



List of Definitions for Parents

Apex – A fundraiser where students raise money for Groveland Park, learn leadership lessons from Apex team members, and participate in a fun one-day running event with their classmates.

Artists and Writers Fair/Science Fair – Each fair is held every other year, and allows students to create and display examples of their artwork and writing or display the results of a science experiment.

Bamboo – Groveland Park’s furry and loveable Panda mascot!

Book Fair – A twice yearly event where students, teachers, and families can purchase books at a reasonable price.

Brother Ghana – A popular artist, performer, and instructor who teaches Groveland Park students African drumming and dancing each year in one grade level.

C.A.R.E.S. – An approach to help guide students' interactions with one another. **Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy, Self-control.** For more details, navigate to Home > About > Behavior Plan on the Groveland Park website.

Camp Widji – Camp Widjiwagan, a YMCA camp in Ely, MN where all fifth-grade students have an opportunity to go for a week in the fall to participate in outdoor activities, environmental learning, and team building.

DCD Program – Developmental Cognitive Disabilities Program – a special education program designed for students who have significant delays intellectually and deficits in adaptive behavior or functional skills.

Direct Drive – A yearly fundraiser to help pay for teacher grants, enrichments/residencies, and other needs.

Discovery Club – A before and after school care program with guided recreational and educational activities. Groveland Park students participating in Discovery Club attend at Highland Elementary.

ELL/MLL – English Language Learners/Multi Lingual Learners – students with a home language other than English, supported by Groveland Park’s ELL/MLL teacher and educational assistant.

Enrichments/Residencies – A teacher requested special learning unit allowing students an in-depth experience in the arts, culture, or music. These are supported by Groveland Park's PTO.

Family Engagement Plan – A compact developed between Groveland Park staff and families to help create a welcoming environment, encourage family partnerships, share information about teaching and learning, and promote community partnerships. For a copy of the plan, navigate to Home > About > Title I > Family Engagement Plan on the Groveland Park website.

FAST – Formative Assessment System for Teachers – a system of assessments for reading and math that helps teachers analyze student needs in these subjects.

Groveland Gear – A website where families can support the school by purchasing cool t-shirts, bags, and more. Visit www.grovelandgear.com.



Groveland.me – The student and family directory for Groveland Park.

MCA – Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments – state-wide tests in reading, mathematics, and science given to all students starting in the third grade. The MCA is used to find out how well schools are meeting the Minnesota Academic Standards in these subjects.

Midwest Food Connection – A community organization that brings lessons on food and sustainable agriculture to Groveland Park students in the 1st and 2nd grades.

Multi-Age Classrooms – A combination of two grade levels in one classroom where students can work across grade levels as appropriate and learn from one another. Students stay with the same teacher for two years.

NAAPID – National African American Parent Involvement Day – held in February each year, this is a day where involvement from all parents is encouraged through a school assembly and other activities.

Panda Paws – A periodic newsletter sent from the Groveland Park principal with information about school events, policies, and updates.

Pandamonium – Groveland Park's annual spring carnival. This fun event brings together the Groveland Park community and raises funds for the school.

PTO – Parent Teacher Organization – PTO acts as a link between parents and the school, as well as raising money to pay for enrichments such as additional art and music programs. All parents are automatically members of the PTO.

S'more Fun – A recreational program operated by Saint Paul Parks and Recreation for before and after school care held in the Groveland Park Rec Center.

SAT – Student Assistance Team – a group of staff members who work together to come up with solutions to common behavioral and academic challenges.

Schoology – An online tool used by some upper grade teachers to share and collect assignments with students, give student assessments, collect student work, and communicate with families.

SCIP – School Continuous Improvement Plan – a strategic document between Groveland Park and Saint Paul Public Schools to identify and drive improvement opportunities. For a copy of the plan, navigate to Home > About > Title I > SCIP on the Groveland Park website.

SPCO CONNECT Program – A partnership with the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra where Groveland Park students get to attend a concert, meet musicians, and learn about instruments.

Title I – A federal program that supports students in schools with higher incidences of poverty. Schools that qualify for Title I funding receive supplemental educational services to ensure students' equal access to a high-quality education.