

# GRANT WEEKLY BULLETIN

## SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 2

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	9/28	School Holiday
Wednesday	9/30	Parent Volunteer Orientation - 8:45 AM – Auditorium///Booster Club Meeting - 7 PM – Library
Thursday	10/1	EarthCapades: The H2O Assembly///Student Council Meeting – 12:20-1:00 GAC – 4:30 PM - Library
Friday	10/2	Tardeada Festival – 3-4 PM

### THE REMAINDER OF OCTOBER

Monday	10/5	After School Enrichment Classes Begin
Tuesday	10/6	Picture Day///5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting – 7 PM
Wednesday	10/7	PTA Meeting – 7 PM
Thursday	10/8	Picture Day
Wednesday	10/14	ELAC Meeting – 8:30 AM
Thursday	10/15	Kindergarten Chat with the Principal – 8:45 AM – Auditorium
Friday	10/16	Bingo Night – 6:30 PM
Wednesday	10/21	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Chat with the Principal – 8:45 AM///Parent Learning Resource Network Meeting – 7 PM - Library
Thursday	10/22	Awards Assemblies: Upper – 9:00, Primary – 10:30, Kindergarten – 12:30
Saturday	10/24	Monster Mash: 6-9 PM
Wednesday	10/28	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Chat with the Principal
Friday	10/31	Trick or Treat for UNICEF

### THIS WEEK IN GECKOLAND

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COMING UP**...This Monday, September 28, all Santa Monica and Malibu schools and CREST programs will be closed for the school holiday. School will resume on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**PARENT VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**...On Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**BOOSTER CLUB MEETING**...is Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> in the Library at 7:00 pm. Don't miss our first meeting of the year. Meet event chairs. Volunteer to chair or help with an event yourself! We are seeking a Silent Auction Team and a Holiday Boutique Chair! Discuss the future of the Silent Auction. Come and meet new people and see how money is raised at Grant. We want your input and participation. All fundraising event chairs should attend as well! Childcare will be available! Email Patti Braun, Booster President with questions at [pattibraun@aol.com](mailto:pattibraun@aol.com).

**EARTHCAPADES**...EarthCapades comes to Grant School on October 1st. to perform the "H2O show". Multi-talented performers take you on a journey through the cycle of water. Join them on a ride from the clouds and the rain through the pipes and the treatment plants to learn how water connects everything on the planet and why it's important to conserve it. A thrilling blend of environmental education and vaudeville entertainment.

**OCTOBER 1 – GRANT ADVISORY COUNCIL (GAC)**...The Grant Advisory Council will have its second meeting of the year on Thursday, October 2, at 4:30 p.m. in the library. Topics will be the new Progressive Discipline Policy, GATE and the school plan for 2009-10. Everyone is invited to attend.

**TARDEADA – CELEBRATING SPANISH HERITAGE MONTH**...Please join English Learners Committee (ELAC), and the Latino community at Grant to celebrate EL MES DE LA HISPANIDAD this FRIDAY, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto:euliantzeff@smmusd.org)>, (310) 450-7651 or Monicka ([monickaguevara@yahoo.com](mailto:monickaguevara@yahoo.com)), (310) 399-5903

### BIG EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 5-9

- **AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES WILL START OCTOBER 5**...Our first session of After School Enrichment classes will begin the week of October 5. We are offering some exciting new classes in drama, science, sculpture and musical theater. There will also be a Primary 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-grade chorus. A special box has been set up in the main office for return of your application and tuition. Classes are \$55. Primary chorus is \$65 for nine weeks. Scholarships are available.

