



GRANT WEEKLY BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 2-6

TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF IS HERE! Please check your child's backpack on Friday for the orange UNICEF box to take with you when you go trick or treating this Saturday night. You can really help make a difference in the lives of children around the world by just collecting some change from your generous neighbors. Please return your boxes on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd** to your child's teacher. The boxes will be collected, the money counted and we will let you know what the grand total we donate this year will be. Call with any questions Annie Goren (310) 581-6195 or Abby Kesden (310) 399-3606. **THANK YOU AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!**

Tuesday	11/3	Eco Coastal Cleaners Day for Grant (Flyer online and in the office)
Wednesday	11/4	PTA/ELAC Meeting – 8:30 AM – Auditorium
Thursday	11/5	3 rd Grade Chat with the Principal – 8:45 AM – Auditorium
Friday	11/6	Kindergarten Tree Planting Ceremony Eid/Diwali Festival: 3 PM – Playground
Monday	11/9	Public Schools Week – School Tour – 9-10 AM
Tuesday	11/10	Make Up Picture Day//4 th Grade Chat with the Principal – 8:45 AM – Cafeteria Reflections Art Show
Wednesday	11/11	Veterans’ Day – School Holiday – School and CREST Closed
Thursday	11/12	5 th Grade Chat with the Principal – 8:45 AM – Auditorium GAC Meeting – 3:45 PM//African American Student Parent Group Meeting – 6 PM – Library El Torito Night for Grant Families (Flyer in office)
Friday	11/13	Career Day – 8:30 AM – Continental Breakfast/Classroom Presentations – 10-11 AM
Tue-Wed	11/16-17	Grant Night Fundraiser at Fish Enterprise (See Note on Page 2)
WEDNESDAY	11/18	Pupil Free Day – Parent Conferences – CREST Open

THIS WEEK IN GECKOVILLE

KEEP IT GREEN THIS HALLOWEEN..As you are running around tricking and treating on Saturday, don’t let those candy wrappers fall to the ground. If you have decorated your house, see how much you can save and use again next year and consider donating your old costume to the Salvation Army.

NOVEMBER 4 - PTA/ELAC INVITES YOU TO OUR JOINT MEETING...on Wednesday, November 4, from 8:30 am - 10:00 am. in the auditorium. We will discuss the District's Homework Policy, the Equity Fund Formula, and the goals for Grant's Single Student Plan. Light refreshments and childcare will be offered. Please RSVP to Monicka at (424) 229-0447 or at monickaquevara@yahoo.com.

CHAT WITH THE PRINCIPAL SERIES CONTINUES...The month of November will conclude the first round of “chats” with the principal. All “chats” begin at 8:45 a.m. Here is the schedule:

November 5 – 3 rd Grade	November 10 – 4 th Grade
November 12 – 5 th Grade	November 19 – Pre School

KINDERGARTEN TREE PLANTING CEREMONY – NOVEMBER 6...On Friday November 6th the Kindergarten classes will be planting five trees in their courtyard. With the help of the Green Geckos, parent volunteers and TreePeople the kids will dig the holes, place the trees, mulch, water and name them. After the planting, we invite you all to come see their handy work and to welcome the three Podocarpus and two Australian Willows to the Kindergarten Courtyard.

DIWALI AND EID FESTIVAL...Coming Friday, November 6th, from 3- 4:15pm at Grant's big yard is the Eid/Diwali Festival! Enjoy this free and culturally enriching event as we celebrate both the Festival of Lights/ Hindu New Year and the Muslim celebration of Eid that breaks the month long fasting of Ramadan. Learn more about the East Asian traditions. Enjoy ethnic food, music, henna tattoos and dance performances by Grant Bollywood Dance troupe, UCLA Bhangra team and Arabian dancers. Volunteers are needed so please check out the sign up sheets posted at the front of the school. Any questions contact Monica Bhardwaj, 310 314-1318 or Mudita Bahadur, 310 581-1127.

NOVEMBER 9 – SCHOOL TOUR...Our first school tour of the year will take place this Monday, November 9, from 9-10 a.m. If you or anyone you know will be enrolling a new kindergarten or older child at Grant next year, please let them know. Parents from all schools are welcome to attend. We'll meet in front of the main office.

MAKE UP PICTURE DAY – NOVEMBER 10...Makeup pictures are on Thursday, November 10th in the morning. If your child missed having his/her picture taken in October, let the office know. If your child missed Picture Day or you are not happy with the results, you can have your child do a make-up. Extra forms are in the office.

