APEX Fun Run - Thank You
Thank you to the many people who worked with the Apex Fun Run. The students enjoyed the Fun Run with the glow lights and music in the gym! A special thanks for your donations and support of the school. The APEX Fun Run will support the art enrichments at each grade level.

No School – March 6 Conference/Report Card Preparation Day
Friday, March 6 is a conference preparation and report card marking day. Due to the preparation day there is no school on March 6.

Carnival Committee Meeting of the Year – March 11
We’re starting to plan for the Groveland Carnival, “Pandamonium.” Please join us! The Carnival Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 11 from 6:30-7:30 in the school library. The Carnival is sponsored by the PTO. “Pandamonium” will take place on May 15 at Groveland. Please email either Kerry Furtney (kjfurtney@gmail.com) or Lisa Sheehan (lisascherer@hotmail.com) for more information on the planning meetings or the Carnival.

No School for PreK on Thursday, March 19
Due to Parent-Teacher Conferences, there is no school for PreK on Thursday, March 19. Grades K-5 are in session on Thursday, March 19.

No School for PreK – Grade 5 on Friday, March 20
Due to Parent-Teacher Conferences, there is no school for PreK -5 on Friday, March 20.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – March 17, 19 and 20
Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up on Tuesday, March 17 and Thursday, March 19 from 4:30-8:00 and Friday, March 20 from 8:30-1:30 p.m. Conference times have been sent home from your student’s teacher. If you do not have a time yet, please contact your student’s teacher or the main office at 651-293-8760.
Book Fair – March 19 and 20
The Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the library during Parent-Teacher Conferences on March 19 from 4:30-8:00 and from 8:30-1:30 on Friday, March 20. (There is no book fair on Tuesday, March 17.)

PTO Meeting – March 23
Groveland’s PTO will meet on Monday, March 23 in the library from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Childcare for school age children is available in the cafeteria. If you need transportation, call the office at 651-293-8760 by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 23.

University of St. Thomas
Groveland pairs with the University of St. Thomas each semester to host students who are majoring in education. This spring Groveland will have 5-7 University of St. Thomas students in classrooms. Some of the UST students are at Groveland for a full semester doing their student teaching while others are just beginning their majors and come in a couple of hours a week.

Staying Healthy
It is cold and flu season so information is provided to help keep you and your family healthy. Influenza and respiratory illness are currently widespread in Minnesota. However, as of March 1, 2020, there were no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Minnesota.

Here is a link to the Student Wellness webpage: https://www.spps.org/Page/4073

Things you can do to prevent the spread of illness:
**Actively promote hand washing** with students, encourage children to cover coughs and to practice good hand hygiene utilizing materials from MDH:
- Hand hygiene: https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/handhygiene/
- Cover your cough: https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/cyc/

Groveland Sign-out Procedure for Students Leaving During the School Day
If a student needs to leave during the school day the following procedure is in place:

1. The adult picking the student up needs to sign the student out through the office.
2. The adult must be listed on the student’s emergency form (iUpdate) in order to take a student out of the building. (If the adult is someone other than the parent, the parent needs to let the school know prior to the student being released.)
3. A driver’s license/state issued photo ID must be shown to identify the adult.

Guide to Questions on Bus Transportation
Get the app My SPPS Bus to check on your student’s daily bus status. Antoinette.lavalla@spps.org for questions on routes, bus stops or changes. Gilbert.Hale@spps.org or Rebecca.pedersen@spps.org for bus safety or behavioral concerns.
Call the main office at 651-293-8760. For after-hours emergency transportation questions call – Transportation at 651-696-9600.

Panda Paws
The Panda Paws is our school newsletter which comes out bi-weekly to your email. Classroom news will be sent home by the classroom teacher. The schedule for the next Panda Paws is at
"All school documents can be translated or interpreters made available upon request."

**Spanish**
Todos los documentos pueden ser traducidos o interpretados oralmente si usted lo solicita

**Hmong**
Tej ntaub ntawv tom tsev kawm ntawv uas xa los rau nej, peb yuav pab txhais thiab nrhiv neeg txhais lus rau nej yog nej hais qhia peb

**Somali**
"Dhammaan dukumiintiyada iskuulka waa la turjumi karaa ama waxaa la heli karaa turjumaan haddii la codsado"

**Karen**

Groveland Calendar
(Class specific field trips are in class newsletters sent out by the classroom teacher.)

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_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 are due Mon. Mar. 9. The next Panda Paws will be out on Fri., Mar. 13. Send articles to Rebecca.pedersen@spps.org

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PTO News is generated by the PTO and is included below:
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Carnival Committee Meeting – March 11
The Groveland Carnival, “Pandamonium,” will be held on May 15 and it’s time to get planning. The Carnival Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 11 from 6:30-7:30 in the school library.

“Pandamonium” is one of highlights of the school year and the planning committee is a really fun way to get involved at the school! If you cannot make this meeting, but are interested in helping out in the future, please email either Kerry Furtney (kjfurtney@gmail.com) or Lisa Sheehan (lisascherer@hotmail.com) and we’ll keep you in the loop. We hope to see you there!

Boxtops for Education
There are exciting changes with Box Tops for Education! Stop clipping and save time while still earning money for Groveland with the Box Tops for Education App.

1) Download the Box Tops for Education mobile app
2) Choose your school (Groveland Park Elementary)
3) Scan your grocery receipts (from inside the app) within 14 days of purchase
4) The app will find the Box Tops products on the receipt, and send the earnings directly to Groveland! It's as simple as that.

If you have any unexpired Box Tops that you have already clipped, don’t throw them away! You can bring them to the school office before February and they will still get submitted.

Classroom Villages
Interested in helping plan fun community building events at Groveland? Want to support your student’s teacher? Consider being a Classroom Villages coordinator! Use this form to get more information!
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1o8O4BL4TImyWIENDA8_lIVyQwFDBn8b1n8ikQ_wt-pk/edit

Support Groveland as you shop!
Did you know Groveland is on Amazon Smile? Just click https://groveland.me/amazon and select “Friends of Groveland PTO” to have a portion of your purchase go to our school!

Groveland Gear is an awesome gift idea. The Groveland Gear online store has been refreshed with a whole batch of new products this year, like winter hats, trucker hats, aprons, and mugs along with all the classic t-shirts and sweatshirts. The best part is you can now place your order and have it all delivered right to your front door. Visit the store today: www.grovelandgear.com

PTO Directory
Did you know that you might be missing out on news and events for Groveland families? Even if you are receiving the Panda Paws newsletter, make sure you’ve signed up for the Family Directory to know everything else that’s happening in our school community. Just send your name, email address, and your child’s name and classroom teacher to groveland.pto.vicepres@gmail.com to be included.

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