

GRANT WEEKLY BULLETIN

JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY 1

GRANT RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 – 8:00-2:00 PM

MATH FAMILY NIGHT

FREE PIZZA DINNER AND MATH GAMES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1 – 6-8 PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 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

MEASURE R...Please remember to vote February 5th or before by absentee ballot. As many of you know, Measure R is on the ballot in Santa Monica & Malibu. Measure R renews two previously approved parcel taxes with a single measure to help cover such education costs as teachers, smaller classes, libraries, and music and art programs. Residents 65 and older who own and live in their homes can apply for an exemption. Measure R is endorsed by the local PTAs, the Chamber of Commerce, the teachers union, the Santa Monica police association, the mayors of both Santa Monica and Malibu and many others. If you need further information or are interested in volunteer opportunities, please contact Thelma Felstiner at (310) 399-6065 or tjfelstiner@aol.com.

LOOKING AGAIN FOR THOSE BRAVE VOLUNTEERS...to help us with the Jules Stein Vision tests on Monday, February 4th from 8:30 am - 11:30 am. If you have one or two hours, contact Monicka (310) 399-5903 monickaguevara@yahoo.com. The first graders thank you in advance!

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING...Bring Your Ideas- the next Booster Club Meeting is Wednesday January 30th at 7:00 pm in the library. If you love to raise money or have ideas how you would like it spent now is the time to throw in your two cents. We will be discussing Participation/Changing of the Guard, Budget concerns and Revenue Ideas. We are looking for new people to step up and be heard. See you Wednesday night.

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.

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AT GRANT...The After School Enrichment Program will begin its second session the week of January 28th. Counting chorus we are offering 25 classes for students in grades K-5. There is still time to sign up for a class. The classes will last six weeks.

HOMEWORK CLUB BEGINS THIS WEEK...We are offering Homework Club Monday through Thursday, from 3-4 p.m. We have 47 signed up. Many students are taking homework club on two days. We still have room on Tuesdays and Wednesdays if you want your child to attend. Nine Grant teachers will work with our kids each week. Homework Club will run for 14 weeks. The Equity Fund pays all expenses.

INTENSIVE INTERVENTION CLASSES... Classes will begin the week of February 4th. Please check with your child's teacher or Mr. Friedenbergl if you do not know which day your child attends intervention classes

GRANT ADVISORY COUNCIL SLATE...The advisory council is comprised of half parents and/or community members and the other half from the Grant staff. Every two years elections take place. GAC oversees the school improvement, GATE and Equity Fund budgets. GAC also will be an integral part of the Measure BB construction at Grant. Finally, GAC members must approve the Grant Safety Plan and School Plan. The 2008 Grant Advisory Council is proud to announce the following members:

- Parents: Patty Braun, Monicka Guevarra, Wes Terry, Brent Cohen, Helene P. Von Schreiber-Morgan, and our newest member, Emily Arms. We still have room for one more parent to serve on GAC.
- The staff is comprised of teachers Jenny Lipson, Chris Thomas, Susan Croft and Patty O'Connor, Pete Lumsden from CREST, Elena Uliantzeff, Community Liaison, and Al Friedenbergl

SCHOOLS CENTS ...Great job Geckos! Please continue to log all of your receipts at Westside Pavilion. If it is more convenient, please leave them in the box located in the school office and we will log them for you. Thanks!

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.

PRESIDENTIAL READATHON...We are off to a great start! There is a box on the library counter where you can turn in your turquoise tally sheet in protective sleeve as you earn cards. We will also have weekly puzzles on the library counter. Keep on reading and writing down titles on your tally logs.

GRANT STUDENTS SHINE FOR HONOR ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR...46 fourth and fifth grade students were selected for the prestigious SMMUSD Honor Orchestra and Choir. Grant had the most students chosen from the eleven elementary schools. Stairways is scheduled for March 6th and 7th at the Civic Auditorium. Congratulation to the following outstanding musicians and singers:

Jack Aron - Trumpet
Rudy Balderrama – Saxophon
Jack Bonner – Percussion
Nicholas Charchut - Clarinet
Carruth Cull – Trumpet
Ruby Malamed – Saxophone
Jakub Preis - Trumpet
Dylan Meek - Clarinet
Greg Melick – Clarinet
Bradley Finkelstein – Percussion
Reed Ginsberg – Percussion
Johnnie Grebler - Flute
Liam Guevara-Flood - Clarinet
Aman Haji - Trumpet
Chloe Hallinan - Flute
Shirley Saykali - Viola

Emma Wiener - Viola
Adam Kummer – Saxophone
Teagan Labrie – Flute
Elijah Lax – Saxophone
Max Levenson - Clarinet
Karina Murcia - Flute
Arik Singh - Trumpet
Oma Skyrus – Clarinet
Anett Szczpanek - Flute
Maddy Tung - Trumpet
Kathryn Turk – Flute
Sandy Vasquez – Flute
Eva Wholey – Flute
Daria Yaari - Flute
Colette Caughey – Choir

Danielle Stolz - Cello
Ariana Lomeli - Choir
Nicola Turner - Choir
Grant Weinraub - Choir
Jasmine Wynn - Choir
Sarah Abera - Viola
Rocelle Castro - Violin
Lauren Chung - Violin
Marcus Daniels - Violin
Eli Grusin - Viola
Helen Lu - Violin
Olivia Hosbein- Viola
Jonah Krop - Trumpet
Ariana Hernandez - Flute
Samantha Waskow - Violin

IS THERE A CARTOGRAPHER/ARTIST OUT THERE?...We would like to redraw and paint our playground U.S. map. It was originally drawn almost twenty years ago. With a new asphalt playground planned, we need a talented artist to draw a large-scale map of the United States. If you are interest please contact Mr. Friedenbergl.