Attendance Reminders - Student Attendance and the Law
Once enrolled in a public school, a child 5 years old to 18 years old (unless having already graduated from high school), must attend school every day, every class, on time, unless lawfully excused. For more information about attendance go to the district website at:
https://www.spps.org/Page/23208

Excused Absences
Sickness - too sick to be in school
Medical Appointments
Religious Holidays
Extreme Family Emergencies (house fire, death in the family, etc.)

Examples of Unexcused Absences
Overslept
Missed school bus
Suspended from school bus
Staying home to babysit
Weather too hot/cold
Family vacation

Did You Know?
Parents/guardians MUST communicate every time a child is absent. Please note not all absences will be excused. Call Groveland at 651-293-8760.

Davanni’s Night Annual Fundraiser for Groveland – October 29
Eat in or take out supper at Davanni’s with your family and Groveland friends the evening of Tuesday, October 29. Twenty percent of what you spend will be donated directly to Groveland. You must bring the voucher attached to this newsletter (or present it on your phone). Make copies to share with your friends and neighbors too!
The wait can be long at this popular event so be prepared to stand in line or call ahead for take-out. The voucher is not good on delivered orders. Menu is available at www.davannis.com. Davanni’s is located at 41 Cleveland Ave. S (right on the corner of Grand and Cleveland). Phone: 651-690-4848.

PTO Movie Night and Flu Clinic – November 8
Bring the whole family to enjoy a movie and to visit our flu clinic! The flu clinic starts at 5:15 and closes at 6:30 in the library. The movie seating begins at 5:30 and the movie starts at 6:00 in the gym. Snacks will be available for purchase. (The Scholastic Book Fair will be during Parent Teacher Conferences.)

Picture Retake Day – November 12
Lifetouch will be back on November 12 to take pictures of students who were absent on Picture Day or to have picture retakes. Please follow the directions on your student’s picture packet to have their picture retaken. Retake picture day is November 12.

Parent/Teacher Conferences – November 12, 14 and 15
Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled on November 12, 14, and 15. November 12 and 14 are evening conferences from 4:30-8:00. November 15 conferences will be from 8:30-1:30. PreK conferences will also be held during the day on November 14 and PreK students will not have school on November 14. Students in grades PreK-5 have school on November 14 but all grades PreK-Grade 5 are out of school on Friday, November 15.

Book Fair – November 14-15
The Scholastic Book Fair is coming during Parent/Teacher Conferences. The Book Fair will be held from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. on November 14 and 8:30 – 1:00 p.m. on November 15. (There is no book fair on November 12.)

CogAT7 Testing – Ends November 12
All SPPS kindergarten and 2nd grade students take the Cognitive Abilities Test. Students in grades 1, 3, 4 and 5 may take the test by nomination from a parent, teacher, family member of other knowledgeable adult. The CogAT7 measures general reasoning abilities in three domains: verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal.

To nominate a student for the CogAT7 test, contact the student’s teacher. They will forward all nominations to the school assessment coordinator.

If parents or guardians prefer that their child not participate in the test, notify the building principal in writing. The CogAT7 assessment results provide a learner profile for each student in grades 1-5. Kindergarten students take a shorter version of the test and do not receive a learner profile. Dates are Nov. 4-12 for Kindergarten. More information can be found at https://www.spps.org/Page/22017

Early Admission to Kindergarten - Information Session – December 12
The Student Placement Center and Office of Early Learning are informing families of the Early Admission to Kindergarten (EA to K) process and timelines. Postcards will be mailed to families with children whose fifth birthday falls between September 2 and December 31, 2020 inviting them to a session on early admission:
5:30 - 7:00pm Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019 @ Battle Creek Elementary
Transportation and child care are available upon request. Interpreters and food will be provided. Families are asked to RSVP by following the link at apply.spps.org or calling the Student Placement Center at 651-632-3760.

Guide to Questions on Bus Transportation
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 - 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 the bottom of this newsletter.

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

| Oct. 29 | Davanni’s Fundraiser Night |
| Nov. 8 | PTO Movie Night; Seating at 5:30 and Movie at 6:00; Flu Clinic 5:15-6:30 – library; NO Book Fair on this night |
| Nov. 12 | Picture Retake Day, 9:00-2:00 |
| Nov. 12 | 4:30-8:00 – Parent/Teacher Conference Night |
| Nov. 14 | 4:30-8:00 – Parent/Teacher Conference Night |
| Nov. 14 | PreK does not have school; Grades K-5 have school on this day |
| Nov. 15 | 8:30-1:00 – Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Nov. 21 | 6:00-7:30 – PTO – Library; Childcare – Cafeteria |
| Nov. 28-29 | Thanksgiving Break – No School |
| Dec. 23-Jan. 3 | Winter Break – No School |

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., Nov. 4. The next Panda Paws will be out on Fri., Nov. 8. Send articles to Rebecca.pedersen@spps.org

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Davanni’s Night Fundraiser!
Be sure to print out or bring a digital copy of the attached flyer to Davanni’s on Tuesday, October 29 and help raise funds for our school while enjoying your meal!

PTO Movie Night & Flu Shot Clinic!
Be sure to join us on Friday, November 8 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for Movie Night! We’ll be watching “The Lego Movie 2.” This is a free event, concessions will be available for purchase. No childcare provided so please be sure to stay with your children. Flu Shot Clinic will be available in the library from 5:15 – 6:30 p.m.

PTO Book Fair
Stop by the library during conference hours on Thursday, November 14 and Friday, November 15 to stock up on new books while helping raise funds for Groveland!

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/1o8O4BL4TImyWENDA8_iIVyQwFDBn8b1n8ikQ_wtpk/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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