

GRANT STREET PRIMARY PRESS

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Bond Planning

On May 20th, the citizens of the school district voted 59% in favor and 41% opposed to the bond measure that would build a new K-5 elementary school. Unfortunately, the measure needed 60% to pass. The school board is now debating the merits and potential timing of making a second run at passing the bond, possibly as part of the November general election. Your voice and your opinion matters. The school board will be meeting again to discuss future plans in a study session on Monday June 9 at 6:00, and to take formal public comment in its regular session at 7:30. Please consider participating in this meeting. These plans WILL affect your child's education.

Student Placement

The Port Townsend School District has a specific policy in place that outlines the process schools must follow in assigning elementary school students to classrooms each year. The main premise of the policy is to provide equal opportunity to all students through creating balanced classrooms. You may review the school board policy and procedures in the school office or at Grant Street's website. If parents would like input into the placement process, they should contact the school office or pick up Parental Input forms in the school office. Parental input for fall placements are due June 2nd.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration is now open for the 2008-2009 school year. It helps us greatly to have students registered as soon as possible. We are offering a free backpack with some suggested summer activities with your registration. We offer half-day and full-day kindergarten. The full-day program requires parents to provide tuition for the second half of the day. Monthly all-day tuition is \$200, with lower fees for families who meet financial eligibility criteria.

As of today, we have 54 students registered for the fall. To register, please come to the school office with your child's birth certificate and immunization records. If you have any other questions, please call the school office at 379-4535.

ARE YOU MOVING????

If you are planning to relocate to a new home in another school district this summer, first of all, we will miss you and your child, but secondly, it will help us to plan for classes for the fall to know that we should not expect your child. Please call the school office at 379-4535 to let us know if you are moving.

Summer Reading

Summer is a great time for student to continue reading independently at home. Research clearly shows that students who continue regular reading during the summer months maintain reading skills better than students who do not. We encourage you to set some time aside 3-5 times a week for your student to read over the summer. The Port Townsend Library is offering summer reading programs for students. Visit www.cityofpt.us/library for information about their programs. And, watch for a free book and some ideas for summer reading coming home with your child the last week of school!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri., May 30 – Excellent Eagle/Terrific Kids Assembly – 9:30

Tues., June 3 – Final PTA Meeting of the Year – 6:30 PM at Grant Street

Wed., June 4 – 1:15 Dismissal – Last day for student activities

Fri., June 6 – Excellent Eagle/Volunteer Appreciation Assembly – 9:30

Wed., June 11 – Field Day / Barbecue Lunch – *Parents Welcome!*

Thurs., June 12 – 1:15 Dismissal

Thurs., - Kindergarten Graduation- 3:30 at Chetzemoka Park

Fri., June 13 – 11:15 Dismissal – Last day of school

Thurs., June 26 – Last Day the school office will be open.

Mon., Aug. 18 – Office Re-opens

Thurs., Aug. 28 – Class Lists Posted at 4 PM

Tues., Sept. 2 – School Resumes!