

GROVE SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES SPOTLIGHT

October 15th, 2020

ARTS & DRAMA

Congratulations to our cast! The Drama Department is working hard to bring this original play to life. This year's play is written by our very own Maggie Munday O., music score created by Devon A. and art design by Q. Look for more information on the community performance and live stream on Nov 12 and 13th.

Molly - Jordan on 11/13	Maggie Munday - Lina
TigerLili - Ruby	Jackson - Owen
Ben P - Augustus	Clementine - Chrissy
Max - Patrick	Amanda - Morgan
Dylan - Jordan on 11/12	Freddie - Jude
Mikey - Vernon	Sam - Darvin
Maren - Dehlila	Q - Sunny
Jess - Ivanna	

S.E.E.D

Hello, Grove Community! The coffee truck is proud to announce that we have hired many new employees and introduced brand-new products. We have brought Combos and Pumpkin Spice Coffee back to the Grove scene. We are also hoping to re-open the grill by Thanksgiving. I am delighted to announce that more and more customers have come to the truck, as we have expanded our hours as well! We are now open Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Put on a mask and come shop at the Hawk's Nest Cafe!

-Aiden C., Student Manager

SOCCER SEASON

Unfortunately due to health and safety risks, Grove and the other schools of the Coastal Prep League have postponed the fall varsity season, with the goal of holding it in the spring. Instead of competing against other schools this fall, we will play against each other as we hold weekly practices and scrimmages. In mid-to late October, we aim to hold an intramural tournament with teams comprised of students and staff. Since returning from August break, we have had a good student turn out for the weekly soccer sessions; usually 12-16 students per day as we play 3-5 times per week. Many students are returning players from previous years, but we have welcomed several new students into the squad, and the team appears to have a good core of talent and work ethic. We are hopeful more will join and that we will maintain the strong soccer culture at Grove School which we have enjoyed for so many years.



ESPORTS

Grove School continues to partner with the Electronic Gaming Federation for high school Esports. While interest this year has varied to start, we do have one student who is participating against players from all over the country in Super Smash Bros. In thinking about the future, Esports is a great activity for students to participate in during a time when high school sport participation varies across the country. With that said, we will continue to look for more opportunities for students to play and compete against other schools in games that are of more interest to them.



VERSE

October 15th will be the Fall Launch of our community literary magazine with over 10 new submissions from staff and students!

<https://verseliterary.wixsite.com/groveschool/blog/>

CLUBS

Fall Clubs have begun! At the start of the month, all students attended our Club Fair which took place outdoors. At this time, students made their selections from a wide variety of clubs: everything from Model UN, Drama, and Student Council to 3D Printing, Soccer, and The Starving Artist Café. Students are continuously held accountable to attend their two club selections on a weekly basis.



FALL CARNIVAL

This year's Fall Carnival community event was a success amidst COVID- safe practices! Students enjoyed an afternoon of our traditional carnival activities including pumpkin painting, henna tattoos, lawn games, blow-up obstacle course races, and a "count that candy corn" contest! New to this year's event was a mask tie-dyeing station, class picture project, and petting zoo extravaganza. All the while, students and staff alike filled up on tasty carnival-style treats- funnel cakes, buffalo cauliflower, and cotton candy to name a few of SAGE's festive menu items. A big thank you to Cassi D., our new Coordinator of Community Events, for facilitating a fantastic and fun celebration.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUB SHINES

Social Justice Club is off to a strong start. The club is meant to be a space where participants can come and discuss various identities, and how these identities interact in our community at school, at home, in our towns, states, and in our country. Members do not debate each other but rather speak our personal truths with the purpose of cultivating understanding and reflecting on our own lives to promote a culture of better conduct towards each other. The Club is headed by teachers/residential staff Curt M. and Alazaih E. Student leaders are helping to drive the discussion towards what is relevant for the student body and will have the opportunity to lead the discussions as we move forward. In addition, therapist Taffy B. and Education Director Mr. Ruggiero contribute to the many unique insights and perspectives of the group. All of these staff and students have come together to take part in a process that can be applied to their personal lives and in their own contexts. Members do not shy away from difficult topics but embrace them as opportunities to know more and to find the humanity in all of us as we form our own thoughts and opinions about the world around us. Students in the club are already bringing their own projects to the group, such as selling Black Lives Matters masks. The club itself is not one that subscribes to any political organization but we can certainly share and celebrate any student's independent efforts to engage in civic involvement.



JDRF TURKEY BOWL

This year Grove will host its sixth annual flag football tournament, the "Turkey Bowl", to support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Students and staff will support the organization in weeks leading up to the intramural tournament by having the opportunity to purchase bracelets and paper sneakers for the cause. The tournament will take place on October 19th-21st, from 3:20-4:30 pm each day. Staff and students should start to gather their teammates and look out for announcements to sign up in the coming weeks!



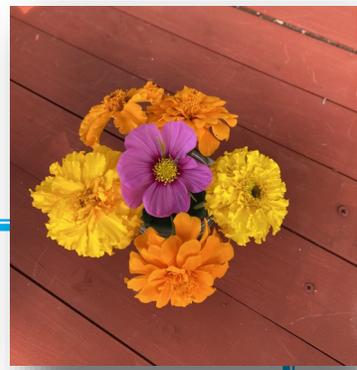
HOBBY FARM

Growth and improvement have been the main themes around the Hobby Farm this Fall. The farm has maintained the health and well being of the animals as we transition seasons, and students are adding exercise into some of the animals routines. Students have new daily duck walking duties where students walk with the ducks around the farm while they stretch their legs and explore for bugs. In addition, a new student job of Peacock tender has been introduced to responsibilities– the tender spends time with our two new baby peacocks, providing a calm and peaceful presence to aid in decreasing the animals’ fear of humans and to help foster human-animal bonds.

Animal care is not the only part of the farm that is expanding. Gardening and landscaping aspects on the farm are really growing

as well. Students have been tasked with reclaiming and re-designing the stream that runs through the farm. Our student landscaping crew is using materials on the farm to make numerous improvements to the area– adding soil to level off the ground in certain areas, as well as trenching out and reinforcing the new layout. Nearly the entire project has been designed and constructed by the students.

Students continue to harvest string beans, tomatoes, and even jalapeno peppers from the farm’s gardens beds. They have also been collecting flowers from the farm. You may have seen some of the students creation around campus in the main office and welcome center. These beautiful bouquets were grown, cut, designed, and distributed by the hobby farm students. Students have taken great pride in their improvements in these areas.



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