



# GRANT WEEKLY BULLETIN

OCTOBER 19-23

## HEADLINES...

**BINGO – TONIGHT! – 6:30 PM**

**GIFT WRAP ORDERS DUE OCTOBER 19**

## Monster Mash

**Get Ready... It's Coming!**

**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm**

**You won't want to miss this FAMILY HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION! Dancing, chilling stories, outdoor movies, bone-chilling haunted hallway, ghoulish kids crafts, creepiest cake decorating contest, glow-in-the-dark fun stuff, t-shirts, digital photos, bake sale, food, FREE refreshments and much more! Lot's of stuff, Lot's of Fun!**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill – 10:15 AM
Friday	10/16	Bingo Night – 6:30 PM
Wednesday	10/21	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Chat with the Principal
Thursday	10/29	El Torito Family Night for Grant
Friday	10/30	80's Dress Up Day
Saturday	10/31	Trick or Treat for UNICEF

**IMPORTANT INFO ON GIFT WRAP...ONLY CREDIT CARD MAGAZINE PURCHASES WILL BE ONLINE....**For all Magazine orders paid by check you will need to turn in only voucher and check – no online input for check orders.

**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 students 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.

## PARENT LEARNING RESOURCE NETWORK UPDATE...

Please join us for the next PLRN meeting October 21st at 6:30 in the library. We will conduct the business portion of our meeting and talk about the results of our 'Parent Concern' basket, from 6:30 to 7:15 and then begin a topic specific discussion on changes in staffing and restructuring of the Special Education department of SMMUSD. We will talk about some community resources available to families of children with special needs and learning differences. Free child care with advanced notice (310-283-5345 Kim)

SMMUSD & PTA Council Special Education **Fall Forum - Strategies for Successful Learning for All Students** Keynote speaker DR. DOUG FISHER, a renowned researcher (Co-Director for the Center for the Advancement of Reading), consultant (National Council of Teachers of English), professor (San Diego State University), and author on reading and literacy issues, will present a fascinating look inside the human brain and offer his insight to help parents and caregivers understand the connection between the brain and developing and improving reading skills. **BREAK OUT SESSIONS IN READING AND WRITING; MATH; BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS; AND INTENSIVE SERVICES.** Saturday, October 24, 2009 John Adams Middle School 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 2425 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405. Free childcare and Spanish translation.

PLRN invites you to **Parenting Without Power Struggles: Tuesday, October 20th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, at Franklin Elementary Library. RSVP for childcare to: [shespen523@gmail.com](mailto:shespen523@gmail.com) by Thursday Sept. 15th. To learn more see: [www.parentingwithoutpowerstruggles.com](http://www.parentingwithoutpowerstruggles.com).** Or contact Sheila at 310-863-8377, or e-mail: [shespen523@gmail.com](mailto:shespen523@gmail.com)

**LEARN ALL ABOUT ZERO WASTE LUNCHES** - Sunday October 18th, from 9am – 2pm, Sarah Auerswald of MarVistaMom.com and Annie Barnes of InspireTheChange.com, will be on hand at the Mar Vista Farmers Market (Grand view and Venice Blvd.) to present options and start a dialogue with the community about the idea of reducing the waste that comes from sending our kids' lunches to school. Discover what to look for when choosing lunch containers, see some of the available products and learn how to use what you already have at home.

**OCTOBER 24 - MONSTER MASH - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to work shifts 6-7pm, 7-8pm, 8-9pm and Clean-up 9-10pm. Please sign-up at the front of the school or email me at [desmondb@verizon.net](mailto:desmondb@verizon.net). SIGN UP NOW! PLUS...** Don't forget to bake your delicious scary treats for the bake sale. Remember... Just an hour or your time makes this event the greatest! Refreshments, Popcorn, Dancing and much more! Haunted Hallway, Digital Photos, Glow-In-the-Dark Fun Stuff, Kids Crafts, Food, Drinks, Crafts, etc. Lot's of Stuff, Lot's of Fun!

**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 the UNICEF special box to your child's classroom on Monday, **November 2**. Thank you.

**THANK YOU FOR THE "CAUGHT BEING GOOD PRIZES"** ...Amazing what a little desperation will do! Thank you to everyone who purchased "Caught Being Good" items for Thursday's first Awards Assembly. You came through big time for the kids.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR CAREER DAY ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH!**...We are looking for a diverse group of 30 volunteers—parents, relatives, or friends—with careers or interests that will excite and inspire our kids. Volunteers will be treated to a continental breakfast and then do 20-minute presentations in three classes. If you haven't participated before, Career Day is a fun and rewarding way to share what you do with Grant kids. Watch for a flyer with more details or contact Lisa Moss [lisa@levittmoss.com](mailto:lisa@levittmoss.com) <<mailto:lisa@levittmoss.com>> if you are interested in participating!

**EID AND DIWALI FESTIVAL...**Grant's wonderful cultural experience is back for its 6th year on November 6th between 3:00 and 4:15pm! It's all free so come learn a bit more about the cultures and traditions of East Asian countries. Eid is a joyous Muslim celebration that signifies the end of Ramadan (month long time of fasting). Diwali is the Festival of Lights and a New Year celebration for all Hindus. We welcome you to join in the food tasting, henna tattooing, dress-up fun, ethnic music and several dance performances including our very own Grant Bollywood Dance Troupe! Please email or contact our coordinators if you can help with set up bet 12:30 - 2:30 or help during the festival at our various booths. If you have never been, get ready for an amazing cultural experience! Contact: Monica Bhardwaj at 310 314-1318; email at [Monicahome8@yahoo.com](mailto:Monicahome8@yahoo.com) or Mudita Bahadur at 310 581-1127; email at [Muditabaha@yahoo.com](mailto:Muditabaha@yahoo.com).

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**THANK YOU**...To the McAlpine and Kirschbaum families for donating a case of copy paper. Our goal is to collect 100 cases of paper (a valuable commodity around Grant) to help defray the cost of office supplies. One down, ninety-nine cases to go!