

A Marine Area Community School grove ELEMENTARY

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OUR MISSION

Grove Elementary will utilize the natural resources, history, arts, and civic stewardship of the community as a foundation for the study of language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, physical education, art, and other curriculum subjects.

The place-based learning environment will be student centered, designed by teachers, and reinforced and supported by the local community.

Next Board Meeting:

The next meeting is Saturday, April 15, 9:30am, at the Marine Town Hall (next to the General Store). All are welcome!



Staying Up to Date

The Federal CSP Grant

Good news regarding the Federal Charter School Program (CSP) start-up grant will be released very soon. New charter schools are eligible to apply for CSP grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$225,000 (depending on the number of enrolled students) each year for up to three years. The grants are federal dollars administered by state departments of education.

The Latest on Grove's Location

We are currently reviewing a lease with the Wilder Foundation for the use of the Wilder Forest buildings, which are located on Norell Avenue about six miles southwest of Marine and about nine miles northwest of downtown Stillwater.

We plan to be at the May Township Planning Commission meeting on April 27 and to the Town Board on May 4 for consideration of a conditional use permit and zoning text amendment.



Teacher and Administrator Hiring Continues!

Grove posted position descriptions for classroom teachers and its school administrator in early February. We are thrilled about the many wonderful and highly qualified applicants! Interviews are underway, and the MACS board met in a closed session on Sunday, April 3, to discuss moving forward with offers.

While we can't say much more at this time due to confidentiality rules, we hope our growing community feels assured that the staff at Grove will be remarkable leaders of our children's learning journey!

Enrollment Update and Open House

We are getting closer every day to making a final determination on class sizes (expected at the next board meeting). We need to evaluate the space carefully before any final determination is made. After the board gives approval for class sizes, we will be able to send enrollment packets out to the students who are on the lists and fall within the class size. Enrollment forms will be sent out by the end of April.

We recognize that parents will want to tour the space and meet some of the teachers before making final decisions about enrolling their kids. After our lease has been signed, we plan to host an open house to allow students, parents, and community members the opportunity to visit the facility and meet some of our teachers and the school administrator.

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