:00-7:30

4th/5th: 7:45-8:15

Join us for an all new magical play around Groveland performed by parents, teachers and former Groveland students! Small groups will walk from scene to scene to hear the story unfold, beginning in front of the school and circling the school grounds. Families are encouraged to line up in the time window that corresponds to your child's grade. Plan to play on the playgrounds before or after you see the play. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. This is an all outside event! Please dress accordingly.

We are still in need of volunteers and lanterns, please sign up below if you are able to help or loan a lantern.

Lanterns: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090844aead28a1fc1-groveland1>

Volunteer:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090844aead28a1fc1-groveland>

Questions, email Jessica at [grovelandafterdark@gmail.com](mailto:grovelandafterdark@gmail.com)

Groveland's Grade 3 Girl Scouts Troop is hosting a FOOD DRIVE during Groveland After Dark on Thursday, October 27. Please bring cash and/or non-perishable boxed, canned, or bagged items for Second Harvest Heartland, one of the nation's largest food banks. Give back to the community then enjoy Groveland's most magical theatrical experience of the year.

## **Spirit Wear**

Get your Groveland gear! Through the month of October, use this link to order your gear: <http://bit.do/GPEspirit2016>. (Check out as guest for the easiest experience - we'll still get your order!) Can't order online? Order forms are available in the office or through your child's classroom teacher. Deadline is October 31. Items will be sent home with students about two weeks after the order. Contact Caroline Marin with questions: [carolinermarin@gmail.com](mailto:carolinermarin@gmail.com).

## **Groveland Calendar:**

Oct. 27	6:00 Groveland After Dark – A PTO Event
Oct. 28	No School for PreK-5/Report Card Marking Day for teachers
Nov. 1	Kindergarten - "Take Your Parent to School Day"
Nov. 3	PreK – "Take Your Parent to School Day"
Nov. 8	Election Day (No activities at school after 6:00 p.m.)
Nov. 11	End of Quarter One
Nov. 12	Celebrate Groveland
Nov. 15	Retake Picture Day
Nov. 17	Conference Day for PreK - No School PreK only (Gr. K-5 have school)
Nov. 18	No school for Gr. PreK – 5
Nov. 24-25	No school – Thanksgiving Holiday

## **Panda Paws – Groveland's Newsletter**

Panda Paws will be sent out to families two times a month via email (or hard copy if requested). Articles for the next Panda Paws are due on Wed., Nov. 2 and will be sent out Mon., Nov. 7. Send articles to [Rebecca.pedersen@spps.org](mailto:Rebecca.pedersen@spps.org)

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