

GRANT WEEKLY BULLETIN

OCTOBER 5-9

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	10/5	After School Enrichment Classes Begin
Tuesday	10/6	Picture Day///5 th 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//Slice Night for Grant – Slice Pizza
Thursday	10/15	Kindergarten Chat with the Principal – 8:45 AM – Auditorium
Friday	10/16	Bingo Night – 6:30 PM
Wednesday	10/21	1 st 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 nd Grade Chat with the Principal
Friday	10/31	Trick or Treat for UNICEF

THIS WEEK IN GECKOLAND

- **AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES BEGINS ON MONDAY...**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 is also be a Primary 1st-3rd-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.
- **HOMEWORK CLUB BEGINS MONDAY...**Register your child for the Grant Homework Club by completing the registration packet today! Fees \$115 for a 10-week session. Financial Assistance is available based on a sliding scale. Low- to moderate-income families are encouraged to apply. What are Included Experienced staff, materials and learning are guaranteed! Homework Club is offered Monday-Thursday and rainy days are included.
- **OCTOBER 6 & 8 - PICTURE DAY – SMILE!**...Picture Day will be Tuesday and Thursday, October 6th and 8th. 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 monickaquevara@yahoo.com.

GIFTWRAP FUNDRAISER UPDATE... there's only 10 more days to sell! **TURN IN ORDERS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th.** Thanks for your efforts! Use <http://www.aphearst.com> <<http://www.aphearst.com>> for all magazines: Grant school ID = wc3701 Use <http://www.innisbrook.com> <<http://www.innisbrook.com>> for all other purchases (use aphearst site for magazines): Grant school ID = 103231. If you have any questions please contact Paula Gaudet at: pgaudet@gaudetdesigngroup.com

- * Be sure to register your child's name for prize credits. Sales for all items go towards children's prize earnings.
- * All checks should be made out to "GRANT BOOSTER CLUB."
- * Turn in all monies with printout vouchers from online entries.
- * Remember numbers should agree THE TOTAL MONEY TURNED IN = TOTAL OF SALES MADE

- * Notify out of town family and friends using the email letter from Innesbrook or have your create a personalized request.
- * Put coupons (with your child's full name and classroom #) into RAFFLE BOX in the office for every 6 items sold.
- * Contact Paula Gaudet with any questions or to volunteer for Collections and Collations October 14th.

COMING UP...

- **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 – 4th Grade

November 12 – 5th 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.
- **OCTOBER 16 - THERE IS BINGO IN THE AIR!!!!...**Save the date, October 16 is less than two weeks away. 6:30 in the Cafeteria. I am looking for volunteers to help with set up and run the door as well as sell Pizza. and drinks. Please Call Paul @ 310.930.1486. And remember we are always looking for raffle and game prizes so clean out those closets and donate that extra MP3 Player, Gameboy, Itunes card. We're not proud we're BINGO. Be there or B 14.
- **OCTOBER 22 - AWARDS ASSEMBLY...**Our first Awards Assembly of the year is Thursday, October 22. If your child has been selected you would have been notified by letter. By the end of the year all Grant kids will be recognized. The categories include: Exceptional Writer, Teacher's Choice, Excellence in Reading, Outstanding in Math, Great Thinker, Extraordinary Effort, Creativity, and Character Counts. The 3rd-5th Assembly will begin at 9:00 a.m. in our auditorium. The 1st-2nd grade awards assembly will start at 10:30 a.m. Finally, our kindergarten assembly will be at 12:30 p.m.
- **OCTOBER 24 - MONSTER MASH -** Get ready – It's coming...Save the date October 24th from 6-9 p.m. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Sign-ups are at the front of the school and kinder yard entrance on Pearl. Don't forget to sign-up! We need set-up crews on Saturday from 10-5pm and parents to work at least 1 hour of the evening from 6-7pm, 7-8pm or 8-9pm. Strong Dads needed for Security and clean up crew from 9-10pm. Sign up or email Alisa Bunting at desmondb@verizon.net <<mailto:desmondb@verizon.net>>. You won't want to miss this family Halloween celebration! Your time is what makes this event great!
- **OCTOBER 31 - TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF FUNDRAISER...**This is Grant School's 10th year participating in the nationwide Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign. The funds your children raise will enable UNICEF to provide lifesaving medicine, better nutrition, clean water, sanitation, education and emergency relief to millions of children in more than 158 countries. UNICEF collection boxes will go home with your children on October 30. Please return to your child's classroom on Wednesday, November 1. Thank you.

SPEAKING OF AWARDS ASSEMBLY - "CAUGHT BEING GOOD PRIZES" NEEDED...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.

CREST ENRICHMENT CLASSES...Keep investing where it matters most! Register your child now for before- and/or after-school CREST Enrichment classes. Fall classes begin October 5, 2009. CREST Enrichment offers high quality classes at affordable prices right at your child's school! Professional companies and instructors are hand-selected to provide your child with access to a wide range of interesting and fun classes not offered during the school day including drumming, art, theatre, foreign languages, fencing, photography and fitness and nutrition! **GENEROUS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE** for all CREST programs is available on a sliding scale to qualifying low- to moderate-income families. For more information, check out the CREST website at www.CREST.SMGOV.NET or call the City of Santa Monica Youth Office at (310) 458-8540.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS/RESTAURANT = \$\$\$ FOR GRANT...Mark your calenders and get out your dry cleaning to raise funds for Grant. This Tuesday, October 6 and every first Tuesday of the month. Eco Coastal Cleaners will donate 20% of sales with the flyer to Grant. They are eco friendly and a local business! Their address is 2723 Ocean Park blvd. @ 28th Street. Download your flyer or pick one up in the office. Upcoming event: Wednesday, October 14 and every 2nd Wednesday of the month is The Slice night for Grant. Eat pizza, pasta and salad and Grant earns \$. No Flyer needed.

NEW CHILDREN'S PLAY "TOO MANY FROGS" AT MORGAN-WIXSON THEATRE — Y.E.S...Children's theatre specializes in bringing books to life on stage, right near Grant School. "Too Many Frogs" is a charming & funny play about the joy of reading, suggested for ages 4 to 8. Saturdays & Sundays at 11 am, 3 weekends only, Oct. 3 – 18. Reserved seats \$6 - \$8 online at www.morgan-wixson.org <<http://www.morgan-wixson.org>>, by phone 310-828-7519, or at the door. The Morgan-Wixson Theatre is located at 2627 Pico Blvd, across the street from Yum Yum Donuts. There is a special discussion with the cast after the show this Saturday, Oct. 3.