

GRANT WEEKLY BULLETIN

JANUARY 14-18

BINGO TONIGHT! – 6:30 PM

E-PACKET SPECIAL NOTE...Next week we will begin implementing the E-packet system whereby everyone who has indicated they would prefer their GWB to be put online – will not receive a hard copy via their child's backpack. If you read this notice and are not on the E-Packet distribution list, please email me immediately and you will be added. You can contact me at: friedenberg@smmusd.org and we will add you to the E-Packet distribution list.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday	1/12	Honor Orchestra and Chorus Auditions
Monday	1/14	All 3 rd Grade Classes to see New West Symphony – SAMOHI
Wednesday	1/16	AASPG – 6 PM – Library – New Date
Tuesday	1/15	School Tour – 9 AM
Thursday	1/17	Kindergarten Chat with the Principal – 8:45 AM – Cafeteria Kindergarten Chat with the Principal – 7 PM – Library
Monday	1/21	Martin Luther King Jr. – School Holiday
Tuesday	1/22	Student Council – 10 AM
Wednesday	1/23	Winter Instrumental Music Informance – 6:30 and 7:30 PM
Thursday	1/24	1 st Grade Chat with the Principal – 8:45 AM – Cafeteria
Friday	1/25	Sports-Celebrity-Rock Star Dress Up Day Recycling Day Student Council Elections – 10:15 AM – Auditorium (3rd-5th Grade)
Saturday	1/26	Grant Rummage Sale – 8:00-2:00 PM – Auditorium
Monday	1/28	Heart Association Kickoff Assembly After School Enrichment Session #2 Begins
Wednesday	1/30	Booster Club Meeting – 7 PM
Thursday	1/31	2 nd Grade Chat with the Principal
Friday	2/1	Math Family Night 6-8 PM

NEWS, NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPEN KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT... We will begin kindergarten enrollment February 1st. If you know your child is coming to Grant next year, you can beat the rush and register your child early. Oh by the way, Kindergarten Roundup will be March 12.

CHORUS...This week Kindergarten and Primary Chorus we begin on Tuesday. The K Chorus will start at 2 p.m. and the Primary Chorus at 3 p.m. Both groups will meet in the auditorium.

HOMEWORK CLUB...Applications have gone home for those interested in the Grant Homework Club. We will offer HWC Monday through Thursday for students in grades 1-5 and not enrolled in CREST (which has a homework component).

INTENSIVE INTERVENTION CLASSES...Letters will be going home this week for students who have been recommended for before or after school intervention classes. Classes will begin the week of January 28th.

SCHOOL TOURS...On Tuesday, January 15th, at 9 a.m. we will offer a school tour to prospective kindergarten and first through fifth grade parents.

KINDERGARTEN CHAT WITH THE PRINCIPAL...On Thursday, January 17 we will have two kindergarten "chats" Allowing for busy parent work schedules, there will be a morning chat at 8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria and an evening chat at 7:00 p.m. in the library. All kindergarten parents are urged to attend one of these meetings.

SILENT AUCTION UPDATE...The March 8, 2008 Silent Auction is just around the corner and the committee needs you! Do you have experience with party planning? Catering? Graphic design? Word processing? Do you have contacts with community members who might be able to help us with the above? There are so many different ways you can help out! For example, the silent auction packaging committee needs your baskets, containers, decorative tins & boxes, etc. In the spirit of recycling, we will be using these to display auction items at the big event. If you are interested in helping out with packaging for the silent auction, please contact Belita Chesler at 310.200.6981 belitachesler@hotmail.com Please leave containers in the office. We will be having a SILENT AUCTION MEETING right after drop off on THURSDAY, JANUARY 17 in the conference room across from the office. Please join us!

GECKO PATROL VALET PROGRAM...Our Gecko Patrol Valets are doing an awesome job in both the front of the school with Grandpa Norm and in the back parking lot with Abuelo Carlos. Parents can help speed up our drop off by not putting backpacks in the trunk of the car and having their Grant students sit on the curb side of the car if possible. Also, please do not drop off students in the red zone directly in front of the school.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP AT FRONT GATE...In order to increase the security of Grant campus, we are trying to keep the front and back gates locked during school hours. If anyone would like to volunteer to help parents and students open the gate during school hours our office staff would appreciate the assistance.

SCIENCE EXPO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!...We need parents who are scientifically inclined and/or are entertainers to make a fun presentation to groups of students in order to encourage Science Expo participation. We'll need you the first week after spring break sometime during the school day. If you'd be willing to help, please email Alison Brady at alisonbrady@fastmail.fm or call 310-445-9018. Many thanks in advance!

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK...The students attended an assembly on Thursday all about "Zero Waste Lunches". We hope you have heard about it by now. If not please ask you children about the assembly, what they learned & how you as a family can participate. We hope to see a lot less trash around Grant. Please look at the attached flyer, or the related flyer in their backpack. For all of you with e-mail please consider signing up for the paperless delivery of the bulletin, if you haven't done so already.

ATTENTION FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS...Janet Guyette, one of our reading specialists, has offered to form a book club for those students who are interested (8-10) students). She plans on meeting 2-3 times per month during their lunch hour (most likely Tuesdays). The plan is to read a new book every 4-6 weeks. Although the genre will change the reading level will be at about the fifth grade level. The first book will be announced next week and interested students may sign up with Mrs. Guyette on Tuesday, January 15 during the lunch hour.

SOCCER SEASON READY TO BEGIN...Our 2nd-3rd and 4th-5th grade soccer leagues are ready to start. For your enjoyment, here are the team names for the Junior and Major Leagues:

2nd-3rd Soccer League: Evil Elves, Red Wolves, Black Bullets, Terminators, Flaming Bonnies and Silver Surfers
4th-5th Soccer League: United Pennies, Cyclones, Geek Squad, Red Santas, Black Bullets and Blue

SPECIALISTS PROGRAMS ABOUT TO BEGIN...Our most ambitious arts and GATE programs are ready to take off in January and February. Here is a look at the starting dates for each class:

Drama	Thursdays or Fridays	Begins January 10 & 11	2 nd Grade
GATE Art	Fridays	1st Session - January 11	4th Grade Classrooms
Music	Tuesdays	Begins January 15	Individual Pre K – 2nd
Ceramics	Wednesdays	Begins January 16 & 18	Individual K-2 Classrooms
Dance	Fridays	Begins January 18	Individual Pre K – 2nd
Rock The Classroom	Fridays	2nd Semester - Feb 1	Hynding and Croft
GATE Law	Tuesdays or Fridays	Begins February 5 & 8	Smith and Young
Poetry	Tuesdays or Thursdays	Begins January 15 & 17	4 th Grade Classrooms
Public Speaking	Friday	February 22	All 3 rd Grade Classes

CONGRATULATIONS TO FORMER GRANT STUDENTS...We are proud of four of our former students who auditioned and were accepted into the 2008 statewide and Southern California honor bands. Cora Cull, was chosen for the 2008 Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association Jr. High Honor Band. Kudos to Eli Brown, Benjamin Rosenberg, Noah Rosenberg and Ben Rotberg, who competed with over 1500 California musicians and are part of the 2008 California Band Directors Association All State Jr. High Honor Band. All five of these former Geckos currently attend JAMS.