

# GROVE ELEMENTARY NEST NOTES



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## October

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 5 Volunteer Orientation  
ALL VOLUTNEERS 8:30
- 6 Parent Night 5:30 - 6:30  
ESOL Parents & Students  
Challenge Parents & Students
- 7 SES Vendor Fair
- 8 Writers' Guild Grades 5K-2 1:00
- 9 Writers' Guild Grades 3 -5 1:00
- 12 Coffee with the Principal 8:30
- 12 Fire Safety Week
- 13 Coffee with the Principal 8:30
- 14 PTA Fundraiser Ends
- 15 No school for students - Parent  
Conferences
- 16 No school for students
- 19 Title I Parent Involvement Policy and  
Compact
- 21 English Parenting Classes 8:30
- 23 Spanish Parenting Classes 8:30
- 26-30  
Red Ribbon Week  
Book Fair
- 29 Trick or Reading 6:00  
Gantt Fire Department presents  
Halloween Safety  
Report Cards Go Home
- 30 Chicken Biscuits - PTA
- 30 Terrific Kids - Kiwanis



### *From the Principal's Pen*

Time is flying at Grove. It was wonderful to see the parents at students at Open House. As you can see by the calendar, October is a busy month. Please check the calendar and join us in as many activities as you can.

Several times this year, I would like parents to visit for an informal coffee with the Principal get together. This will give me the opportunity to sit with parents and learn more about what each of you would like to see continued and to get ideas for new and exciting programs or changes in current programs. Our first get together is scheduled for October 12 (English) and 13 (Spanish). Please check the calendar on page 1. Call the school if you have any questions.

MAP testing is complete. We have started FLEX group instruction based on the results of the MAP assessment. FLEX groups allow teachers to provided individual instruction for students and address the grade level standards at the same time.





Punctuality is essential to becoming a productive citizen. Please have your child to school by 7:45 AM. By arriving at 7:45 students are able to sit down to a calm breakfast and get an unrushed start to their school day. School begins promptly at 8:00. To ensure that students are seated and ready students are finished in the cafeteria by 7:55. Five minutes in the morning can mean so much to instruction. (The school has available State guidelines for attendance and punctuality for anyone who is interested.)



### **Writers' Guild**

As we discussed at Open House, the Grove PTA is sponsoring the Grove Writers' Guild under the guidance of the Intermediate Instructional Coach, Kim Brown. Our first celebration of good writing is October 8 and 9. Parents of students who exhibit excellent writing traits will be invited to a celebration of their child's writing success. This event is a surprise for the students who are identified. When you are contacted by Mrs. Brown or your child's teacher, please keep the event a secret. Hope to see you on October 8 or 9.



Grove is a Title I school. Based on No Child Left Behind and the State of South Carolina design, Grove students who receive free or reduced lunch are eligible for Supplemental Educational Services. Greenville School District has invited SES vendors to Grove on October 7. If your child is eligible for SES services, please come to interview vendors and register with the vendor who best meets your child's needs. Contact Gerald Haynes at 355-5914 if you have any questions.

### **PTA FUNDRAISER UPDATE**

The due date for order forms and money for the fundraiser has been extended. Money and forms are due to the school by October 14. All orders in by that date will be delivered by Thanksgiving break.



ESOL parents and Challenge parents are invited to meet the ESOL and Challenge

teachers on October 6 at 5:30. The



teachers will review the specifics of their programs and explain how those programs are designed to promote achievement for specialized student populations.

### Parent Conferences

Teachers are busy scheduling parent conferences. If you have not been contacted, please get in touch with your child's teacher to schedule a time to discuss your child's current levels. If you have a conference scheduled and are unable to attend, please contact the school to notify the teacher.

### Calling all Volunteers

Grove needs many hands. Mr. Haynes is hosting a volunteer orientation to discuss our needs and to complete registrations that are new to the District this year. Hope to see you at 8:30 on October 5.



### NO SCHOOL

There is no school for students October 15 and October 16. Enjoy the holiday.



The Fall Book Fair and Trick or Reading complete the month of October. Mrs. Case will send information regarding the book fair, volunteers, and class schedules for



purchasing books.

To encourage reading those books, Grove teachers have organized the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trick or Reading**. Teachers will expose students to different kinds of books and stories that are scary and fun. Goodies and gifts go along with the evening. Plans are in the works to have the Gantt Fire Department on hand for Halloween Safety. Flyers with an RSVP section will come home later this month. We need a general count of students so please RSVP if you plan to attend.



Red Ribbon Week

PTA is sponsoring Red Ribbon Week, a whole school learning experience that encourages



students to say no to drugs. All classrooms will be involved in the excitement that surrounds Red Ribbon Week. Look for more information to come home.



**SOAR**

Grove Eagles are flying high again this year with SOAR, the pledge for responsibility and citizenship. Every student knows expectations for responsible behavior and the rewards for that behavior. Students who earn a 3 in behavior will participate in fund activities in the classroom, the gym, or on the playground. Students who earn a 2 in behavior will be asked to discuss how they will earn a 3 for the next SOAR celebration. Students who earn a 1 will participate in SOAR activities that will lead them to success and enable each to earn a 2 or a 3 for the next SOAR experience. They may participate in conflict resolution activities, perform community service at the school, or set goals for themselves to improve behavior. SOAR BUCKS are also given for positive behavior, helping a peer, or doing a good deed. Students use those BUCKS to purchase fun items in the SOAR store or save their BUCKS for a bigger purchase.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



Please review the District dress code requirements. Flip flops should not be worn to school. They pose a safety issue on the playground for students during recess. On days that students have gym, only tennis shoes should be worn.



### **HOMWORK QUICK TIPS**

School and home working together is essential for student achievement. Read with your child in a quiet place every night and do some of the following:

- Have your child read to you. When your child makes a mistake, point out the word and help him/her read the work correctly. Then have your child reread the entire sentence from the beginning.
- Before the end of the story, ask your child what will happen and why.
- Ask your child to tell you what happened in the story.
- Ask your child questions about the characters and events in the story.