

GRANT WEEKLY BULLETIN

MARCH 26-30

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH

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| 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 Break |

NEWS, NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOGATHON!...One more week to turn in your donations. We sent out a Jogathon Sponsor sheet in the Friday packet (just in case). There is a box in the office where you can drop off your donation checks or cash. This is a big fundraiser for Grant School. There are great prizes for the kids. We hope you will be able to help.

CHATS WITH THE PRINCIPAL SERIES - CONTINUES...Our next Chat with the Principal will take place on Tuesday, March 27. All third 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 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.

MEASURE BB UPDATE

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.

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.

FIESTA DE MAYO CARNIVAL/SILENT AUCTION UPDATES

SILENT AUCTION UPDATE...Calling ALL PARENTS with a few hours to spare over the second week of spring break...We need help painting the cafeteria. That's right! We will be painting the cafeteria!!! We will have our first meeting to discuss details, paint colors, etc. at 8:30 am, Wednesday, March 28th.

If you've been in the cafeteria lately, you know how bad the walls look. Help us make it look beautiful before the silent auction. The district has authorized painting, but if we don't want to wait until next year...WE HAVE TO DO IT OURSELVES! We need both professional and amateur painters. Bring your kids to play on the playground. We will begin Monday, April 9th and hope to finish by Wednesday, April 11th. If you can help, please call or e-mail Elizabeth Kruis: 310.399.2232, or ee.kruis@verizon.net.

WANTED: USED BOOKS, DVD'S AND VIDEOS...Here's some motivation to jump-start your spring-cleaning. We need gently used books, CD's, DVD's, videos and video games to sell at the Fiesta de Mayo Carnival. Please drop off these items in the school front office. There will be a box labeled, "Books, etc for Carnival." If you have questions, please call Thelma, at 310.399.6065, or e-mail tjfelstiner@aol.com.

HELP WANTED...Some parents are always asking, "How I can help?" Here are some tasks that can use some talented parents. I need parents to help with the following jobs:

Community Service Learning Committee – I need 4-6 parents to head the Community Service Learning Committee for 2007-2008. Requirements include: organizational skills, a big heart and the willingness to help kids do good deeds for those less fortunate.

Fiesta de Mayo Carnival Volunteers – There are several jobs that need help. Working carnival booths, ticket distribution, set up and clean up crews, food, prizes, and silent auction. If you can help call Jennifer Lax, at 310.392.7886

Muralists – We have four handball walls that are begging for mural projects. This is a end of school or summer project that requires artistic talent, the ability to coax other parents and children to help, an imagination, and a sense of color, design and vision.

Information Technology – Now that we have our website up and running, we need parents to input parent information to create a data bank of families that want to go to a paperless "e-Packet" every Friday.

Painters – We can't wait for the district to paint our school. I need painters to repaint our dingy and dirty hallways. The district will supply the paint and rollers, we need volunteers! This is a summer project.

Closet Organizers – We've got many "cubby hole closets" that have lots of items that are cluttering the space. I need organizers who can reorganize the closets, bins and other storage areas to maximize the area and give us the room to store things. Another summer project.

If you can help in any of these areas, please let me know: friedenberg@smmusd.org

COMING EVENTS...As we get ready for a well-deserved Spring Break, here's a sneak preview for the month of April:

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| Tuesday | 4/17 | 4 th Grade Chat with the Principal |
| Thursday | 4/19 | Science Assemblies – "Up, Up and Away" – Kickoff for Science Expo |
| Friday | 4/20 | 5 th Grade Play for Grant Students |
| Saturday | 4/21 | 5 th Grade Play |
| Tuesday | 4/24 | 5 th Grade Chat with the Principal |
| Friday | 4/27 | Bingo Night |
| Monday | 4/30 | Awards Assembly |

GRANT READATHON...If you have not finished reading books for your passport, we have good news! We have extended the Readathon until April 20th. So keep on reading over spring break. Write down the titles and turn your passports into the library the week we come back from vacation.

IL FORNO...is the March restaurant of the month (Sun-Thurs, 3/25 - 3/29) - Please support Grant by dining at Il Forno. 20% of the bill will be donated to Grant Elementary (excludes alcohol). Please mention Grant before dining. Il Forno - 2901 Ocean Park Blvd. (near Starbucks) (310) 450-1241 Any questions, call Janie Docter (310) 452-0982.

A BIG THANK YOU...to Nestle USA for the recent donations of Juicy Juice and Power Bars to replenish our classroom earthquake kits. Nestle USA also donated 1,700 .5L bottles of Arrowhead water. Thank you to Richard Turk and Desmond Bunting for driving to Mira Loma to retrieve the water donation. Also, thanks to Mark Choi for offering to make the trip. The Arrowhead water will be used for classroom earthquake kits as well as for sale at events like Carnival, Bingo Nights and Monster Mash, which will help raise money for the PTA/BOOSTER Club.

THANK YOU PTA/BOOSTER CLUB...For purchasing a new copier for our school. The \$21,000 purchase gives us a new copy machine without lease payments. All we will have to pay is \$3,600 for yearly maintenance, saving almost \$8,000 on our old copy machine's lease and maintenance contracts. Your parent donations at work!