- **OCTOBER 6 & 8 - PICTURE DAY – SMILE!...**Picture Day will be Tuesday and Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. All Grant students will have their individual and class pictures taken for Picture Day. You will receive your picture day packet to fill out and return on picture day. A class schedule will be published so you will know which day your child will be taking his/her picture. If your child misses the day make-up picture day will be November 10th.
- **OCTOBER 6 - FIFTH GRADE PARENT MEETING**...Just a reminder that the annual Fifth Grade Parent meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 6th, at 7 p.m., in the cafeteria. We will be setting up parent committees Outdoor Science School, the Fifth Grade Self-Portrait Wall, the Fifth Grade Play, the Fifth Grade Memory Book, the Fifth Grade Picnic and the Fifth Grade Celebration.
- **OCTOBER 7 - PTA INVITES YOU TO OUR SECOND MEETING**...on Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00 pm. in the Cafeteria. We will discuss the many fund-raising efforts and we will have an update from the District PTA Legislative Team, Grant own Thelma Felstiner and Margo Sadler, regarding the state budget. As always, light refreshments will be served. Childcare and a craft project for the children will also be offered during the meeting. Please RSVP to (424) 229-0447 or [monickaguevara@yahoo.com](mailto:monickaguevara@yahoo.com).

### MEETINGS, MEETINGS, MEETINGS

- **OCTOBER 14 - ELAC MEETING**...Please join us for the monthly English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) meeting on Wednesday, October 14, at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium.
- **OCTOBER 15 - CHAT WITH THE PRINCIPAL SERIES BEGINS** ...Our first of six “Chats with the Principal” will begin with kindergarten on Thursday, October 15, at 8:45 a.m. This is an opportunity to talk about any topic, share concerns and trade ideas with other parents. The “chat” lasts an hour and fifteen minutes and gives everyone a chance to meet with Martha Monahan and I, hear what’s new and just talk. The remainder of the schedule includes:

October 21 – 1st Grade  
October 28 – 2nd Grade

November 5 – 3rd Grade  
November 10 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

November 12 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

- **OCTOBER 21 – PARENT LEARNING RESOURCE NETWORK MEETING**...After the huge success of our first meeting of the year, the PLRN will their second meeting on Wednesday, October 21, at 7 p.m. in the library. Everyone is invited to attend.

**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.

**MAGAZINES – GIFTWRAP & MORE**...With an exciting kickoff assembly – the Giftwrap fundraiser is underway. With the goal of selling \$50,000, the children have voted that if they make their goal Mr. Friedenber (that’s me) will dye his hair, beard and mustache the color green. 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.

**MONSTER MASH** - It's my 4th year in planning Monster Mash and it's been great. It's time for me to step aside and allow someone new and creative to take over. I'm looking for an eager parent to take over the event for next year. I hope they will work with me this year to enable a better transition when they take over for school year 2010/2011. We are also looking for a diabolical person to take over Haunted Hallway for next year as well. Work along side hallway masters Marco and Des to learn the tricks that make it work. A twisted mind and creativity is a must so that next year - it's yours to scare the living daylight out of those who dare. Please call or email Alisa Bunting at 310/569-5499 or [desmondb@verizon.net](mailto:desmondb@verizon.net).

**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](mailto:desmondb@verizon.net)

**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) <<http://www.elementalstrings.com/>> or email [smelementalstrings@gmail.com](mailto:smelementalstrings@gmail.com). Financial aid will be available.

**GREEN TIP FOR THE WEEK**...Check out the Mar Vista Green Festival this Saturday, October 3, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Mar Vista Park (11430 Woodbine St). Free family fun! Kids Go Green Zones with jumpers, crafts, face painting, games, prizes and a petting zoo. Art shows, live stage entertainment and booths with eco solutions, products and information. Visit Grant parent, Jessica Tuck at her “inspire the change” booth.

**“CAUGHT BEING GOOD PRIZES”** ...One of the cherished traditions at our quarterly Awards Assemblies are prizes given to children whose “Caught Being Good” slips are selected in a drawing. If you would like to help we need new prizes for this year. Books at all reading levels, games, gift certificates, posters, almost anything will do. Just drop them off in the office. Our first Awards Assembly is Thursday, October 22. Thanks.

