

GRANT WEEKLY BULLETIN

APRIL 30 – MAY 4
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 4/30 Awards Assembly – Upper – 9:00, Primary – 10:30, Kindergarten – 12:30
After School Enrichment Program Session #3

A LOOK AT MAY

Tuesday 5/1 PTA Meeting – 8:45 AM
Thursday 5/3 5th Grade Chat with the Principal – 8:45 AM – Auditorium
Science Expo Workshop – 3-4 PM - Cafeteria
African American Student-Parent Group Meeting – 6 PM – Library
Wednesday 5/9 ELAC – 8:30 AM – Cafeteria
5th Grade Picnic Committee Meeting – Library – 6:30 PM
Thursday 5/10 CREST Art Show – 5 PM
Saturday 5/19 Fiesta de Mayo Carnival and Silent Auction – 1-7 PM
Tuesday 5/22 Jump Rope Assembly – 9:15 and 10:30 AM - Auditorium
Drop Off Science Projects in Auditorium – All Day
Wednesday 5/23 Minimum Day: Kindergarten – 8:25-12:15, 1st-5th Grades – 8:25-1:15 PM
Open House and Science Expo – 6:30-9:00 PM
Monday 5/28 Memorial Day Holiday
Wednesday 5/30 Jump Rope for the Heart Association
Thursday 5/31 Parent Volunteer Breakfast

WANTED: KINDERGARTNERS FOR NEXT YEAR

Our Kindergarten Roundup netted the lowest total of students ever at Grant. Currently we have 60 new kindergarten students. Last year at this time we had about 85 students. We have room for 100 students. If we do not meet our numbers we may have to reduce our kindergarten from five to four classes. I am asking all Grant parents who know anyone with a kindergarten age child to talk it up and remind these parents to register their children for kindergarten. This is new territory for us and there's still plenty of time – but the trend of declining enrollment may have reached Geckoland. Please email me with any names that you may have to help our kindergarten or 1st-5th grade enrollment. Thank you.

JOGATHON COMMITTEE, GRANT PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS... This Sunday APRIL 29th, at 1pm, is our annual Count the Money Day. I need about 8-10 people to join me in completing all the calculations. With a group, we can be done in 2-3 hours.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY... Our third Awards Assembly will take place this Monday, April 30th. All parents of students being recognized will be notified this week. We will also honor players of the Junior and Major Kickball Leagues championship teams. The upper grade assembly begins at 9:00 a.m., the primary awards assembly starts at 10:30 a.m., and the kindergarten ceremony will take place at 12:30 p.m.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT GRANT... We are offering 26 classes including five new ones for the After School Enrichment Program's third and final session that will begin Monday, April 30. The cost of a six-week class is \$50. Please bring all completed applications to the office. Scholarships will be available for those who need financial assistance.

SCIENCE EXPO UPDATE ... We hope all the kids are excited about participating in this year's Science Expo May 23rd. PTA will host our first Science Expo Workshop on Thursday, May 3rd from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. This is a great time to get started on your project. Science boards to display the project will be available at the workshop or the front office. Have fun experimenting!

THE FIFTH GRADE CHAT WITH THE PRINCIPAL... will be held on Thursday, May 3, at 8:45 a.m. in the auditorium. We will focus on the 5th Grade Celebration and Picnic. All members of the Celebration Committee are urged to come, as we will begin planning the June 20th graduation. Also, we will talk about the upcoming events with JAMS. Finally, we would like to discuss the huge success of the 5th grade play and hear an update about the Self-Portrait Mural and the 5th Grade Memory Book. Important stuff. Don't miss the meeting!

4TH GRADE NEWS... We have secured a date and location for next year's 5th Grade Outdoor Science Camp. The date will be February 12-16, at Blue Sky Meadow Outdoor Science School in Big Bear. Get your snow gear!

TALENT SHOW NEWS... Rehearsals begin next week. If you signed up for rehearsal on Mondays we will be meeting after school in the auditorium. If you signed up for Wednesdays our rehearsal will be held in the cafeteria. We are also looking for parents to help with the show. We especially need to find a skilled parent to videotape and edit the show. If you would like to help, please contact Dorie Gsell (tggsell@aol.com). Were looking forward to a terrific show!!

BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT THE FIESTA DE MAYO...As a fundraising effort and countdown to the Fiesta Del Mayo, Mrs. Takashima's class, will be hosting a bake sale on **TUESDAY, MAY 1, AT 2:50 IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.** Please show your support and treat yourself to some homemade goodness! Contact room rep Paola Levenson with any questions 310.399.5856

A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ROOM 74...The students of Ms. Ramsey's third grade class will be collecting clean towels, sheets and assorted dog and cat treats for the Santa Monica and West Los Angeles animal shelters. If you are doing your spring-cleaning and have some of these items please bring them to Room 74.

