

GRANT WEEKLY BULLETIN

DECEMBER 10-14

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

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| Monday | 12/10 | 5 th Grade Parent Outdoor Science School Information Meeting – 7 PM |
| Tuesday | 12/11 | Toy Drive: 9:45-10:30 AM//Jogathon Parent Meeting – 7 PM - Library |
| Wednesday | 12/12 | Kwanzaa Celebration – 6 PM |
| Friday | 12/14 | Crazy Hair and Hat Day Recycling Day – 8-9:30 – Basketball Courts Santa Monica Symphony Woodwind Quintet Assembly ELAC Holiday Festival – 6 PM |
| Thursday | 12/20 | Grant Holiday Program – Upper – 9:00, Primary – 10:30 |

A TIME TO GIVE

TOY DRIVE – HELPS KIDS HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY...On Tuesday, December 11; we are asking all Grant children to bring an unwrapped toy to school. The Santa Monica Fire Department will be at Grant between 9:45 and 10:30 a.m. to collect gifts that will be distributed to boys and girls on the Westside through the Toys for Tots program. This is the seventh year we have participated in this effort to help others. Thank you for your generosity.

SALVATION ARMY CANNED FOOD DRIVE ENDS MONDAY...Please encourage your children to bring canned goods for the Salvation Army Food Drive. The deadline is Monday, December 10th. All food items will be donated to help needy families during the holidays. Let's help fill up those barrels!

RECYCLING DAY...Our second Recycling Day will be on Friday, December 14. All students are asked to bring their plastic bottles and aluminum cans to be recycled.

DIRECT DONATION SUCCESS...It's been a great week for direct donation as we enter the final two weeks of the 2007 campaign. 143 families have donated \$79,000 toward your child's education. Congratulations to the kindergarten class for raising the most money thus far and kudos to the second grade parents for the largest number of participating families. Well done Geckos! Let's not give up on our goal of 100% participation and \$100,000 in donations - you've got until December 21st, to write those checks.

GRANT NIGHT AT THE SLICE IS BACK...Every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Come join us for pizza at the SLICE on 12/12, Wednesday. 20% of the all proceeds go back to Grant. This includes lunch and takeouts!!! 310-399-4060, 1622 Ocean Park. See you there!!! Any questions, please call Janie at 310-452-0982

A TIME TO HELP

DESPERATELY WANTED...We need a piano accompanist for our Holiday program Thursday, December 20. Anyone who can play popular holiday songs and the Beatle song, "Imagine," are welcome to contact the office. Thanks.

CPA WANTED...The Booster Club needs to file its 2007 tax return by 1/15/08. We are looking for a CPA that would be willing to prepare this return. If you are interested or know someone you could volunteer or recommend, please contact Julia Ting 310-396-6668 ASAP. THANKS!

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT LITERACY AND PJ NIGHT...was a fantastic success thanks to all the incredible GRANT storytellers and volunteers. We all drank lots of hot cocoa, ate cookies and bought books at the book fair. Children and parents all really seemed to enjoy the event. On behalf of the P.J. Night committee Helene P. von Schreiber-Morgan and Amy Salko Robertson, we'd like to thank all the volunteers: for their generous support of time and talent without which there would be no PAJAMA NIGHT! Yolanda and Amber Cisneros, Perri & Dave Clennon, George, Prarie and Sienna Morgan,

Melanie Hutsell, John & Anabel Robertson, Lisa Blodgett, Tish Tighe, Paula Gaudet, Ivana Letica, Monicka Guevara, Robb Brown, Caryn Beck Southers, Berkley Vashist, Jeff Finkelstein, Wendy Cohen, Mark Phillips, Carlos Jacott, Hanne Fink, Diyanna Gever, Aneta Zebala, Principal Friedenbergl and a huge thanks to former Grant parent, Todd Waring.

A TIME TO CELEBRATE

KWAANZA CELEBRATION...On Wednesday, December 12, our African American Student Parent Group is planning a Kwanzaa Celebration for our students. It will begin at 6:00 pm. There will be food, mask making and other events. Details will be forthcoming.

CRAZY HAIR AND HAT DAY...On Friday, December 14, students will have the opportunity to wear their hair in any weird or unusual style. Also, students are encouraged to wear crazy hats for this fun dress up day.

SANTA MONICA SYMPHONY WOODWIND QUINTET...On Friday, December 14, the Santa Monica Symphony Woodwind Quintet will perform for our children at two 30-minute special assemblies. Upper grades will begin at 10:00, and Primary at 11:00. This is a voluntary assembly – we understand it is a busy time and you may not be able to make it.

ELAC FIESTA HOLIDAY PROGRAM...The Grant School English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC) will be having their annual Christmas potluck party on Friday, December 14th, 2007 from 6pm-9pm in the school cafeteria. Come take a picture with Santa, buy a \$1 raffle ticket to support the Grant Booster Club and join us for a FELIZ NAVIDAD. -Potluck sign ups will be by room 47.

GRANT HOLIDAY PROGRAM...On Thursday, December 20, we will gather in the auditorium to sing holiday songs, row to Tahiti, and make fools of ourselves choreographing The Twelve Days of Christmas. There will probably be 3-4 rehearsals prior to the big show. All classroom or grade level performances are encouraged.

GREEN GECKO TIP OF THE WEEK - HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Practice conscious Holiday Shopping. Consider items that are useful, eco-friendly & without lots of plastic packaging. Go to ECOGIFT.COM to find great ideas. Attend the expo on Dec 15 & 16th in Santa Monica if you can. Save your wrapping paper & bags to re-use next year. If in need of new Xmas lights look for LED lights (energy efficient). You can find them on-line or at Anawalt Lumber. Don't leave your Xmas lights on all night.

If you receive a package with Styrofoam peanuts, don't toss them in the trash. Re-use them or take them to a shipping/packaging store that will re-use or recycle them. Box Brothers at 8th & Wilshire or 21st and Wilshire will take them.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

5TH OUTDOOR SCIENCE SCHOOL PARENT ORIENTATION...On Monday evening, December 10, at 7 pm in the auditorium, all fifth grade parents and their children are invited to the Outdoor Science Camp Parent Orientation. Parents will view a video of Big Blue Mesa Science School, receive handouts and have all questions answered.

JOGATHON MEETING...The first Jogathon volunteer parent meeting of the year will take place this Tuesday, December 11, at 7 p.m. in our library. Jeff Finkelstein, the chairperson of the committee will talk about the different jobs that need to be done for the April 17 fundraiser. Last year we collected close to \$50,000, so this is a big one to organize. For those parents who are new to Grant or have children in primary grades, we need your ideas and energy for the Grant Jogathon.

SCHOOL CENTS...Please continue to log your receipts for purchases made at Westside Pavilion Shopping Center to earn money for Grant. Simply bring original receipts dated between September 15, 2007 and May 15, 2008 to Guest Services located on Level 2 and request the points be logged for our school. We receive ten points for every dollar spent on all purchases at any store, restaurant or service provider. There are forty schools competing and the more points logged, the more money we will earn (between \$400 and \$3000). If you prefer, you may leave your receipts in the box located in the school office and we will log them for you. Anyone can support our school in this program so please spread the word to your family and friends. Happy Shopping!

