

PTO/FOG Committee Reports 01.19.17

PTO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PTO President & PTO Vice President -

Our next PTO meeting will be on Monday, February 13 from 6-7:30pm in the library. During the meeting child care 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 arrange transportation. Hope to see you there.

Check out our information on the Groveland website.

PTO VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Classroom Villages (CV) Chairs

Classroom Villages is looking into possible dates for hosting an All School Family Ice Skating Meeting Up.

Equity & Inclusion Group Chair -

Successful Efforts at Groveland: The West African drumming program the 2nd and 3rd grade participated in was excellent and aligns with equity and inclusion values in that it 1) brought a teacher of color into the school, 2) provided cross-cultural instruction grounded from a culture underrepresented in our school curriculum, and 3) provided musical instruction (which is associated with multiple aspects of educational achievement). Also, 4) the program got out a ton of parents and the kids were amazing.

Special Thanks to Sarah and Daniel Atunah-Jay for forming this committee and serving as Co-Chairs. Their efforts have helped introduce, promote, and establish equity and inclusion building practices in our school. They are both stepping away from the role and have paved the way for the next Co-Chairs to continue their good work.

****We are looking for a new Chair and Co-Chair for the Equity & Inclusion Group. If interested please email groveland.pto.pres@gmail.com**

Description of the role:

Plan and facilitate regular meetings to support Groveland multicultural communities (Hmong, Somali, African American, Native American, Irish, Mexican, other). Promote and engage in efforts to support early literacy and math for struggling students and advocate for and plan enrichment activities that highlight Saint Paul's multicultural communities.

Family Involvement Day -

NAAPID(National African American Parent Involvement Day): Hope to have African American Quilter Cecile Lewis kick-off a school-wide unity quilt project at that will continue through the spring. More details to come. There will also be an assembly with poetry reading, singing, and with drumming dancing by 2nd grade (Brother Ghana) as well as parents invited to breakfast, classroom visits, and a parent lounge. Should be great!

Library Coverage -

The Library is looking for volunteers!

Our New library staff is AMAZING!!! She is busy, busy, busy working with our kids. We need to help shelving books. Volunteers can come in any day or time. Free Training available. Please consider giving some time to keep our kids in books. Thank you.

Please contact Elizabeth Lake, ealake@hotmail.com or 651-690-0930

Lunch Buddies -

Lunch Buddies spots are still available. Join your child for lunch, they will love it and so will you!

Sign up now on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/BgSWNP>

PTO Family Directory - There are two different options for data collection in my school anywhere. Our school has always required families to login to the system each year and choose to be included, each year. I would like to propose that we change this so that your preferences would carryover from year to year. It would not affect the initial data collection in any way. Families would still have to provide ALL of that information to us. Each fall, we would inform returning families what their selections are for data sharing and give them the opportunity to make any changes. Most families don't make changes to their data sharing preferences from year to year, and it is considerable work getting families to confirm every year. If we eliminated the confirm process, we could focus just on entering new families.

FOG VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Apex Fun Run - February 27- March 10

Students will learn leadership skills, participate in a fun run and raise needed funds to support all students at Groveland. We are looking for Corporate Sponsors of the Fun Run. If you own a business or know of one that is interested in being a sponsor please email friendsofgroveland@gmail.com . Corporate sponsors will be recognized in emails, on facebook and signage. Last year neighborhood and parent businesses contributed \$1400! The Student Leadership Team will be working with Friends of Groveland to learn some fundamental fundraising skills through writing exercises.

Book Fair Chair - A new Book Fair co-chair is needed for the 2017/18 school year. Training begins with this spring's Book Fair in March. If interested please contact either Sabrina at stpaulskigr@gmail.com or Emily at emily.ml.daniel@gmail.com

Box Tops -

Please start bringing in the Box Tops you have been saving all year. Students can turn in baggies of Box Tops to teachers, and there is also a collection box in the office. Please return clipped Box Tops by **Thursday, January 26th**. Remember, the class that collects the most Box Tops wins an ice cream party at Snuffy's!

