



## **Panda Paws Groveland Park Elementary Newsletter April 10, 2017**

### **Thanks!**

Thank you to all our families for coming to parent/teacher conferences last week! As a school we strive to make sure that families have many different opportunities to communicate with their child's teacher and we thank you for making the effort to come to school for conferences. If you missed your conference, please contact your child's teacher. Progress reports were given out at conferences. Summer School information and registration forms were also available at conferences. Please contact us for this information.

A special thank you from the staff for the food provided by families during conferences. The food was delicious and was appreciated by staff. Thank you!

### **APEX Fun Run**

Thank you for participating in the APEX Fun Fun! The following is a letter from our Friends of Groveland co-chairs about the APEX Run:

Dear Groveland Families,

Thank you for gathering pledges for the Apex Fun Run! We have now collected 86% of the pledge money-- our goal is 100%.

Students will be bringing home reminders of outstanding pledges. Please help us by following up with your sponsors and remind them that they can pay online or by check. The Apex Team will also be sending a reminder email to sponsors with

a link to pay online. Checks should be made out to "Friends of Groveland" and returned to school. If you have any questions about pledges or need your child's access code, please contact us at [friendsofgroveland@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgroveland@gmail.com).

If you believe either you or your sponsors have received one of these in error please email [tjstyx@apexfunrun.com](mailto:tjstyx@apexfunrun.com) with the name of your child, school name, and sponsor information. He'll be more than happy to check with our records.

Thanks for your help in collecting the last 14% of these needed funds!

Heather Allison and Christine Melchert  
Co-Chairs, Friends of Groveland

### **Groveland Website**

The school website is [groveland.spps.org](http://groveland.spps.org) Groveland News can be found in the upper right hand corner of the home page.

### **Lost and Found Items – “Find by March 31”**

Lots of lost items are on the tables in front of the main office. Items will be donated after March 31.

### **April - Spring Break and Professional Day – Mark Your Calendars**

Spring Break is Mon., April 3 - Fri., April 7. School starts again on Mon., April 10. The Panda Paws is coming to you early due to the spring break.

There is no school on Fri., April 14 as it is a professional development day for staff.

### **PTO – April 17**

We will go over the budget for 2017-18 at our PTO Meeting on Mon., April 17 from 6:00-7:30 in the library. Childcare and a light snack are provided. Call the school by 10:00 on April 17 or before if you need transportation. We welcome your ideas and hope you can join us!

### **Extended Day for Learning**

Extended Day for Learning (EDL) will start again right after spring break on Tues., April 11. Many of the students have been taking musical instruments lessons this year. They are sounding great! Students in EDL have had a wonderful year of academics and enrichments such as music and Lego League. Thank you to families for encouraging your students to participate in EDL. The final day of EDL for the school year is Thurs., May 11.

## **Volunteer Breakfast**

All parents and community members who volunteer at Groveland please join us for a Volunteer Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. on Wed., May 17 in the library. Groveland staff members want to thank you for all you do to support Groveland!!

## **Bus Information – Who to Contact:**

General Bus Concerns - Contact Becky Pedersen – [Rebecca.pedersen@spps.org](mailto:Rebecca.pedersen@spps.org) or Gilbert Hale – [gilbert.hale@spps.org](mailto:gilbert.hale@spps.org)

Bus Route Information - Contact Michele Brinkhaus - [Michele.brinkhaus@spps.org](mailto:Michele.brinkhaus@spps.org)

For Transportation Emergencies - after Groveland school office hours: Call 651-690-9600

## **School Nurse**

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

## **MySPPS App**

Do you want information instantly on buses, district calendar, nutrition services and payments, connecting with teachers? Then downloading the MySPPS App is for you. To get started go to: <http://www.spps.org/myspps> You may access the bus app through the MySPPS App or go to: <http://www.spps.org/bus> You may also go directly to Apple App Store and Google Play to download these free apps.

## **School Emergency Information**

General emergency information about what to do if an emergency occurs during the school day can be found on <http://www.spps.org/Page/5937> Every school also has their own plan.

## **Superintendent Search**

Follow the Superintendent Search on <http://www.spps.org/superintendentsearch>

## **Groveland Calendar:**

Apr. 3-7	No School – Spring Break
Apr. 14	No School – Professional Development Day
Apr. 17	PTO Meeting 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Library
May 11	PreK and K Orientation for 2017-18 - 6:00-7:30 p.m.

May 15 PTO Meeting 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Library  
May 17 Volunteer Breakfast – 9:30  
May 18-19 Track and Field Days  
May 25-26 Track and Field Days in case of rain on May 18-19  
May 29 No School – Memorial Day  
June 1 Groveland Family Picnic 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
June 9 Last Day of School for Students

## **NEWS BY PARENTS FOR PARENTS**

PTO/FOG Committee Reports 04.03.17

### PTO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### PTO President & PTO Vice President -

Please join us for our next PTO meeting to Monday, April 17 from 6-7:30pm in the library. During the meeting childcare and a light snack for children three and over are provided in the cafeteria. Transportation to meetings is available if needed. Families must contact the main office on the day of the meeting to

### FRIENDS OF GROVELAND (FOG)

#### Apex Fun Run -

Thank you for participating in this year's Apex Fun Run. We need your help to meet our goal of collecting 100% of pledges. We are now at 86% collected and have more to go! Please contact your sponsors and encourage them to fulfill their pledges to help our school. Sponsors can pay online or send a check to school made out to "Friends of Groveland." If you have questions, please email [friendsofgroveland@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgroveland@gmail.com).

## **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., Apr.19 and will be sent out Mon., April 24. Send articles to [Rebecca.pedersen@spps.org](mailto:Rebecca.pedersen@spps.org)

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