

GRANT WEEKLY BULLETIN

MAY 7-11

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday	5/9	ELAC – 8:30 AM – Cafeteria 5 th Grade Picnic Committee Meeting – Library – 6:30 PM
Thursday	5/10	CREST Art Show – 5 PM
Thursday	5/17	Science Expo Workshop – 3 PM – Cafeteria – Snacks Included – Free Project Boards
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, 1 st -5 th 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

KINDERGARTEN COUNT...69 kids (up from 59) – Target 100. Three parents didn't realize that if they are on permit with an older child that their incoming kindergarten children also counted. Once you have been accepted on permit you are automatically part of Grant and all siblings can enroll at Grant. If we can get to the mid-80's by June 1, we will be OK. Spread the word.

JOGATHON RAISES \$45,626...Once again the spirit of the O'Jogathon brought success, fun, cheer, sportsmanship, a true sense of community and a record amount of donations to Grant School. The limo ride and lunch with the principal and prize distribution date will be after Open House. Every student will receive a special Jogathon water bottle and Leprechaun mascot. With 99% of the precincts reporting, we made \$45,626, plus \$3000 in sponsorships. The participation was amazing.

- 329 students (47% of the students generated donations of \$10 or greater.
- 25 students qualified for the Grand Prize Limo Ride
- 51 students qualified for our special edition sweatshirt
- Students earned 257 money dips, 265 book cards and 120 movie passes.

Our success was a direct result of the incredible parent participation. Special thanks to Bob Ginsberg for water & popsicle coordination & donation and to Scott Norris for making sure we had great music for motivation. Thank you to Mr. Friedenbergh for bringing this event to the school and for helping me coordinate and prepare the Jogathon. A final thanks goes out to the Peter Meza Family for their assistance in preparing the names for the back of the shirt. Our local sponsors were crucial to the success of our fundraiser and their generosity is truly a direct benefit to our kids. We can thank them by patronizing their businesses or consulting with their services: BOB'S MARKET for the popsicles, GARY LIMJAP of Coldwell Banker for the Jogathon t-shirts, COLIN MEDUZIA OF Coldwell Banker for the water bottles and Mr. OCHOA owner of Yum Yum Donuts. This past weekend, the Jogathon Counting Committee (Tom Charchut, Jennifer Love, Kathy Ruff, Clare Thomas & Nora Lyons) spent Sunday totaling the results, breaking down the donation distribution and determining what students earned in prizes.

SCIENCE FAIR WORKSHOP...If you missed the last one, we'll be having a final Science Fair Workshop on Thursday, May 17th. There will be demonstrations, references and help to complete your science fair projects. We'll meet in the cafeteria from 3:00-4:30pm. Snacks will be provided. Extra packets can be picked up at the front office or at this workshop. If you have any questions about the Science Fair please call Stephanie Furlong (310) 396-6888. **SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS ARE DUE MAY 22.**

TESTING SCHEDULE...Testing continues this week. Here is the testing schedule for May 7-11

2nd Grade: May 10 & 11 (Language Arts)

2nd Grade (Hopkins): May 8 & 9 (Language Arts), May 10 (Math)

3rd Grade: May 8-10 (Math)

4th Grade: May 8 & 9 (Math)

5th Grade: May 8 & 9 (Science)

TALENT SHOW NEWS...Talent Show 2007 is scheduled for Friday, June 1, at 7:00 pm, and Saturday, June 2 at 2:00 pm. We will be doing the full show both days. We have completed our first week of rehearsals and we're off to a great start! I would like to ask if we could have the kids who are signed up from 3:30 on to come at least fifteen minutes prior to their scheduled time. As we approach the show we will need many helpers. If you would like to help, please contact Dorie Gsell at tggsell@aol.com. We are still on the lookout for someone who is willing and able to videotape and edit the show.

PTA – CARNIVAL & SILENT AUCTION NEWS

SILENT AUCTION UPDATE...Get ready to **Bid For Your Kids!** The Silent Auction is almost here and it's better than ever. Look for our first ever raffle: Grand Prize: a 32" High Definition Flat Panel LCD TV! Second Prize: Ipod Nano with iM3 docking station, speakers and wireless remote! **Top Auction Items Include:**

- **Dodger Club Seats with Buffet Dinner**
- **Dinner for Two at the Lobster**
- **Dinner for Two at Melisse**
- **Dinner for Two at Josie**
- **Brunch for Four at the Peninsula Beverly Hills**
- **A Round of Golf for Three at Wilshire Country Club**
- **Ski Weeks in Sun Valley Idaho and Taos, New Mexico**
- **A Softball Party Starring Mr. Friedenberg!**

But wait . . . there's more: We have something for everyone this year---gift certificates for grocery shopping, Disneyland tickets, spa treatments, a brand new American Girl doll, summer camps, classes, lots of shopping gift certificates, fine dining, family dining. You'll have to see it to believe it. Please contact Elizabeth (ee.kruis@verizon.net) if you would like a working version of the catalogue emailed to you.

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS!...The deadline has been extended to Friday, May 11th. We are still looking for concert/theatre/sporting event tickets, restaurants, hotels, and more.

OUR BIGGEST PARTY OF THE YEAR THE FIESTA de MAYO...is MAY 19th. Only 2 weeks away. We need **everyone's** participation to make this event a success. Remember your kids are counting on you.

VOLUNTEERS!!!...Each classroom has been assigned a booth for the carnival. A sign-up sheet is posted outside of each classroom. 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!!!

SPONSORS!!!!... It is not too late to support the Carnival and Silent Auction. Carnival Sponsorship forms went home last week; extra forms are available in the office. 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.

THANK YOU!!!!... To our first Carnival Sponsors: Donna Hykamp, Mrs. Takashima's 4/5 Grade Class, Mrs. Hopkins 1/2 Grade Class, and the Braun Family.

CARPENTER/HANDYMAN!!!!...WE ARE DESPARATE. One of our Carnival games needs some TLC - sanding, painting and a few minor adjustments. If you could help out, please contact Jennifer Lax 310-392-7886 ASAP.

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 or Barbara Van Ardell 310-450-9934.

PARENTS OF FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS...This week your child should have brought home a flyer regarding drinks for the Fiesta de Mayo. We are calling on all fourth grade students to bring in six-packs (12 packs and 24 packs are welcome) of their favorite sodas. Classes that bring in 50 6-packs or more will have a popcorn party. Please do your part to make the Fiesta a thirst-quenching day. Call Diana Stephens (310) 450-2092 if you have any questions.

CALLING ALL MOMS...who would like to join us in the talent show!!! If you like to sing (even if it's only in the shower), WE WANT YOU!!! The only requirement is a desire to have fun with your fellow moms and attend a few rehearsals. Please call or e-mail Lynn Kilroy with your interest, contact information (e-mail, phone numbers) and rehearsal availability. Either Lynn or Dorie Meek will get back to you. LBKilroy@aol.com or 310-880-6778

WAY TO GO...Mrs. Takashima's 4th and 5th graders, we raised \$320.00 for Fiesta. A huge thanks to all the students that helped sell, and my wonderful co-workers Victoria Garcia and Charmaine Fiorentini. Great Job! - Paola Levenson