

Partnership Achievements 2015/2016

In addition to our wide array of community and fundraising events, some of this past year's accomplishments include:

- Student theatrical opportunity through Prairie Fire Theater Productions (Grades 2-5)
- Starlab
- Funding approval for new Core Clips literacy software (Grades K-5)
- Specialist enhancements (ThunderDash 2015 funding)
 - Physical Education: New floor hockey sticks, roller-racers, tennis rackets, a variety of sports balls, hula hoops, and a parachute
 - Music: Eight iPad Minis with protective cases
 - Art: iPad Minis and clay
- Project GO intergenerational program (Grade 3)
- Conference dinners four evenings per year
- Staff lounge improvements
- Purple home/teacher communication folders
- Funding for "Star Student" breakfasts
- 5th Grade recognition
- Crossing Guard recognition



Calendar of Events 2016/2017

Please note dates and times may be subject to change.

SEPTEMBER

- Aug. 31 Open House 5:00-6:30 PM
- 5 NO SCHOOL Labor Day
- 6 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for Grades 1-5
- 6-7 Kindergarten Assessments
- 6-7 Pre-K Assessments
- 8 First full day of school for Kindergarten
- 8 First full day of school for Pre-K
- 10 Kindergarten Playdate (Saturday)
- 13 Fundraiser Kick Off 9:30 AM
- 13 PTA Meeting 3:30 PM
- 23 Fall School Pictures
- 27 Deadline for Fundraiser

OCTOBER | "Kindness Month"

- 5 National Walk to School Day
- 11 PTA Meeting 3:30 PM
- 11 Fundraiser Pick-up 4:00-6:00 PM
- 17-18 Conferences & Book Fair 3:30-7:45 PM
- 20-21 NO SCHOOL Professional Conventions
- 25 Picture Retake Day
- 28 Harvest Hop

NOVEMBER

- 15 PTA Meeting 3:30 PM
- 17 Skate Night 6:00-8:00 PM
- 24-25 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday
- 29 Band Concert 7:00 PM

DECEMBER

- 1 End of Trimester 1
- 2 NO SCHOOL Workshop Day
- 3 ThunderBoutique (Saturday) 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
- 8 4th & 5th Grade Winter Choir Concert 7:00 PM
- 9 1st & 3rd Grade Afternoon Music Program
- 12 Orchestra Concert 7:00 PM
- 19 NO SCHOOL First Day of Winter Break

JANUARY | "Box Top Fundraiser"

- 3 SCHOOL RESUMES
- 10 PTA Meeting 3:30 PM
- 16 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day

FEBRUARY | "I Love to Read Month"

- 8-9 Conferences & Book Fair 3:30-7:30 PM
- 13-18 Play/Practice/Performance
- 14 PTA Meeting 3:30 PM
- 20 NO SCHOOL President's Day
- 21 Kindergarten/Pre-K Enrollment Night
- 23 Spring Picture Day/Group Picture Day for Yearbook

MARCH | "M&M Month: Math Madness and Music in the Schools"

- 3 ThunderBash
- 10 End of Trimester 2
- 13 NO SCHOOL Workshop Day
- 14 PTA Meeting 3:30
- 30 Spring Choir Concert 7:00 PM
- 31 Grade 2 Afternoon Music Program

APRIL | "Celebrating Everyone Month"

- 3 Orchestra Concert at Grey Cloud 5:30 PM
- 3 Band Concert at Armstrong 7:00 PM
- 10-14 NO SCHOOL Spring Break
- 18 PTA Meeting 3:30 PM

MAY | "College and Career Readiness Month"

- 10 National Bike/Walk to School & Volunteer Appreciation Day
- 16 PTA Meeting 3:30 PM
- 29 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

JUNE

- 2 ThunderDash
- 5 ThunderDash (Rain Date)
- 9 End of Trimester 3
- 9 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



Partnering for Lifelong Learning

As an essential part of the total school program, the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) diligently works to serve our children and enhance their education. The PTA provides support for our dedicated faculty and staff through a variety of activities that support their commitment to provide quality education to our children.

Everyone is welcome at PTA meetings. We look forward to meeting you at a monthly meeting and working with you during our many volunteer opportunities!



What can I do to support my school?

Easy!

Collect Box Tops for Education*

Clip “**Box Tops for Education**” from participating General Mills and partner products. Encourage family, friends, and other organizations to participate.

- Earning potential of up to \$20,000 per school year
- May be submitted twice per school year
- Annual class contest typically held in January

Easy!

Use Amazon Smile**

Purchase through smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate .05% of your product purchase to our school. Select charity name: *PTA Minnesota Congress Grey Cloud Elementary PTA*, Location: *Cottage Grove, MN*.

Easy!

Specialists

Art: egg carton donations

Media: new and gently used book donations (Pre-K through Grade 5)

Physical Education: new or gently used bike helmets and bikes for adaptive PE classes

Individual Classrooms

Contact your teacher for details. Typical needs may include disinfectant wipes, craft supplies, napkins, etc.

Special Education

Donate small rewards and sensory therapy items such as textured balls, squishy toys, adhesive Velcro rolls, and fun stickers.

Faculty Supports

Help encourage and appreciate our community of devoted educators!

- Donate staff lounge items such as coffee pods, tea, blank note and thank-you cards, bottled water, fresh fruit, etc.
- Provide a conference dinner item twice per year

Health Office

Donate new winter hats, mittens, gloves, snow pants, underwear and pants in a variety of child sizes.

Positive Behavior/Reward Program Needs

SOAR prizes: 12 awarded weekly

Walking Wednesday prizes: 4 awarded weekly

Donation ideas: super balls, yo-yo’s, backpack clips, small flashlights, etc. Sponsor a theme week for added fun (Minions, Star Wars, etc.)

Where do I donate items?

Donations can be sent with your child, or be dropped off in the main office.

Are donations tax deductible?

Yes. Please contact the PTA Treasurer for a receipt.

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Volunteer



Be a Part of a Rewarding Community

Our Parent Teacher Association is passionate about finding a place for you to share your time and talents. Select from a wide array of volunteer opportunities and start connecting today!

Community Events

- Harvest Hop dance
- ThunderBash carnival
- Fun Zone skate night

Fundraisers

- Fall kick-off fundraiser
- Original Works Artwork
- ThunderBoutique
- ThunderDash
- Book Fairs

Other Committees

- Yearbook
- Sportswear
- School Supply Kits
- I Love to Read Month
- Bulletin Board Updates

General School Help


- Lunch Room aides
- Vision screening aides

How do I volunteer?

Time and donation requests are posted on gces.sowashco.org with links to SignUpGenius.com

Join PTA

Our PTA meets monthly. While we encourage you to do so, you do not need to join PTA to attend meetings or volunteer. Child care is available during meetings on a donation basis.

 Like us on Facebook

 Visit the PTA page at gces.sowashco.org