TESTING SCHEDULE...From May 2-18, all second through fifth graders throughout California will be taking the California Standards Tests (CST). Third grade has the privilege of also taking the California Aptitude Test. (CAT 6). There was one mistake in last week's published schedule, 4th grade math tests will be given May 8 & 9. Please make sure your children get a good night's sleep, eat a hearty breakfast and come to school with a positive outlook. Remember, testing is fun! Please make sure your child arrives on time so that he or she will not miss any of the tests. There will be absolutely no interruptions to class when testing begins each day. Thanks for your support.

2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	5 th Grade
May 3 – Language Arts 1	May 2 – Language Arts 1	May 3 – May Language Arts 1
May 8 – Language Arts 2	May 3 – Language Arts 2	May 4 – Language Arts 2
May 10 – Language Arts 3	May 4 – Language Arts 3	May 8 – Science 1
May 14 – Math 1	May 8 – Math 1	May 9 Science 2
May 15 – Math 2	May 9 – Math 2	May 15 – Math 1
May 16 – Math 3	May 10 – Math 3	May 16 – Math 2
2nd Grade (Hopkins)	May 14 – CAT 6 – Language Arts	
May 3 – Language Arts 1	May 15 – CAT 6 – Spelling and Math	
May 8 – Language Arts 2		
May 9 – Language Arts 3	4th Grade	
May 10 – Math 1	May 2 – Language Arts 2	
May 15 – Math 2	May 3 – Language Arts 1	
May 16 – Math 3	May 8 – Math 1	
	May 9 – Math 2	

PTA – BOOSTER CLUB AND CARNIVAL/SILENT AUCTION NEWS

PTA/BOOSTER CLUB MEETING, TUESDAY MAY 1st, 8:45 a.m. - READING LAB...The highlights of this meeting will be voting on next year's slate of PTA Officers and approving our BOOSTER CLUB 2007/2008, \$275,000 budget.

A BIG THANK YOU...to the following parents for agreeing to take on a leadership position next year. The PTA SLATE for 2007/2008 is: President - Becky Turk; EVP - Lisa Blodgett; VP Communications - Monicka Guevara, VP Parent/Student Involvement - Patti Braun; VP Enrichment - Helene Von Schrieber Morgan; VP Health & Safety - Stephanie Furlong; VP Celebrations - Alisa Bunting; Co-Recording Secretaries - Dorie Meek & Dana Newman; Financial Secretary - Julia Ting; Treasurer - Debbie Wong; Auditor - Laurie Charchut; Historian - Nancy Lamell; Parliamentarian - Kristin Kanjo.

OUR BIGGEST PARTY OF THE YEAR THE FIESTA de MAYO...is only 3 weeks away. Our Carnival Chairs Jennifer Lax and Leesa Zelken and our Silent Auction Chairs Elizabeth Krus and Belita Chesler have been working tirelessly for months planning the Fiesta. Now, we need **everyone's** participation to make this event a success. Our kids are counting on us. Some important notes:

THE CARNIVAL GAME CONTEST IS ON...A flyer with all the rules went home last Friday. Entries are due Monday, April 30th. Please get creative and share your fun, original idea with us. Winners receive \$25 in carnival tickets. Any questions, Jennifer Lax 310-392-7886.

PARENTS...We need your Silent Auction Donations Now! The Silent Auction is May 19th. Please don't put it off any longer! Donation forms are available in the office or by emailing ee.krus@verizon.net.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE...to support the Carnival and Silent Auction. A Carnival Sponsorship form is coming home today. Silent Auction donation forms are available on the rolling board at the front of the school. The more sponsorships and donations, the bigger the profit for the Fiesta. All proceeds from the Fiesta support essential programs for our kids.

IS THERE A CARPENTER/HANDYMAN OUT THERE? One of our Carnival games is in desperate need of some TLC. It needs sanding, painting and a few minor adjustments. If you could help out with this before May 19, please contact Jennifer Lax 310-392-7886.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT BOOTH...We've already received several bins of stuff! What a great start. There are only three weeks left to bring in your new and used books, videos, DVD's, CD's, games for computers, X-box, Game Cube, etc...The more we receive, the more we can sell...This is the perfect opportunity to clean out your closets, drawers and garages and donate the items to a good cause. Thanks for your ongoing support. If you have any questions, please call Thelma Felstiner at 310.399.6065.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!...One of the best parts of the Carnival is the BAKE SALE. We need everyone to plan to buy/bake his or her favorite cookie, brownie, or dessert bar for the Fiesta. Bring your treats Friday, May 18th or Saturday morning May 19th. Remember: baking is a great way to spend time with your kids and help the school at the same time. Questions, please call Cydney Kirschbaum 310-396-1081.

VOLUNTEERS...Each classroom will be assigned a booth for the carnival. A sign-up sheet will be posted outside of each classroom beginning May 4th. Please take the time to stop by your child's classroom and volunteer for a shift. We will also need volunteers Friday May 18th after school and Saturday May 19th 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. for set-up. If you prefer to clean-up, we need you to plan on Saturday May 19th 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. or Sunday May 20th 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. Thanks in advance for your help!!!

