

GRANT WEEKLY BULLETIN

JANUARY 21-25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. KING
Your Dream Is Still Very Much Alive!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 Gecko Patrol Awards Ceremony – 3 PM - Library
Friday	1/25	Sports-Celebrity-Rock Star Dress Up Day Recycling Day Student Council Elections – 10:15 AM – Auditorium
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

IT'S TIME TO ACT...We are entering a crossroads. With Measure R, the parcel tax up for reelection, and ominous news from the California state budget, difficult financial times may be ahead for our schools. Grant parents have the opportunity to step up and get involved. We are in the process of selecting a new PTA executive board, a new Booster Club president, new members of the Grant Advisory Council (GAC), and interested parents wanting to serve on the Measure BB planning committee. The time has come where many Grant parents who have served the school for many years are stepping down and new individuals are needed to continue the tradition of leadership and involvement. As principal I want Grant to continue to thrive – parent involvement is one huge factor in that wish. We need your help, we need your time and we need YOU.

VOLUNTEER, DONATE ITEMS AND ATTEND THE RUMMAGE SALE, SATURDAY JANUARY 26TH...Clear out space for the new holiday gifts and donate your gently used books, toys, electronics, furniture and clothes for this year's rummage sale. Maybe even a car! Bring your items to the back of the auditorium during school hours. The sale will be from 8 am to 12 pm in the Auditorium. No early birds. Parents and 5th graders are needed to collect the items, prepare the items on Friday from 3 to 6 pm and from 7 am to 1 pm on Saturday to work the event. Sign up in the front office.

HEALTH OFFICE UPDATE: Cold and Flu season is upon us! Some of the symptoms we are seeing are: **fevers, diarrhea, vomiting, coughs, and colds**. Your child must be free of fevers, diarrhea, or vomiting for a minimum of 24 hours before they can return to school. Handwashing is the single most important measure in preventing illness. Thank you for your cooperation. S. Bronstein, School Nurse

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 February 4th.

BEGINNING AND ADVANCED INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDENTS PERFORM...Our beginning and advanced wind and string instrumental music students and chorus will participate in a Music "Informance" Concert on Thursday, January 23. The ten instrumental music classes and the chorus will perform at either 6:30 or 7:30 p.m. Please consult the flyer to see what time your child will be performing.

NEXT RECYCLING DAY...Mark down Friday, January 25, from 8:00-9:30 a.m., for Recycling Day at Grant. Please bring in all aluminum cans and plastic bottles to the basketball courts in the back of the school. Sorting recyclables at home is greatly appreciated. We need some help. Our primary need is someone with a van or pickup truck to help take the recycling to the recycling center. If you are able to help on Jan 25th, please let me know

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION ASSEMBLY...On Friday, January 25th, thirty-seven student council candidates will give speeches hoping to convince their constituents that they are the best qualified to be elected to the student council. The six student council positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Safety Commissioner and Historian. The Election Assembly begins at 10:15 a.m. in the auditorium.

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AT GRANT...Last week you received a form for the After School Enrichment Program's second session. The cost of a six-week class is \$50. We are very excited about the many (including chorus) enrichment classes being offered. Please bring all completed applications to the office. Scholarships will be available for those who need financial assistance. Classes will begin the week of January 28th.

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING...The Booster Club will hold its mid-year meeting to begin discussing how to spend an anticipated \$275,000 for next year's PTA/Booster Club budget. We will also take time to discuss the Jogathon on April 17, and the Fiesta de Mayo on May 17. If you would like to have input into the budget process then please join us at 7 p.m. in the library. We need your support.

MATH FAMILY NIGHT – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1...Our third annual Math Family Night will be held on Friday, February 1st. After last two year's rousing success we are ready to try again. 12-15 Grant teachers will be sharing their math games and strategies with parents and children. The PTA will provide pizza dinner for everyone prior to the math activities. Look for more details in next week's GWB.

SILENT AUCTION DONATION DRIVE...Get a Free Margarita and Mojito at Border Grill!!!! Parents, bring in your completed donation forms by January 31st and get a card for a free margarita and a free mojito at Border Grill on Fourth Street. Or, if you prefer, get a coupon for a free kids' meal at Chilis. While supplies last. Don't forget to put your name on the donation form, so we can get your cards to you.

A BIG THANK YOU...to Thuy McCaffrey for donating some much needed health office supplies to our nurse's office. We are very appreciative of you kindness.

2008 JOGATHON TEE-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Grant students will once again create and vote on our Jogathon logo and slogan. Our theme is "HEALTHY EARTH & HEALTHY ME"! Get involved and do your part by submitting your design. See handout for details. Take note of the **deadline to submit your entry by FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2008.** Drop off box in the office. Students only please.

STUDENTS, "WHO SAID YOU ARE TOO YOUNG TO VOTE"? GET READY FOR GRANT SCHOOL ELECTION DAY! "SUPER TUESDAY" WILL BE FEBRUARY 5TH" AND YOU MUST BE UNDER 13 YEARS OF AGE TO VOTE!

The winner will have an automatic ride on the Jogathon Victory Limousine! Kids, be creative and have fun!

In addition, to follow up last year's finale, I want to thank a special Grant Family, Mark & Gloria Lopez with High Rollerz Limousines, Inc. 310-642-1025. They donated two limos last year for the Limo Lunch Reward for those kids who raised over \$500 each. Thank you! Forward all questions to Jeff Finkelstein. jeffink@ca.rr.com 310-399-4029

