

GRANT WEEKLY BULLETIN

MARCH 19-23

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH

Tuesday	3/20	Author Gretchen Woelfle Speaks to Grant Students 2 nd Grade Chat with the Principal – 8:45 - Cafeteria
Thursday	3/22	Stairways of the Stars – 7 PM – Civic Auditorium
Friday	3/23	Stairways of the Stars – 7 PM – Civic Auditorium
Tuesday	3/27	3 rd Grade Chat with the Principal – 8:45 - Cafeteria
Wednesday	3/28	Kindergarten Roundup – 8 AM – Auditorium Measure BB Grant Oversight Committee Meeting – 4 PM – Library (All are invited)
Friday	3/30	Jogathon Donations Due!
March 31-April 15		Spring Vacation

ANOTHER SPECTACULAR JOGATHON!...Your children should have brought home the Jogathon Sponsor sheets and prize sheets. This is the time to sign up grandma and grandpa, Uncle Al, some of your co-workers and that cousin in Florida who owes you “big time!” Each will sponsor your little tykes as they run, jog and walk for 30 minutes. You will have until March 30th, to collect the money. Last year we raised almost \$45,000, and netted about \$38,000. All proceeds will go for school related items, including, Instructional Assistants, school supplies, field trips, computers in the classrooms, our Arts program, and other important areas that help our kids.

AUTHOR GRETCHEN WOELFLE...will visit Grant Library on **March 20** and give four presentations to our Kindergarten thru third graders. If you would like to pre order one of her books, please fill out the flyer that came home with your child. Checks made out to her can be returned to the library. Gretchen will personally autograph the book you purchase on the day she is here. Additional flyers can be obtained in the library.

CHATS WITH THE PRINCIPAL SERIES - CONTINUES...Our next Chat with the Principal will take place on Tuesday, March 20. All second grade parents are urged to attend and participate in a very informative discussion on curriculum, state testing, Measure BB and other topics. All chats begin at 8:45 in the auditorium.

March 20 – 2nd Grade

March 27 – 3rd Grade

April 17 – 4th Grade

April 24 – 5th Grade

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28...KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP...The high school graduating class of 2020 (wow!), has Kindergarten Roundup on Wednesday, beginning at 8 a.m. All new kindergarten parents for next year should attend this important orientation. We will talk about kindergarten and Grant School, answer questions, pass out information and give a school tour. Most importantly, registration packets will be handed out and appointment times given. If you have any questions please call the office for information.

LOOK FOR THE GRANT GAZETTE...Coming soon, our fourth edition of this year’s Grant Gazette.

YOU CAN DOWNLOAD OUR GRANT WEEKLY BULLETIN...By going to www.grant.smmusd.org, you are able to download the Grant Weekly Bulletin. After spring break we will be asking parents if they want to go paperless with the Friday E-Packet. Stay tuned.

ED FOUNDATION GOLDEN RAFFLE WINNERS - ONE WEEK LEFT...Congratulations to last week's popcorn party winners - Ms. Croft's class won with over 100% participation. Congratulations to Betsy Brady in Ms. Spanos & Ms. Ware's class! She won the movie tickets. Only one week left! Please remember to get your tickets in no later than Wednesday, March 21st! The class with the greatest percentage participation will win a pizza party! The final raffle winners will be selected at the beginning of the Stairway to the Stars event, which will be held at the SM Civic Auditorium at 7:20 p.m. on Friday, March 23rd. Keep up the great work in selling those raffle tickets! It's all for a great cause.

MEASURE BB UPDATE

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP....The presentation delivered to the Board of Education at the March 10th workshop regarding the Facilities Master Plan is available for public view at www.OurSchoolPlan.com <<http://www.OurSchoolPlan.com>> . Members of the community can also email (through that website) questions/comments for board consideration.

GRANT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WILL MEET WITH CONSULTANTS ON MARCH 28...A critical meeting to discuss the priorities for Grant School will take place on Wednesday, March 28, at 4 pm, in the library. Anyone interested in being part of the Grant Oversight Committee is welcome to attend. We will discuss the critical projects that occur at Grant in the next three years. Please email me if you can make it on the 28th.

DO YOU WANT TO HELP YOUR CHILD PREARE FOR THE STATE TESTS IN MAY?...If you to go this website from the California Department of Education you can take a look at actual questions in grades 2-11 from previous tests.

1. www.cde.ca.gov
2. Select "Testing and Accountability"
3. Go to Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR)
4. Select "Program Resources"
5. Select "California Standards Released Questions"
6. Find the appropriate grade level

PLAY KICKBALL!...Our third sports season began last week. We had a massive turnout for the Kickball League. 105 2nd and 3rd graders are participating in the Junior Kickball League, and a record 140 4th and 5th graders have signed up. Kickball rules include pitching to your own team, thus speeding up the game. Believe it or not, the kids are able to play 5-7 innings in about 20 minutes! No balls, no strikes and no arguing! Here is a look at this year's kickball team names:

Junior League: Angels, Igloo Aliens, Flaming Tigers, Buff Penguins, Medieval Minnies and Super Bobbleheads

Major League: Goth Barbies, Cookie Monsters, The Red Suckers, The Alphabet, Flaming Ice Cubes and Elmo's World

COMING SOON...New agreed upon policies for donations to classroom teachers and nutrition requirements for classroom parties.

FINALLY...It's been a rough couple of weeks for your principal. There's a lot going on in the district and at Grant. As we enter the final third of the year my thoughts are already looking forward to next year. Will we lose a teacher or keep all 29? What will be the response from new kindergarten families? How do we keep focused for all the events, testing, and other activities at Grant? Will we earn enough money from Jogathon and the Carnival/Silent Auction to maintain all our outstanding programs? And, do I have enough time to meet with parents who have important issues and concerns to share with me? And just as I am thinking, "very early retirement," the following heartens me:

- ❖ A PTA Honorary Service Awards where twelve parents and teachers were eloquently and lovingly feted for their extraordinary achievements at Grant School.
- ❖ A group of incredibly dedicated teachers who try so hard to meet all the demands of the district, state and parents while making learning challenging, motivational and fun.
- ❖ Very hardworking parents who spend countless hours organizing events, chairing committees and generally rolling up their collective sleeves to raise money, monitor programs and serve our kids.
- ❖ And wonderful kids who want nothing more than to do their best and enjoy coming to Grant.

