



Daniel A. Grout Elementary Elementary School

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School guide, facts and test scores on the web: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/>

School-created web pages: <http://http://www.grout.pps.k12.or.us/>

Before and after school programs

SUN/Community School-Daniel A. Grout Elementary is a SUN/Community School site when academic and activity classes are offered daily after school.

Academic Support - Students in grades one through five have opportunity for academic support after school in the form of reading and math support for younger students and homework club for older students.

Activity Classes - Many sports and activity classes are offered through the SUN/Community School programs such as tennis, basketball, track, soccer, cooking, chess, arts, and crafts.

Science Clubs - A.K.A. Science and MAD Science instructors provide hands on science activities, which extend benchmark units at the grade level.

Music Band - Instrumental program is open to fourth and fifth graders interested in learning to play one of the following instruments: clarinet, drums, trombone, saxophone, flute or trumpet. Students perform in several concerts throughout the year. Strings - Violin instruction is available to fourth and fifth graders. Students enrolled in the strings program meet twice a week and perform in concerts for Grout students and other audiences. Choir-A choir program is provided for students in grades two through five.

Saturday Academy-Through the support of School House Supplies and Northwest Entrepreneurial Foundation, Saturday Academy offers free after school classes in a variety of topics.

Community partnerships

Touchstone-A Multnomah County program that provides social and counseling services for students and families. Reed College-Biology partnership for grades four and five. City of Portland Environmental Services in conjunction with a grant from McCall Oil and Metro to provide habitat studies and site restoration for grades three through five. S.M.A.R.T.-Start Making a Reader Today. Kaiser Permanente Health Insurance. Meyer Boys and Girls Club-Our bus takes students to Meyer Boys and Girls Club after school and is one option for families for after-school care. O.H.S.U.-dental services for primary students. Ross Island Early Risers Kiwanis Club-support for citizenship programs.

Community outreach - Grout students and Holgate residents living in the Odd Fellows Retirement Center form a bridge between age and cultures. Ongoing activities include written communication, visits to perform band and strings musical programs, drama productions, lunches, and ongoing holiday celebrations.

Staff works closely with each child's parents to develop a quality educational program to fit the strengths and needs of each child.

Parent volunteering is encouraged in order to build home/school relationships and to provide attention and support that is more individualized.

Students trained in technology to be peer helpers for using the Internet and build computer skills.

Cooperative learning, multiple intelligences, individual learning styles, cross grade level partnering activities and various types of groupings are incorporated throughout the instructional day.

Curriculum components

Reading Recovery - Selected first grade students receive intensive one-on-one reading instruction with follow through in second grade.

Certified teachers provide instruction in special education through the Educational Resource Center and English as a Second Language Program for students whose first language is other than English.

Our math program has a teacher peer-coaching component utilizing math specialists who work closely with our staff to provide ongoing in-service. The Balanced Approach to Math Model: Developing Number Sense Through Reasoning and Communication, Every Day Counts, Math Their Way, Box It and Bag It Math, Math in the Mind's Eye, the district's adopted math program are all incorporated into grade level lessons as appropriate.

Field trips at all grade levels throughout the community and the city. Fifth graders go on overnight trips to study the tide pools and marine science at OMSI's Camp Kiwanilong camping site.

Junior Great Books - Higher order thinking skills instruction to increase ALL students' skills in interpretive comprehension.

School-wide literacy program - 90 minutes of daily, small group instruction focusing on reading and writing skills. Public speaking and drama are included.

School-wide Accelerated Reading - Students read self selected books and novels at their own pace. Computer assisted on going assessment show student comprehension and enjoyment of literature progress.

Staff

Experienced master teachers continue their own professional development through all-school program goals.

Instructional planning at all grade levels articulated skills and tie them to benchmarks.

Collaborative staff plans for and actively participates in school wide reform. Staff's reform efforts and been recognized nationally through educational journals and presentations at conferences.

Parent and family support

Site Council meets regularly and feedback is communicated to larger community.

YMCA Day Care on site. Hours are from 6:30 am - 6:00 pm and include supervised care on most school closure days.

SUN Community School and PTA provide regular family events.

A variety of evening activities occurs to support parents' capacity to enhance their child's academic learning through six types of involvement: Parenting, Communication, Volunteering, Learning At Home, Decision Making, and Collaborating with the Community. Daycare is provided for all evening functions.

Evening grade curriculum events allow parents to discuss state and district assessments, benchmarks and homework expectations.

Evening Classes-Evening classes are offered for adults through the SUN/Community School Program. Such offerings might include yoga, watercolor, aerobics, and English class.

Special programs and features

SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) Program - Volunteers from business and the local community donate over 200 hours a month in order for kindergarten through second grade students to have individual tutors twice a week.

Specially designed Artist-in-Residence programs are developed to provide art activities.

ESL (English as a Second Language) program provides special help to students with a home language other than English in order to develop English language skills and to give access to mainstream curriculum.

In-School Theater Program - Nationally recognized theater director coaches students in the fine art of drama. Students write and produce original plays, incorporating music, dance and art. Evening performances for the community are held quarterly to showcase the students' talents for the larger community.

Full Day Kindergarten Program - Early reading and math learning is emphasized. Kindergarten students have access to a PE teacher, drama coach, speech pathologist and artist in residence programs. The teacher incorporates music and movement throughout the day to reinforce and teach new learning.

Saturday Academy - Students exceeding benchmarks have the opportunity to work with published authors and poets to engage in challenging writing experiences.

Reading Recovery is an early intervention program that helps students most at risk of reading failure and has intensive daily one-to-one instruction. These young learners develop effective strategies for reading and writing.

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