Science from Scientists
Students in grades four and five are having more investigative, hands-on science than ever with the program “Science from Scientists” at Groveland this year. Science from Scientists brings scientists who have advanced Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) degrees into the classroom to teach lab-based lessons. Ask your student about their last lesson which was “Invasive Species.” Fourth and fifth graders will have a total of 18 lessons through this standards-based program.

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.

Lost and Found
Groveland “Lost and Found” items can be found inside the front west door. Look online at https://groveland.me/found for photos on some of the items. Glasses or other valuable items will be kept at the main office front desk. Clothes not claimed by Winter Break (December 20) will be given away.

School Continuous Improvement Plan and Minnesota Report Card (MDE)
Each school has an individualized School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP) which is updated each year. The SCIP is the basic strategic instructional plan for the school. The link will take you to the Family Friendly version on Groveland’s website as well as the entire SCIP for
Another place to find information on Groveland Park’s academic progress and demographics is the Minnesota Department of Education website. For information specific to Groveland go to [https://rc.education.mn.gov/#mySchool/orgId--10625476000__p--3](https://rc.education.mn.gov/#mySchool/orgId--10625476000__p--3)

**Early Admission to K - Information Session – December 12 @ Battle Creek Elementary**
The Student Placement Center and Office of Early Learning are informing families of the Early Admission to Kindergarten (EA to K) process. Postcards have been 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 - 7:00p.m. Thursday, December 12, 2019 @ Battle Creek Elementary.

**Groveland Rec Center Sponsored Event – December 18**
The Groveland Rec Center is sponsoring a special family event on Wednesday, December 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Families can enjoy dinner, games, music, crafts and dance performed by Groveland Rec Center Tap and Ballet Classes. A flier is attached.

**Kids Heart Challenge - December 20**
Kids Heart Challenge (formerly known as Jump Rope for Heart) will be Friday, December 20. Students will learn about heart health and will be practicing jump roping skills during the month of December. The Kids Heart Challenge event will take place in the gym on December 20 during specialist time:

9:50-10:40 Gr. 5 – Nelson and Sambs  
10:40-11:30 Gr. 4 – Lish and Bunnell  
11:30-12:20 Gr. 3 – Williams and Martin  
12:20-1:10 Gr. K – Goulet, Fogelberg and Norenberg  
2:10-3:00 - Schaefer Gr. 1, Anderson, Gr. 1, Murphy Gr. 2  
3:00-3:50 - Van Natta Gr.1/2, Hyatt Gr.1/2, Hanson Gr. 2/3

**PTO – Next Meeting January 16**
Join us on Thursday, January 16 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for the first PTO Meeting of 2020! All families are automatically part of the PTO when they have students at Groveland. Come and hear about plans for curriculum, events and your children! We hope to see you in the library on January 16. Childcare for school age children is provided in the cafeteria. Transportation can be provided by calling the main office 651-293-8760 by 10AM on the morning of January 16.

**Prospective Family Open House/Science and Math Night – January 23**
It’s already time to look ahead to the 2020-21 school year! Let families you know who have children who will be 4 or 5 by September 1, 2020, that we are looking forward to having them at Groveland next year in our PreK or kindergarten. Our Open House will showcase the school while Science and Math Night is sure to provide a fun and educational night for new and “old” students and families. Join us on Thursday, January 23 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for new adventures during our “Science and Math Night.”

**School Choice Fair – New Location – January 25**
The Union Depot is the new location for the Saint Paul Public Schools’ School Choice Fair on Saturday, January 25 from 9:30-2:00 p.m. Groveland fifth grade students may visit all of the middle schools at the School Choice Fair. Groveland fifth graders are automatically assigned a “home school” but the fair will provide information on all schools. Having all the schools and
their representatives in one (warm!) place in January will make the middle school choices easier to find out about.

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**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 the bottom of this newsletter.

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

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June 4 6:00-7:30 Groveland Family Picnic – Groveland
June 5 9:45-3:45 Fun & Fitness Day (Rain day is June 8)
June 9 Last Day of School 2019-20 for students

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. Dec. 16. The next Panda Paws will be out on Fri., Dec. 20. Send articles to Rebecca.pedersen@spps.org

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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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