

GRANT WEEKLY BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 4-8

TONIGHT!

MATH FAMILY NIGHT

FREE PIZZA DINNER – 5:00 PM//MATH GAMES – 6-8 PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Friday	2/1	Math Family Night: Pizza Dinner – 5 PM, Math Games 6-8 PM
Monday	2/4	Intervention Classes Begin
Tuesday	2/5	VOTE! PTA Meeting – 8:30 AM - Cafeteria
Wednesday	2/6	ELAC – 8:30 AM Kindergarten – Theater 1 st Grade - L.A. Zoo SAMOHI Visits Grant – Bye, Bye Birdie Preview
Thursday	2/7	Awards Assemblies: Upper – 9:00, Primary – 10:30, K – 12:30 GAC – 4:30 PM – Library
Friday	2/8	Presidential Dress Up Day
Monday	2/11	Jump Rope for Heart Association Assembly-9 AM – Basketball Courts
Tuesday	2/12	5th Grade Outdoor Science School – Big Bear: 7:30 AM
Friday	2/15	5 th Graders Return – About 1:30 PM
Monday	2/18	Presidents' Day – School Holiday
Tuesday	2/19	Rhythm Child Assembly: Upper – 9:00, Primary – 10:30
Wednesday	2/20	3 rd Grade Chat with the Principal – 8:45 AM Lockdown Drill – 1:30 PM
Friday	2/22	Report Cards Distributed 3 rd Grade Public Speaking Celebration – 1:15 (2 nd Grade Invited)
Tuesday	2/26	4 th Grade – San Gabriel River – "Trout in the Classroom" Measure BB Committee Meeting – 4:30 Library
Wednesday	2/27	4 th Grade Chat with the Principal – 8:45 AM – Auditorium
Thursday	2/28	5 th Grade Chat with the Principal – 8:45 AM – Auditorium

NEWS, NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5! The polls will be open from 7am to 8pm. If you aren't sure where your polling place is, you can find out at www.lavote.net <<http://www.lavote.net>> Our PTA and Teachers Association have both endorsed Measure R, which renews existing local funding to protect high quality education in our local schools – without increasing tax rates.

Without Measure R, our schools face serious cuts. Local schools would be forced to increase class sizes and to cut important educational programs. No other source of funding exists to prevent these cuts if Measure R fails.

Every vote really matters! A 2/3 majority vote is required to pass Measure R. You can join our PTA in helping to get people out to vote. Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts on February 2, 3, 4, and 5 for various types of activities, from checking lists to making phone calls and precinct walking. To volunteer, please contact Thelma Felstiner at tjfelstiner@aol.com and (310) 399-6065 or Margot Sadler mimws@earthlink.net

DONATIONS: Parents, we need your donations now!!!. The auction will begin online on February 22. Donations must be in by February. Forms are on the silent auction bulletin board in front of the school. Questions (or to get a form by email)??? Please contact Elizabeth Kruis 310.399.2232 ee.kruis@verizon.net

ROCK THE RED CARPET - AUCTION EVENT 2008 Look for your official invitation in your oldest child's backpack next week. See our bulletin board for more exciting details to come. Here's a sneak peek: fabulous silent auction items, A LIVE AUCTION, live entertainment, cocktails, appetizers and a lot of fun! It's not too late to help with the event. Questions??? Please contact Belita Chesler 310.200.6981 belitachesler@hotmail.com

LOOKING AGAIN FOR THOSE BRAVE VOLUNTEERS...to help us with the Jules Stein Vision tests on Monday, February 4th from 8:30 am - 11:30 am. If you have one or two hours, contact Monicka (310) 399-5903 monickaguevara@yahoo.com. The first graders thank you in advance!

PTA – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 8:30 A.M. BEFORE OR AFTER YOU VOTE - Please join us in the cafeteria for our PTA Meeting. Agenda items will include electing a nominating committee to begin the search for next year's officers, the Principal's report, the financial report and maybe a few surprises. Any questions or agenda items, please contact Becky Turk 310-581-4909.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS...It was another spirited election. 35 students did an extraordinary job. The last precincts have reported and here are the results:

President - Fernando de la Torre
Vice President - Julia Franzese

Secretary - Josh Valencia
Safety Commissioner - Adam Kummer

Treasurer - Maddy Tung
Historian - Kelly Cano

CHAT SERIES CONTINUES...We will have four "chats" in February: **3rd – Feb. 20th** **4th – Feb. 27** **5th – Feb. 28**

PARENTS NEEDED FOR GATE SECURITY...We're looking for a few parents who can help with security at the front gate of the school. Each parent would work a 1-3 hour shift to guarantee that all visitors are checked in before entering the school. If you can help out with a shift or two one day per week, let the office know.

