

GRANT WEEKLY BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 21-25

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday	9/22	Gift Wrap Kickoff Assembly
Wednesday	9/23	Parent Learning Resource Network (PLRN) Meeting 8:30 AM Minimum Day: Kindergarten: 8:24-12:15, 1st-5th - 8:24-1:15 pm Back to School Night: 3rd-5th - 6:45-8:30 pm – Auditorium
Friday	9/25	El Mes De La Hispanidad – 2-4 PM
Monday	9/28	School Holiday
Wednesday	9/30	Parent Volunteer Orientation - 8:45 AM – Auditorium Booster Club Meeting - 7 PM – Library

NEWS, NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPPER GRADE PARENTS GO BACK TO SCHOOL!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT...After a rousing primary grade Back to School Night we are now ready for the big kids! This Wednesday, **September 23rd**, is Back to School Night for the third through fifth grades at Grant School. **Child Care WILL NOT be provided for Wednesday, September 23rd, 3rd-5th Back to School Night, Here** is the schedule for the evening:

6:00-6:40	Special Day Class and Resource Class Teacher Presentations (Ihrig, O'Meara and O'Connor)
6:45-7:30	Teacher & Staff Introductions, Address by the Principal & PTA, Booster Club, ELAC, AASPG -Auditorium
7:30-8:30	Classroom Parent/Teacher Meetings, Room Rep Presentation

******MINIMUM DAY – SEPTEMBER 23RD, FOR ALL STUDENTS**...Just a reminder, that this Wednesday, September 23rd, is a minimum day at Grant. All students will follow the special schedule: **Kindergarten: 8:24-12:15** **Grades 1-5: 8:24-1:15**

PARENT LEARNING RESOURCE MEETING...Please come to the first Parent Learning Resource Network (PLRN) meeting of the year. We are excited to come together again and explore issues, which affect our very diverse learning differences and special needs community at Grant. We look forward to seeing you, on Wednesday, September 23rd at 8:30AM. Please let us know if you will need childcare. (kimcalifornia@gmail.com / 310-283-5345)

TARDEADA – CELEBRATING SPANISH HERITAGE MONTH...Please join English Learners Committee (ELAC), and the Latino community at Grant to celebrate EL MES DE LA HISPANIDAD next FRIDAY, September 25th, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Come taste delicious dishes (we will distribute recipes), sing and dance to our happy music and learn about our rich cultures. If you would like to participate, please contact Elena Uliantzeff Elena Uliantzeff <euliantzeff@smmusd.org>, (310) 450-7651 or Monicka (monickaguevara@yahoo.com>, (310) 399-5903

PARENT VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION...On Wednesday, September 30th, at 8:45 a.m., all parents planning to volunteer in the classroom, on the playground, in the library, the cafeteria or the office are cordially invited to the Grant Parent Volunteer Orientation. We will discuss the opportunities to volunteer during the day, your responsibilities, and what you need to do to qualify (TB test, forms) to volunteer at Grant. Our goal is to have every parent give a minimum of 10 hours to the school this year.

LATTE START CAFÉ TEAM WANTED...We are looking for parents to commit to **ONLY 6** Fridays for the entire year. It's easy. It's fun. And the kids will truly love you! Did I mention it was only **6** times? Please contact Mark Choi @ (213)713-2378, and he will gladly explain how and why Latte Start Café is a great way to get involved at Grant.

LATTE START CAFÉ OFFICIALLY OPENS FOR BUSINESS...Come hungry, and leave satisfied. Muffins, bagels, croissants, hot coco and other goodies will be served. We will also serve great tasting latte, cappuccino, espresso and coffee. The prices are low as McDonalds, but the quality is as good as Starbucks – money back guaranteed! In front of the school from 8AM.

5TH GRADE PARENT MEETING MOVED TO OCTOBER 6...Our 5th grade parent meeting to discuss the activities and parent committees for the exciting fifth grade year has been changed from September 29 to October 6, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. A flyer will go home the last week of September to all fifth grade parents about the meeting.

MAGAZINES – GIFTWRAP & MORE...Hold off on those Magazine renewals and Giftwrap purchases for just another week. We will begin one of our biggest Fundraiser programs of the year on SEPTEMBER 22nd. Look for the INNISBROOK package that will come home with your child. Start thinking of magazine presents for birthdays, renewals for the house, grandparents and friends too. GREEN FUNDRAISING & ECONOMY STIMULATING – as we all look to be more eco conscious feel good about buying RECYCLED PAPER mostly MADE IN USA and PLANTING TREES.

