

GRANT WEEKLY BULLETIN

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ELAC HOLIDAY FIESTA TONIGHT 6 PM

HAVE A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY - SEE YOU IN 2008

Here's hoping that this holiday season is one to reconnect with loved ones, spend time with friends and family and be grateful for all that we have. From the entire staff at Grant - Happy Holidays.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday	12/19	Kwanzaa Celebration – 6-8 PM - Cafeteria
Thursday	12/20	Grant Holiday Program – Upper – 9:00, Primary – 10:30
December 22 – January 6		Winter Holidays – No School

KWANZAA CELEBRATION...Come celebrate KWANZAA with the African American Student Parent Group (AASPG) in the Grant cafeteria from 6:00-8:00pm on Wed. December 19th! Enjoy making traditional masks raffles, music, traditional foods and more! Help create holiday ornaments, holiday cards and decorations for the school holiday show in the auditorium on Thursday. All are welcome, as we celebrate the holiday season with African culture at Grant school. We're creating seasonal fun for the whole family!

GRANT WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM... On Thursday, December 20th, we will hold back-to-back Holiday programs. Under the direction of Betsy Newell, this is a special time where our school comes together and sings holiday songs. Some classes will be performing songs and/or dances, and the entire group, under the direction of Jane Glaser, has been taught a special dance that will be performed by our kids. The Primary Chorus will also be performing at the 10:30 Holiday Program. The annual Grant School Holiday Program will feature the 3rd-5th grade students singing at 9 a.m., and the Pre K-2nd grade classes performing at 10:30 a.m. The children will sing many holiday favorites. Parents are welcome to sing, too. Please be aware that there will be limited seating for the holiday programs.

FIFTH GRADE OUTDOOR SCIENCE CAMP FORMS Get away from the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Sit down, relax and fill out those science camp forms (it takes less than 8 minutes). We hope to have all the forms before winter break (next week). Payment must be made by January 18th, but you can do the forms now. Contact Diana Stephens at Diana.Stephens@verizon.net or call (310) 450-2092 with any questions.

RUMMAGE SALE SET FOR SATURDAY JANUARY 26TH...Clear out space for the new holiday gifts and donate your gently used books, toys, electronics, furniture and clothes (especially winter gear for the 5th graders for science camp) for this year's rummage sale. Bring your items to the back of the auditorium during school hours. The sale will be from 8 am to 2 pm in the Auditorium. No "earlies". We need help collecting the items, preparing the items on Friday evening and to work from 7 am to 2 pm on Saturday to work the event. Signup sheets will be outside the office.

SCHOOL TOURS TO BEGIN IN JANUARY...The first official school tour is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8th at 9am. After that, tours will take place on the first Tuesday of each month (February 5th is next). For all incoming kindergarten or 1st-5th graders entering Grant Elementary School in the fall of 2008, please call Shirley Weinraub at (310) 314-4044.

SING IN THE NEW YEARS... Applications for Kindergarten and Primary Chorus are still being accepted. Kindergarten Chorus is full and we have created a waiting list. We will be starting Session 2 the week of January 15th. The cost will be \$60 and scholarships are available.

LOST AND FOUND...This is the last time to check out our growing "Lost and Found" before it's donated to charity.

REFLECTIONS ART CONTEST...If your child submitted a piece for our Reflections Art Show last November, we have all the entries ready to be picked up from the office. Most work did not have names so we are unable to return them to the teachers for distribution.

THE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE...was a smashing success with the sales totaling approximately \$23,000! Thanks to all you shoppers and superb vendors but especially to Joanne Rietta, Andrea Carter, Zahava Yaari, Aliceann Grusin, Janie Doctor, Diana Stephens, Julia Ting & Paola Levinson. Also to Mark Choi for running the Grant Cafe all morning! Thank you all for giving so generously of your time and talents and for supporting our school!

MRS NELSON'S BOOK FAIR – We had another successful year and sold a total of \$23,000.00! Even though our sales were down from last year, Mrs. Nelson gives back 20%, which translates to a contribution of \$4,600.00 to Grant School! This year many wonderful and loyal volunteers supported the event and we could not have done it without you! We want to sincerely thank the following people for their volunteer support:

Sabrina Campbell	Gill Wiener	Christina Huber	Amy Behling
Thelma Felsteiner	Annie Goren	Amy Kennedy	Bridgette Bonner
Lianne Goldsmith	Cecelia Jones	Dave Hallinan	Becky Turk
Jennifer Ferro	Aliceann Grusin	Sue Edelman	Josephine Wallace
Andrea Carter	Liz Smith	Leesa Zelkin	Qualishia Welch
Amy Levin	Ania Kubicz-Preis	Diyanna Gever	Elizabeth Kruis
Margot Sadler	Nanette Gobel	Christina Iliem	Janet Guyette
Perry Clennon	Kim Moran	Shirley Weinraub	Rosemary Farrell
Sheila Marciano	Nancy Rowe	Ann Kummer	Martha Lares-Huerta
Zahava Yaari	Susanne Jett	Belita Chesler	Katherine Inglis-Hosbein

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who purchased books to support our school! An especially big "thank you" to the parents who purchased books from the teacher's wish lists. In this case the teachers and the school ultimately get to keep and use these books in their classrooms. Here's to another successful book fair in 2009! – Cydney Kirschbaum, Eliza Martin and Estelle Malamed, 2008 Book Fair co-chairs.

THE TOY DRIVE HELPS MAKE THE HOLIDAY A VERY HAPPY EXPERIENCE...Thanks to the generosity of our Pre School to fifth grade students; over 500 toys were collected by the SMFD – Station 5, for children in the Toys for Tots program. Watching the faces of our kids as they handed the fire fighters their unwrapped gifts was truly a moment to treasure.

BOOSTER BULLETIN BOARD - LAST CHANCE FOR TAX DEDUCTIONS...A check to the Direct Donation Campaign is a great year-end charitable contribution. We need to raise \$19,000.00 to reach our goal of \$100,000. Save our phone bank volunteers a call in January and write that check today. Have a wonderful Holiday.

TIS THE SEASON FOR THE ANNUAL MARCH OF THE WHITE ELEPHANTS...If you happen to take in one of these exotic creatures over the holidays, don't worry, Grant Elementary will gladly take it off your hands. Look for the White Elephant bin in the office when we come back from break. We will make sure they find a home either through BINGO or "Caught Being Good" prizes. Thanks

A HOLIDAY RIDDLE: WHAT RHYMES WITH VACATION?...DONATION! That's right; while you're on vacation, please ask for a donation. The **silent auction** committee is busy planning the **March 8, 2008, silent auction** event. But we can't do it without your donations. Please see the enclosed letter and donation form. More forms are available in the office or by emailing Elizabeth Kruis at ee.kruis@verizon.net.

REGISTRATION FOR WINTER BREAK CAMPS IS UNDER WAY!...Camp Santa Monica will be held at Virginia Avenue Park and Santa Monica Sports Experience will be held at JAMS. Both Camps run Wednesday through Friday of both weeks of Winter break from 7am until 6pm. +-Camp is open to students ages 8 through 14. Generous financial assistance is available based on a sliding scale to low

to moderate income families. Flyers are available in the main office or Room 50 at Grant or at the Reed Park Youth Office (1133 7th St.Santa Monica) For more information, please call the Youth office at 310.458.8540 or visit us at crest.smgov.net