NOVEMBER 10TH - FINAL DAYS TO WORK ON YOUR REFLECTIONS PROJECTS!...All artwork is due on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd! Our school exhibit will be held on the evening of November 10th in the auditorium. Remember the theme is, "BEAUTY IS..." Please deliver all artwork to the office and put in the large folder. Make sure to include your child's name (first and last), grade and teacher. Any questions please contact Alison Platt at: AlisonVicPlatt@hotmail.com.

NOVEMBER 11 – VETERANS' DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY... In honor of our men and women who served in the armed services, Wednesday, November 11, is a school holiday. Please take the time to talk to your children about the tremendous sacrifices our veterans have made since WWII.

NOVEMBER 12 – GAC MEETING...Our regularly scheduled Grant Advisory Meeting on Thursday, at 4:00 pm, in the library, will focus on revising our school plan. Everyone is invited to attend.

NOVEMBER 12 – AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT PARENT GROUP MEETING...The African American Student/Parent Group would like to invite you to attend our upcoming meeting on the 12th at 6:00 pm in the library. We will review and discuss the school plan and the Kwanzaa Celebration scheduled for December 3. Please join us and lend your voice to these important issues. Childcare and refreshments will be provided.

CAREER DAY ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH! On Friday morning, November 13TH, twenty-seven speakers will share their jobs and careers with our students. Some of the new speakers include a Pathologist, Documentary Film Maker, Eye Surgeon, Composer, Oceanographer and Violinist. Speakers will be given a continental breakfast (thanks to the PTA), and will present from 10-11 a.m.

OTHER NEWS

FISH ENTERPRISE CELEBRATES 30 YEARS AND GRANT SCHOOL GETS 10% OF GROSS PROCEEDS...Imagine having a wonderful dinner where the most expensive item on the menu is \$7.99. Consider a beer for \$1. To celebrate their 30th anniversary, Fish Enterprise in Santa Monica is rolling back prices to 1979. Grant School has been chosen by the popular restaurant to receive 10% of all proceeds from the two-night event, November 17-18. That means 10% of all gross proceeds from EVERYONE who shows up and orders food and drinks. There are menus available in the office. Can you say "Shrimp Cocktail!"

NEW SMMUSD VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT...Grant is a richer school because of our abundance of volunteers in the classroom and around the school. The district presented a new volunteer agreement document last spring and, as of this fall, all volunteers must have a copy of the new form on file at Grant. In order to volunteer, we need: current TB test results, a new volunteer agreement and clearance from the US Department of Justice (which Ms. Monahan will do). If you have not filled out a volunteer form this year, they are available in the office. Please fill one out and return it as soon as you can.

A YEAR AGO?!?...Barak Obama became the first African American president of the United States. Whatever your politics – history had been made and America had turned a corner on race.

READING CORNER... A note from first grade parent Elisabeth Perez...Below are the two books I was referring to regarding the current national debate about why boys are falling behind girls' achievement in school and not attending college in the same numbers. They also go into much more detail on the tolerance levels for the way boys express themselves, the accelerated curriculum and the de-emphasis on recess which seem to set boys up for failure that grows more entrenched with each grade.

The Trouble with Boys: A Surprising Report Card on Our Sons, Their Problems at School, and What Parents and Educators Must Do - by **Peg Tyre**
The Minds of Boys: Saving Our Sons From Falling Behind in School and Life - by **Michael Gurian**

5pm Edison Language Academy is holding its annual Fall festival featuring the largest display of Day of the Dead Altars on the Westside. Delicious Mexican specialties will be available including tamales and pozole. Come enjoy the haunted house, arts and crafts, rock climbing, a display of alfombres, Cranes for Peace, plus hot Latin dance tunes from DJ Luis Lopez. Admission is free.

91 CASES OF PAPER ON THE WALL!...A huge Gecko “thank you” to Linda Toibb, grandmother of Christian Burnett, who donated six cases of copy paper to Grant. With her donation we have now received nine cases thanks to the generosity of Grant families. Our goal is to collect 100 cases of paper, which would equal about \$2400 of instructional supplies.

MS. LATE SLIP 2009...Annie Goren has been volunteering writing Late Slips for the past year. We would thank to thank Annie for her time and support helping our office staff deal with tardies.