BYE, BYE, BIRDIE...SAMOHI's Bye, Bye Birdie cast will preview this year's production at Grant on Wednesday, February 6. Look for an announcement on dates, show times and ticket prices in the next GWB.

GRANT SCHOOL RECEIVES \$2500 GARDENING GRANT...Thanks to the efforts of our teacher Miriam Hopkins, Grant received a special \$2500 Instructional School Garden Grant.

THE RUMMAGE SALE WAS INDEED A GROUP SUCCESS...\$1400 was raised to support the 5th grade science camp! Thanks to all the 59 parents and students who planned, advertised, donated, sorted, classified, priced, charged, worked on the display and on the numbers, cleaned, and sold food.

Salma Haji, Becky Turk, Sonia Bravo, Yolanda Cisneros, Monicka Guevara, Karen Melick, Carlitos Artavia, Grandpa Norm Ellis, Erik Sanchez, Amy Kennedy, Amy Levin, Laura Baldwin, Nikki Jackson, Jane Mycroft, Zahava Yaari, Norma Mahfouz, Esperanza Martinez, Vilma Lizardi, Maria Quintero, Alicia Quintero, Julieta Lopez, Irene Lopez, Lisa Vasquez, Norma, Lynn Lapenia, Robin Derby, Maria Villegas, Tomasa Rodriguez, Araceli Escoto, Claire Thomas, Dinah Hubble, Anna Preis, Smiriti Gaur, Laurie Charchurt, Aliceann Grusin, Sylvia Sanchez, Marilyn LaBrie, Al and Gina Friedenber, Ben Hurbur, Noel Prasad, Reina Flores, Mark and Bora Choi, Thelma Feldsteiner, Maureen Antonio and Robin Ver Steeg.

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AT GRANT...This is the last week you can sign your child up for an after school enrichment class. The cost is \$50 for the six-week session. We do not prorate.

HOMEWORK CLUB BEGINS THIS WEEK...81 students are enrolled in our Homework Club. If you would like your child to participate please come to the office and we will put you on a waiting list.

INTENSIVE INTERVENTION CLASSES... Classes will begin this week. A notice has gone home to every parent who has been recommended for Intervention Classes.

GRANT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 7...Our first GAC meeting of the new year will take place on Thursday, February 7, at 4:30 p.m. in the library.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION DAY AT GRANT...The Grant AASPG is proud to announce the return engagement of the award winning music group Rhythm Child back to Grant elementary for two assemblies on February 19 to celebrate Black History Month at Grant school! Come hear and experience this wonderful music company's devotion to the advancement and promotion of positive music for all our children. Their ultimate mission is to encourage children to experience the pure joys of music as part of their daily life education through connecting with their own inner rhythms and to help us celebrate a wonderful month! Come one, come all and start your morning off with a bang!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH POETRY CONTEST!!...Open to all Grant Elementary Students, the Grant AASPG is happy to announce the **Black History Month** poetry contest with: **"I Have A Dream"** All entries accepted now till February 15 – Please turn in your submissions into the Grant office Two winning poems from the **Grant Upper Grades** and two winners from the **Grant Primary Grades** will be awarded! Each winner will be allowed to read their poem during the Grant Black History Month celebration, on February 19, 2008 during the Rhythm Child concert in front of the whole school! Each Upper class winner will be awarded a \$15.00 gift certificate and each primary grade will be awarded a \$15.00 gift certificate from BARNES AND NOBLE!!

GRANT MEASURE BB COMMITTEE MEETING – FEBRUARY 26...The first meeting of the Grant Measure BB Committee will take place on Tuesday, February 26, at 4:30 p.m. in the library. We will be meeting with the architectural firm of Fields and Devereaux who will be designing the new two-story building to house eight new classrooms. If you are interested in being on the committee please contact Alan Friedenber, at Friedenberg@smmusd.org.

