

**PTO/FOG Committee Reports 11.31.16**

**FRIENDS OF GROVELAND (FOG) -**



**YOU'RE INVITED TO DAVANNI'S NIGHT FOR GROVELAND PARK ELEMENTARY!**

**Tuesday, December 6, 4-8 p.m.  
Support Groveland by not cooking!**

Eat in or take out supper at Davanni's with your family and Groveland friends. 20% of what you spend will be donated directly to Groveland. You must bring the voucher that was sent home in your child's take-home folder. Make copies to share with your friends and neighbors too!

The wait can be very 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](http://www.davannis.com). Davanni's is located at 41 Cleveland Ave. S (right on the corner of Grand and Cleveland). Phone: 651-690-4848.

While you are at Davanni's you can make an Apex Fun Run Video! A Friends of Groveland volunteer videographer will be available from 6-8 p.m. Show up ready for filming (approximately 15 minutes per student). First come, first serve. The more family members involved the better!

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**Celebrate Groveland was a huge success! Thank you to all who came out to support Groveland and attended the event. A special thanks to everyone involved in pulling it together.**

**If you were not able to attend the event you can still participate in the fun. Groveland Gatherings are available for purchase at [Celebrate Groveland 2016](#) . You can sign up for an event by registering as a user and then choosing to buy a spot at the Groveland Gathering of your choice. You can also sign up for gatherings by contacting Justi Leroe @ [justileroe@gmail.com](mailto:justileroe@gmail.com) . The number of attendees is limited for each gathering so sign-up quickly.**

**Some upcoming gatherings are:**

- **December 11th:** 4th Grade Ninja Warrior Gathering Hosted by Kim and Jeff Olson
- **December 15th:** Pre-K and Kindergarten Gathering Drive IN crafting Hosted by Pre-K and Kindergarten Teachers
- **January 7th:** Kindergarten Parent Social (adult only) hosted by kindergarten parents: Roopali Phadke & Michael Arquin, Kathryn Wegner & Will Cavert, Marguerite Zauner & Scott Halverson
- **January 7th:** 3rd Grade Bowling Party Hosted by: Emily Peterson, Emily Kahnert, Meghan Keller
- **January 13th:** Somali Culture 101 Guided Tour! Hosted by Atunah-Jay Family
- **January 15th:** Pokemon Card Trading Party (3rd - 5th grade students) Hosted by Kate and Peter Ostrem
- **January 20th:** Adult Happy Hour Hosted by Ben and Neha Lang & Sarah and Bill Lightner
- **January 20th:** 4th Grade Bowl-a-rama Hosted by: Mary Maltese & Jorge Granja, Kim & Jeff Olson, Jen & Matt Lodahl, Amy Sullivan and Vinnie Ricker
- **January 21st:** 2nd graders Learn to make chinese dumplings Hosted by Julie and David Nagel
- **January 21st:** 1st Grade Bowling Party Hosted by 1st grade families: Kirsten Anderson, Phyllis Brashler, Melissa Claar, Elizabeth Lake, Megan Montgomery
- **February 4th:** Wine Tasting with Bill Ward, Wine columnist @ Star Tribune (Adult Only) Hosted by Ray & Carrie Faust
- **February 10th:** American Indian Pow Wow Hosted by The Atunah-Jay family

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**Friends of Groveland funds 2nd Grade African Drumming Residency:** All 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students participated in an African Drumming Residency, taught by Master Drummer and teacher Brother Ghana. He teaches kids all around the Twin Cities about West African drumming, storytelling, and dance. The students learned many musical rhythms on the drums, a song, and a dance. All three 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes performed for parents, family, and friends at Groveland on Friday, December 2.

**Thank you to the Groveland community for supporting this residency! Fundraising through the Direct Drive, Celebrate Groveland, and the Apex Fun Run made this residency possible.**

**Spirit Wear** - Spirit wear is being distributed this week! Thanks for all the orders, and we can't wait to see all the Groveland gear around campus. If you have not received your order, please email Caroline Marin at [carolinermarin@gmail.com](mailto:carolinermarin@gmail.com).

