

GROVE ELEMENTARY

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History:

Grove School, named after a one room school house, was constructed in 2000-2001 and opened its doors for students in August of 2001. A rapid growth in enrollment resulted in an original student body of 300 students growing to the present 630 students. To support this growth a new addition of six classrooms was constructed in 2006 followed by the installation of 4 portable classrooms in 2008.

From a very humble beginning in 2001 Grove School now represents one of the larger elementary schools in the community serving neighborhoods in the northeast section of the Unit 5 school district. A generation of students and families now call themselves Grove Gators and represent a very proud and successful school community.

Mission:

The mission of Grove Elementary School is to support and assist students in reaching their highest potential. This mission will be accomplished by providing students with:

- Positive, caring staff, committed to continuous and progressive professional growth.
- Quality educational experiences that promote excitement and enthusiasm for learning.
- A school climate that welcomes and encourages parent and community involvement.
- A facility that is well maintained and fosters a safe and secure learning environment.



Parent Organization:

President: Anthony Newman
First Vice President: Kyle Cottone
Second Vice President: Mike Prescott

Treasurer: Ben Harmon
Secretary: Erin Enari

PTO meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 in the First Grade Commons.
Please join us!

Daily Schedule:

The best time to contact the school office is from 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

7:40	First Bell
7:45	Tardy Bell
2:25	First Dismissal Bell – Kindergarten students, parent pick up and walkers
2:30	Second/Final Dismissal Bell – Bus riders, after school care and daycares

Arrival/Dismissal Procedures:

Students should plan to arrive to school by 7:45 daily. School entrance doors (East and North doors) open at 7:30. Student will line up in their designated areas until 7:40. Students may also proceed to the cafeteria for breakfast at 7:25. When the 7:40 bell rings students will proceed to their classrooms.

School is dismissed daily at 2:30 PM. All students should clear the building and playground area by 2:40 PM unless other arrangements have been made with the principal or students are participating in supervised activities. Bus riders and day care students will go directly to their buses and vans or line up on the front sidewalk in their designated area.

Teachers will be on duty to assist with supervision in the front and back of the building from 7:30-7:40 and 2:25-2:40.

Lunch/Recess Times:

GRADE	Recess/Lunch Time	RECESS	LUNCH
Kindergarten	11:40 - 12:30	11:40 – 12:05	12:05 – 12:30
First	10:45-11:35	10:45-11:10	11:10-11:35
Second	10:40-11:30	10:40-11:05	11:05-11:25
Third	11:15 - 12:05	11:15 -11:40	11:40-12:05
Fourth	11:10-12:00	11:10-11:35	11:35-12:00
Fifth	11:45 - 12:35	11:45-12:10	12:10-12:35

Recess- Inside/Outside:

It is always beneficial for students to have an opportunity to run and play during noon hour recess time and we try to have children outside for play as often as possible. At times, however, weather conditions don't allow this. We use a temperature of 20 F degrees and above as a guideline for deciding whether students should be inside or outside for playtime. We also take other factors into consideration (wind chill, precipitation, etc.) when making this decision.

During inclement weather, students will have noon recess activities in their classrooms or the gym, which will be monitored by noon supervisors. Rules will be reviewed and posted by the classroom teacher. Activities on inside days usually include quiet games to be played while seated. Students are not to leave their classrooms without permission from a supervisor or teacher.

When the weather is fair and the temperature is above 20 F degrees, the students will have noon recess outside. It is important that students dress appropriately for colder weather. During times outside, students are expected to follow playground safety rules. It is recommended that students play games and sports with other students of their same age or grade level.

Children who cannot go outside due to health reasons must bring a note from home to the office. These students will be assigned to areas inside the building for quiet study or reading. This type of note will suffice for a period not to exceed 3 days. For more than 3 days, a note signed by a doctor is needed.

Teachers who require students to stay inside during a recess time for some reason will stay in the classroom to supervise these students.

PBIS: Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

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INTEGRITY

DEDICATION

EFFORT

A building wide positive behavior program will be used to help all students focus on important rules and characteristics necessary to maintain the most positive and safe learning environment for all students.



Clubs/Activities:

Grove is proud to provide a number of extra-curricular activities for students. These activities are held before school, after school and during the noon hour. They are sponsored by teachers and/or parents. There may be a small registration fee for some of the activities. The principal may deny student participation based on academic and/or behavior concerns. Activities planned for this school year include:

1. Student Council for grades 4-5
2. Safety Patrol for grade 5
3. Chess Club for grades K-5
4. Band/Orchestra grades 5
5. Young Authors Contest grades K-5
6. Robotics Club grades