

PTO/FOG Committee Reports .03.13.17

PTO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PTO President & PTO Vice President -

~As part of our equity and inclusion efforts the PTO is in the beginning stages of creating the Buddy Family Program.

Families will have the opportunity to volunteer as a resource of support for other Groveland Families by filling out a simple form. The form will collect information on the type of support a family is willing to provide.

Once these form have been collected we will encourage teachers, specialists, and support staff to call upon the Buddy Family Program list of volunteers when a family requests a Buddy.

Welcoming a new family into the school by connecting over a meal or a play date at a park, providing tutorial support, emergency child care, transportation to a Groveland event, and/or language translation assistance are a few examples of how the Buddy Family Program may help all our Groveland families feel included and supported.

We will notify you once the volunteer signup forms are available.

~Here is a great opportunity for teachers and parent interested in "Exploring Identity in Multicultural Classrooms" at the MN Historical Society Education Event on Saturday, April 29th, 9am - 12pm

- Discussing race and racial identity in Minnesota's schools and classrooms.
- The workshop will begin with a panel discussion and Q&A with three essayist from the book *A Good Time for the Truth* - Race in MN followed by two sessions that connect the book's themes back to the classroom.
- Link to event: <http://education.mnhs.org/node/12117>

Garden Committee Chair -

Mark your calendars for April 22nd (Earth Day) and join in a school-wide grounds/garden clean up in conjunction with Saint Paul's citywide clean-up. We'll be working with local Boy Scouts and would love more community stakeholders involved. If you have additional suggestions please email me at stpaulskigr@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF GROVELAND (FOG) - FUNDRAISING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dear Groveland Families,

Thank you so much for making this year's Apex Fun Run such a huge success! The students had a wonderful time with the Apex team and the Fun Run was a blast. Thank you to all volunteers who helped decorate, give high fives, mark laps and solicit corporate sponsors!

Now it's time to collect all pledges. Each student was given a Collections Envelope and Letter to take home after the Fun Run to collect checks/cash from sponsors. Sponsors were also sent an email with a link to pay online. Our goal is to collect 100% of the funds pledged! Please help by contacting all sponsors to collect their checks or confirm that they have paid online.

You can also pay online by logging in with your student's code to the "My Pledges" tab at www.apexfunrun.com. If you need your student's access code or didn't receive an Apex email, please email info@apexfunrun.com and they will respond quickly.

Thanks so much for helping us reach our goal of 100% collected!

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

FOG FAQs

Q: Why do we need to raise money and where does it go?

A: Because enrichment and extra programs like the Artist and Writers' Fair and Safety Patrol wouldn't happen. These programs benefit all students at Groveland.

Student Enrichment Residencies (Music, Art, Science, Literacy, Social Studies)	\$25,000
Teacher Grants/Specialist Supplies/Library	\$10,000
Community (PTO, Classroom Villages, Groveland After Dark, School Picnics, Open Houses, NAAPID, Artist/Writer's Fair, Safety Patrol, Student Leadership Team, Directory, Talent Show, Unpaid lunches/yearbooks, Gardens, Open Houses, etc.)	\$11,000
Total:	\$46,000
***New extra funding request from school for remaining spring field trips!!**	\$4,000
Adjusted Total :	\$50,000

Q: What have we raised so far this year? (Thank you to our amazing community!)

A: As of March 6, we have raised approximately \$27,000

Q: What about field trips?

A: The school's field trip fund has been depleted this year due to rising transportation costs. We have been asked to help so the trips that kids and teachers are counting on won't be cancelled. The cost is an additional \$4,000.

Q: How can I help?

A: Embrace Groveland and help your child gather pledges for the fun run, volunteer and attend Groveland Gatherings. When everyone does a little it adds up to a huge success for our school!

Thank you for your support!

Book Fair Chair - Groveland's Spring Book Fair is almost near! Join us in the library to browse and buy books during spring conferences. *Interested in volunteering to help set-up (3/22 at 2 p.m.) and/or cashier?* Contact Sabrina Sutliff-Gross at stpaulskigrl@gmail.com

Parent Pre-Sale:

Thursday, March 23rd from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Book Fair:

Thursday, March 23rd, 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, March 24th, 10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

