

GRANT WEEKLY BULLETIN

OCTOBER 15-19

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IMPROVEMENTS BEGIN AT GRANT... We have gotten word that Grant will receive over \$550,000 in deferred maintenance funding for this school year. If you noticed, we now have new security gates that should help the "I think I'll hang out at Grant on weekends crowd." Five dilapidated doors have been replaced with more doors being ordered. In coming months many windows, bathroom partitions and toilets replaced, fencing improved and the entire school will be painted. The deferred maintenance funds are not to be confused with Measure BB funding. Grant is scheduled to receive \$4.5 million in projects and improvements over the next eight years. Stay tuned.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Tuesday	10/16	Picture Day African American Student Parent Group – 6 PM – Library
Thursday	10/18	Picture Day
Friday	10/19	Career Day
Tuesday	10/23	Awards Assembly: Upper Grades: 9:00, Primary Grades: 10:30, K - 12:30
Friday	10/26	Recycling Day: 8:00-9:45 AM – Basketball Courts Monster Mash: 6:30 PM
Tuesday	10/31	Trick or Treat for UNICEF

THE BIG EVENTS IN OCTOBER

- **SMILE - PICTURE DAY...**Picture Day will be October 16th and 18th. All Grant students will have their individual and class pictures taken for Picture Day. You should have received your picture day packet to fill out and return on picture day. A flyer went home indicating whether your child's class would have pictures on Tuesday or Thursday. If your child misses the day or you don't like the original, make-up picture day will be November 13th.
- **AFRICAN AMERICAN PARENT MEETING...**Please join the African American Student/Parent Group (AASPG) for their first meeting of the school year in the Grant Library at 6:00pm, on October 18th. We will be discussing our upcoming school events and our goals for the year. All are welcome as we plan fun and informative events for Grant school. For more information contact: Terr386@aol.com <<mailto:Terr386@aol.com>>
- **CAREER DAY...**On Friday morning, October 19TH, thirty speakers will share their jobs and careers with our students. We have a scientist, an artist, a lawyer, an engineer, an owner of a dinnerware company, an actor, a writer and much, much more. Anyone interested in participating should contact the office this week. Speakers will be given a continental breakfast (thanks to the PTA), and will speak from 10-11 a.m.
- **AWARDS ASSEMBLY...**Just a reminder that our first Awards Assembly of the year is Tuesday, October 23. If your child has been selected you should have been notified by letter. By the end of the year all Grant kids will be recognized. 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 am, and the Kindergarten assembly will begin at 12:30.
- **DECADES DAY...** Our first student council sponsored dress-up day will be on Friday, October 26th. Students are encouraged to dress from one of the popular decades, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's or 00's.
- **RECYCLING DAY...**Our first Recycling Day of the year will take place on Friday, October 26th from 8:00-9:45. Please bring all aluminum cans and plastic bottles to the basketball courts. All funds will go the Grant Student Council. If you can help please contact Lisa Davis e-mail buddydog43@aol.com, or call 310-413-7887.

MONSTER MASH – October 26th – 6-9 p.m...Bring your whole family in their costumes for this fun-filled Halloween celebration! Dancing, teacher raffle, haunted hallway, eerie stories, outdoor movies, photo booth, bake sale, creepy cake exhibition, pizza slices, sandwiches will be for sale. Don't miss this fun event! See you at the mash – The MONSTER MASH!

- **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 Thursday, November 1. Thank you.

THE GAZETTE IS COMING...The first issue of the Gazette will be distributed next week.

MONSTER MASH - October 26th -- NEED VOLUNTEERS!...6-7pm, 7-8pm, 8-9pm shifts. Refreshments area, security, clean up and all around help needed. Please email Alisa Bunting at desmondb@verizon.net with time available. It's a great event fun night and helping out makes all the difference.

LOOKING FOR MONSTER MASH READERS!...We are looking for Monster Mash Readers. (Custome and Positive Attitude a must!) We will supply the books. Please contact Monicka (310) 399-5903 monickaguevara@yahoo.com

REFLECTIONS...Reflections is a program sponsored by PTA to encourage the ARTS in our schools. This year the theme is "I Can Make a Difference By..." Children can enter in several categories including - literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts, dance choreography, and film/video production. Look for more details coming home soon. Questions? Contact Leanne Goldsmith 310-396-2551.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET INVOLVED?...The Silent Auction Dinner Dance Committee needs you. Yes, we said Dinner Dance. Be a part of Grant history; help us plan our first (in a very long time, anyway) annual Dinner Dance fundraiser. Come to the silent auction committee meeting, Thursday, October 18th at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room (across from the office) can make it, but still want to help? Call Elizabeth Kruis 310/399.2232, or email at ee.kruis@verizon.net with any questions.

HOORAY FOR VOLUNTEERS!...Another successful Hearing and Vision Test took place on October 5th. We thank: Siobhan, Margot, Annie, Roxie, Paula, David, Michelle, Cecilia and Filemeno. Susan Bronstein and Monicka

GRANT PTA DIRECTORY NEEDS A SPONSOR...The Grant PTA Directory is looking for a new sponsor. This is a great opportunity to advertise directly to Grant families on a heavily utilized and long lasting piece. This year's directory will be bigger and better than ever before! For a donation of \$1500, the Directory will be restored to it's former glory, featuring the Sponsor's full-page ad on the back cover along with a fabulous, color cover with artwork by Andrea and Bailey Carter, spiral binding and a complete listing of all the families currently enrolled at Grant as well as other valuable information. To take advantage of this opportunity please call Katherine Inglis at 452-7889.

STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE...Our Grant Student Council has had two meetings this year. Among the projects and activities planned are special dress up and spirit days, a Grant Student Film Festival, community service projects and organizing recycling days. Here is a list of Spirit Days to post on your refrigerator:

October 26	Decades Day	December 14	Crazy Hair and Hat Day
November 9	Pajama/Stuffed Animal Day	January 11	Mix-up Dress Day
November 30	USC vs. UCLA Pride Day	January 25	Sports and Celebrity Day

All Fridays that are not designated as "dress up days" will become Grant Spirit Days, where children are encouraged to wear their Grant Gecko t-shirts, sweatshirts or the colors green or purple.

FIRST CHATS SERIES ENDS ...Our first series of chats just concluded. The six chats in grades K-5 focused on safety, challenging students academically, homework, alternative recess activities, the teaching of cursive writing, bullying, JAMS and technology. 102 parents attended, gave input and listened to other parents and the administration. We will continue the series in January.

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES OFF TO A GREAT START...After one week, we have 345 students enrolled in 25 afterschool enrichment classes. There is still time to sign up for some classes – the cost is \$50 per class.

THANK YOU...to the Auerbach family for donating a case of copy paper to our school. Also, a huge thank you to the Dutt family for donating five cases of paper to Grant. Our goal is to collect 100 cases of paper this year. 92 to go!