

GROVE



E L E M E N T A R Y

School Newsletter

September 2022

Grove Families,

It has been an excellent start to the school year. The students and staff have settled in and are enjoying a much more “normal” year at Grove Elementary.

Thank you so much for attending our curriculum nights to get important school and teacher information. We have one remaining. The Fifth Grade Curriculum Night is next Thursday, September 8th, from 6-7 p.m.

I am going to try and move back to a traditional newsletter type format for communication and move away from the weekly updates. I am including important dates and information here for the next month or so. I encourage you to keep this in a location that is easy to refer back to check for information. We will also post them on the Grove Website.

Thank you for your patience with arrival and dismissal. It has been going well, except for the occasional late bus.

Have a wonderful three day weekend! Happy Fall!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Edwards

**There’s Nothing Greater,
Than Being A GATOR!!**

Important Dates

September

- 5 No School-Labor Day
- 8 5th Grade Curriculum Night 6:00-7:00 pm
- 8 Portillo's Dine Out Event 5:00-8:00 pm
- 12 Safety Drill Day -- Fire, Bus Evacuation, Lockdown, and Evacuation Drills
- 13 Half Day of Attendance - 10:45 am Dismissal
- 19 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
- 21 Hacienda Leon Dine Out Event All day!
- 29 Family Movie Night starting at dusk on the blacktop
- 30 No School-Teacher Institute Day
- 30 NCHS Homecoming

October

- 4 Picture Retakes
- 10 No School-Indigenous People Day
- 12 National Walk and Roll to School Day
- 17 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
- 20 Parent Night -- Academic and SEL Focus - More Information to Come
- 26 Fire Drill - AM
- 26 Half Day of Attendance - 10:45 am Dismissal
- 31 Fall Parties

**Our ATTENDANCE PHONE LINE is
309-557-4466**

**Please call by 8:30 if your child will be
absent or late to school.**

**If your child arrives
after 7:45, an adult MUST walk them
in and sign them in at the office.**

Volunteering at Grove Elementary

Thank you so much to the many parents that have already been in and volunteered this year! If you would like to volunteer at Grove, please call the main office so that we can send you the link for the district required background check form. Once this process is complete, you are ready to volunteer. It usually takes about two weeks. We have a few volunteer opportunities available right now for those interested. Please find the IMC Sign UP Genius [here](#). Please find the Lead Room Parent Sign Genius [here](#). These are available on the Grove Website as well. Thank you!!

Safety Day at Grove

On September 12th, Grove Elementary will conduct their state required Lockdown, Evacuation, Bus Evacuation, and Fire Drills. These will all be done in a safe and nonthreatening way. Our morning drills will start at 9:00 and be done by 10:30 and our afternoon drill will start at 1:00 and be done by 1:45. Please do not plan to drop off or pick students up during these times on this day. Our students will be traveling by bus to Eastview during the morning drill. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Edwards.

Walk, Ride, Roll To School

October 12, 2022, is National Walk, Ride, and Roll to school. Grove will be taking part in this fun day! We will have staff out in the Grove neighborhoods meeting up with families as they make their way to school. More information will be in the October newsletter. We hope you will join us if you live close enough to safely participate.



Grove Family Movie Night

SING 2 is coming to Grove Elementary. On Thursday, September 29, PTO will be hosting a movie night out back behind the school. There is no school on Friday.... So this is a great night for a movie! The Scouts will host a concession stand, as well as sell popcorn that evening. We hope your family will grab some lawn chairs or a blanket and join us for a fun movie night! We anticipate a 7:00 p.m. start time.

New Half Days off School

Just a reminder that we no longer have **Late Starts** for teacher professional development. Starting this year, we have a few **Half Days Off** for our staff to take part in professional development, as well as work on goals in **Professional Learning Communities**. The first of these half days is on **September 13th**. We will dismiss at **10:45**. Don't forget to complete the **Lunch survey** [here](#) by the end of the day today if you would like your child to get a **Grab and Go** lunch on the half days. There is a regular charge for these lunches.

We are looking for a few additional **Noon Hour Supervisors**. If you are interested, please call the main office.

Thank you!

