

# Welcome!



Whether you are new to Grey Cloud or you have been part of our school for years, welcome to a new year full of opportunities for a high quality education for all young learners!

This year we are excited to focus not only on academic excellence, but we are even more committed to supporting the whole child through a personalized learning approach. Our efforts are grounded in the concept, *"It Starts with Me!"* empowering all students and staff to live this message daily with positivity and strength of character. With intentional monthly efforts, we will continue to live our mission; *"Together we build the foundation for the growth and success of all learners."*



## School Hours

**Kindergarten - Grade 5:**

8:40 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

**Morning Pre-Kindergarten:**

8:40 a.m. - 11:10 p.m.

**Afternoon Pre-Kindergarten:**

12:40 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.



**"Together we build the foundation for the growth and success of all learners."**



**Grey Cloud Elementary**

9525 Indian Blvd.  
Cottage Grove, MN 55016  
General Phone: (651)-425-4200  
Attendance Line: (651)-425-4206  
Fax: (651)-425-4215  
[www.sowashco.org](http://www.sowashco.org)

## Welcome to 2017!

# Grey Cloud Elementary



**It Starts with ME!**  
*Grey Cloud Elementary*



## Open House

Wednesday, August 30, 2017



**5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

- Connect with the Classroom Teacher and Tour the School
- Order Grey Cloud Sportswear and Buy Planners for 3-5 Grade Students for \$7.00 with cash or a check
- Connect with the Health Office Staff
- Receive Pin Numbers for Lunch
- Join PTA

### School Supplies:

Although many families purchased school supplies online, the list of school supplies is also available in the Grey Cloud Office, at a number of local vendors, and at the following link on our Grey Cloud webpage:

<http://gces.sowashco.org/sites/gces.sowashco.org/files/files/Supply%20List%202017%20-%202018.pdf>

Please note supplies ordered online will be delivered directly to your mailing address.

## Staying Connected

- **Families that are new to Grey Cloud:** If you just moved into the area, we are offering tours of the school on **August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>** on the hour from 8:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
- **Blackboard Connects:** We will be using Blackboard Connects to send out all school-wide information. *The great news is that as long as your information is updated in Infinite Campus, you will receive electronic updates and reminders.* Periodically we will be using the calling feature as well.
- **Facebook:** Follow us on Facebook as well for a glimpse of wonderful things going on at Grey Cloud!
- **Websites:** Teachers will be using Google Docs beginning in early Fall to keep families updated on classroom happenings.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences:**
  - **Fall Conferences:** October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>
  - **Spring Conferences:** February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>
- **PTA:** Our PTA meets monthly with the exception of December beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the media center. All are welcomed to attend and participate!

### What is New?

- Standards-based K-2 Report Cards
- Literacy Assessment Prior to School Starting
- Greater focus on individual literacy and math instruction!
- Monthly themes that are empowering and continue to build positive character!

## Special Classes



**Kindergarten:** Physical Education will be offered daily for 30 minutes. The remaining 30 minutes will be spent in Music, Media or Art.

#### First-Fifth Grade:

- **Art:** One hour per week
- **Physical Education:** Four days per week for 30 minutes
- **Music:** Two days per week for 30 minutes
- **Media:** Two days per week for 30 minutes

### Opportunities for Enrichment:

- **Choir-** Grades 4-5
- **Orchestra-** Grades 4- 5
- **Band-** Grade 5
- **Intramural Sports-** Offered seasonally through Community Education.
- **Chess Club-** Grades 2-5
- **Theater Opportunity-** Grades 2-5
- **Cribbage Club-** Grades 3-5

*Details will be forthcoming.*