

Dear Grove Families,

I hope you are having a great week and staying safe and healthy! I have a few items to update you on this week.

Important Dates:

Thursday, November 19 -- We start back to Remote Learning for all

Thursday, November 19 -- Virtual PTO Meeting 6:00 [Link for meeting](#)

Thursday, November 19 -- Virtual Family Reading Night 6:45 [Link for Reading Night](#)

Monday, November 23 -- Pie Pick Up Day at Grove Elementary

Wednesday - Friday, November 25-27 -- Thanksgiving Break - No remote school

“Thankful For Reading!”

We hope you will join us on Thursday at 6:45. Just click the link above and pop on for some reading fun. Mrs. Ploense has prepared a slide presentation to accompany our evening. Just so you have an idea of the time frame for the event.... We would love for families to join the live link at 6:45. I will greet everyone and read one story. We will then let you and your family browse the virtual bookshelf in Mrs. Ploense’s presentation and watch videos of our Grove staff reading their favorite Thanksgiving books. We should only be on the live link for at most 30 minutes. We are hoping families will cozy up and enjoy some reading together. This evening coincides with the State Reading Night across Illinois. Families will then be invited to use our link to a virtual bookshelf full of stories recorded by our teachers. There is also an activity to complete about being thankful, in the presentation, that you can fill out as a family if you choose.

[Mrs. Ploense’s Presentation](#)

Back to Full Remote Learning

As you know, starting Thursday, we are moving back to full remote learning for all students for a while. Your teachers will be sending you their schedules by midday today. You will notice a few differences in this round of remote learning. The students will be on live with their teachers for approximately 2 and a half hours a day. There will be more time that the teachers are available to check in with students during their asynchronous work time, and there will be more small group instruction each day as compared to remote learning before. Another change involves the area classes. All area classes will have a portion of the class that is live. Students will log on with their area teacher. They will have a lesson and then the teacher may assign work. The teachers will then be available to support the students during the asynchronous work time. The last big difference is that we are not able to have the all school lunch hour this time. As a school we have an established schedule for our area classes and lunch times. We also have many

specialist teachers that have scheduled time in classes throughout the day. For these reasons, we need to maintain our same school schedule while remote. Thank you for understanding.

We know that this period of time may be very stressful for your children. I am attaching the [Grove Virtual Calm Corner](#) again as a tool they can use.

As a district we will be continuing to track our data and cases of Covid 19 illness. If your child tests positive or if your child is deemed an official close contact during our full remote period, please be sure to email Mrs. Marcum at Marcumns@unit5.org.

Have a great rest of your week! Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, and Stay Gator Strong!

Mrs. Edwards