JOIN CUB SCOUTING!...Do you enjoy camping, hiking, playing games, learning new skills, and having lots of fun? Then come check out Grant's own Cub Scout Pack 12. Our first pack meeting of the school year will be Thursday, September 17th at 6:30p.m. in the Grant School cafeteria. First graders are invited to join and form new dens, and boys in all grades are invited to join our existing dens. Stop by our table at Back to School night on September 16th to find out more, or call Rich Turk at 310-581-4909.

ELEMENTARY STRINGS...Elemental Strings is a tuition-based youth orchestra for elementary school-aged string players in SMMUSD. It meets Friday after school at Santa Monica High School. Students receive instruction from a team of educators, including district teachers, and perform 3 concerts each year. Auditions will be on Friday, October 2nd. For more info, visit www.elementalstrings.com <<http://www.elementalstrings.com/>> or email smelementalstrings@gmail.com Financial aid will be available.

BENEFIT CONCERT...A benefit concert for the Elemental Strings scholarship fund will take place on Friday, September 25, 7pm, at the First Presbyterian Church. Featured artists include members of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, studio and freelance musicians in town. Suggested donations \$5 for adults, \$2 for students.

THANK YOU TO MONICKA GUEVERRA AND THE GRANT PTA!...The PTA has generously provided Hand Sanitizer for every single classroom and office. Thank you to all of the parents for this donation. The Centers for Disease Control recommend regular hand washing and the use of alcohol based hand cleansers. You are helping prevent the spread of Communicable Illness in our school Thanks for keeping our kids healthy! Nurse Bronstein

CHECK US OUT ON OUR WEBSITE...Grant's website has been updated with many important schedules, policies, facts, and parent and teacher information. We are not quite ready to go E-packet, but we're close. You can find our website by going to www.smmusd.org and then clicking on "Grant School."

INTRAMURAL DODGEBALL LEAGUES READY TO BEGIN...The teams have been made and the kids in second and third grade, and fourth and fifth grade are ready to play the national pastime of Grant School, "Super Dodgeball." Look for team names in next week's GWB.

AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM...We are about ready to accept applications for the first session of the Grant After School Enrichment Program beginning the week of October 5. Look for a flyer next week.

THE QUIET CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS...The Quiet Center is a special place for your children to come during the free-play part of their lunch hour. We have board games, materials for drawing, creating collages, jewelry making, modeling clay, arts and crafts and the ever-popular Legos. Mickey runs The Quiet Center every day. She desperately needs parent volunteers ... especially during the first, second and third grade lunch which is between 11:30 and 12:15. If you'd like to help, please put your information on the sign-up poster in the front of the school. We've love to have you join us!

MIL GRACIAS...to all the parents and their children who took the time to help with the First Day Packet. We also thank (former Grant students) Liam Guevara Flood, Teagan LaBrie, Sandy Vasquez, and Karina Murcia. *That's the Gecko Spirit!*

THE FIRST PTA MEETING WAS WELL ATTENDED...95 parents attended and they had the chance to meet the Executive Board, composed of 18 members and many of the 30 Chairpersons. We managed to make it informative, relatively short and fun. Approximately 30 people signed up to volunteer. *It is going to be another great year!*

TIMES ARE HARD BUT WE CAN HELP...if your family or someone you know is experiencing economically hard times. The PTA wants to remind that you can apply for the **Free and Reduced Lunch benefit for your children**. The process is swift, confidential and stigma free (your child will receive the same lunch card as the other children in school). If the number of beneficiaries increases, we can qualify for a bigger part of the Equity Fund. Please contact Monicka at (310) 399-5903 or at monickaguevara@yahoo.com.

MONSTER MASH - Get Ready - It's Coming...Save the date **October 24th from 6-9 p.m.** You won't want to miss this **FAMILY HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION!** Dancing, chilling stories, thriller outdoor movies, creepy haunted hallway, bake sale with spooky treats, pizza and FREE refreshments and much more! **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Don't forget to sign up - look for the sign-up board in front of the school and in the Kindergarten area. An hour from everyone is all it takes to make the great celebration happen. Please call Alisa Bunting 310/569-5499 or email desmondb@verizon.net.