

GRANT WEEKLY BULLETIN

MAY 5-9

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	5/5	Jogathon Donations Due
Tuesday	5/6	School Tour – 9 AM
Wednesday	5/7	ELAC Meeting – 8:30 AM//PTA Meeting – 7 PM
Friday	5/9	Recycling Day
Tuesday	5/13	Science Expo Workshop #1 – 3-4 PM – Cafeteria Grant – JAMS Parent Meeting – Auditorium – 6:30 PM
Friday	5/16	State Testing Officially Over!
Saturday	5/17	Carnival! – 1-6 PM
Wednesday	5/21	JAMS Counselors Speak to Grant 5 th Grade Students – 10:45 AM Science Expo Workshop #2 – 6:30-7:30 PM - Cafeteria
Friday	5/23	Walk to Grant Day Disaster Drill – 10:15 AM
Monday	5/26	Memorial Day Holiday – No School, No CREST
Tuesday	5/27	Mobile Dairy Classroom Assembly – Holy Cow!
Thursday	5/29	Minimum Day: Kindergarten – 8:25-12:15, 1 st -5 th Grades – 8:25-1:15 PM Drop Off Science Projects in Auditorium – All Day Open House and Science Expo – 6:30-9:00 PM

TESTING SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

2ND Grade – Tuesday & Wednesday – Language Arts, Thursday – Math
3rd Grade – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – Math
4th Grade – Tuesday and Wednesday – Math
5th Grade – Tuesday and Wednesday – Language Arts

JOGATHON SPONSOR COLLECTION DEADLINE... Monday May 5th is the deadline to bring in your Jogathon donations. Please place your donation envelope in the drop off box in the office. If you have more than once child attending Grant please remember to make sure each student turns in their own sponsor and prize detail form. Thank you again to our sponsors: Gary Limjap – Coldwell Banker for shirts, Bob's Market for popsicles & water, Sparkletts Danon water, and Il Forno Caffè – water bottles.

ELAC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY... We invite all our bilingual families to participate May 7th in our monthly parent ELAC meeting. It will be at 8:30am in the school Auditorium. We will discuss how ELAC will support the school Carnival. At 9:00am Officer Francisco Franco with SMPD will give parents information on the new Neighborhood Resource Officer program as well as a presentation and discussion about gangs. This parent presentation will be in Spanish. For more information please contact Elena Uliantzeff, bilingual community liaison ext 147.

PTA MEETING, WEDNESDAY MAY 7th, 7p.m. GRANT LIBRARY... Please join us as we say goodbye to the old and welcome the new officers for 2008-2009. Other agenda items include an update on our state budget crisis including passing a resolution rejecting the cuts to children and education, financial requests for 5th grade activities, an open discussion on next year's budget, Carnival update, and Principal's report. Please make plans now to attend. Childcare will be provided.

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AT GRANT... It's not too late to sign up for an enrichment class. We have completed our first week but will take new students this week.

SCIENCE EXPO!... It's the perfect time to identify an interesting question to experiment upon for the Science Expo, which is May 29th. The first Science Expo workshop is Tuesday, May 13th 3:00-4:00. Children are welcome to attend with or without parents, and snacks will be provided. Please RSVP by dropping the form in the office. Thanks!

TALENT SHOW... auditions started Thursday, May 1st, and continue Friday, May 2nd. If you'd like to participate & haven't signed up yet, hurry over! Don't forget -- come next week to rehearse at the same time as your audition unless you hear otherwise. We're looking forward to a wonderful time! Grant Talent 2008 is scheduled for Saturday, June 14th. Questions? Email Alison Brady at alisonbrady@fastmail.fm

5TH GRADE IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday	5/13	6:30 PM	Parent Meeting at Grant with JAMS Administrators and Counselors
Wednesday	5/14	10:45 AM	JAMS Counselors Meets with 5 th Grade Students – Course Selections
	6/30-8/1	8:15-12:15	Incoming 6 th Graders Intervention Summer School – Will Rogers
	6/1-7/25		Summer School Adventure – Lincoln Middle School
	8/12-8/13		Science Camp
Tuesday	8/26	8:30-10:30	Schedule Pick-Up Day
Tuesday	9/2		First Day of School

CARNIVAL UPDATE

THE CARNIVAL IS TWO WEEKS AWAY...and the Grant community is working hard to transform our humble playground into a magical Carnival, complete with super rides, refurbished games, eclectic entertainment, and fabulous food. This extraordinary event will once again, exemplify the talents of so many parents, students, and staff and the sense of community that make Grant special. A ten-day count down of why the Carnival will be the best ever will be displayed starting on Wednesday, May 7th. New this year, along with the Video Game and Taste of Sunset, is the full-participation of our teachers, 5th & 4th graders, girls & boys scouts. To sweeten the visitors' experience we will have cotton candy, corn on the cob, snow cones, and Nestle ice cream. To top it all off, we are going green with recycling bins, eco-friendly prize distribution and biodegradable plates, cups, forks, knives, and napkins.

THE CARNIVAL GAME CONTEST IS ON...The flyer with all the rules went home on Thursday. Entries are due on Wednesday, May 7th. Please get creative and share your fun, original idea with us. Winners will receive prizes and their names will be displayed on the booths. Any questions, contact Nicole Lieban at (310) 392-3670 or lieban@verizon.net.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!...The Bake Sale is a wonderful part of the Carnival! We need you all to bake/buy your favorite goodies. Some ideas are.... cookies, donuts, cupcakes, brownies, rice crispy treats, muffins, and chocolate covered pretzels. Nothing with nuts "we are a nut free school," and nothing that needs a utensil (ex. flan). Please bring your baked goods on Friday, May 16th to the cafeteria or Saturday, May 17th to the Bake Sale Booth. Want to work a shift? Let us know - we would love to have you! Questions ask Roxie Amirdelfan babaki98@aol.com or Carolynne Hogg hogg@senate.ucla.edu. Thank you, thank you!!!

BAKING OR WORKING AT THE CARNIVAL IS NOT THE ONLY WAY YOU CONTRIBUTE.we have 12 sponsorship areas including: rides, prizes, green gecko spirit, rock climbing, game booths, food & drinks, and more. Cash sponsorships will be acknowledged on a thank you poster displayed at the Carnival Booth. Sponsorships above \$1,000 will be displayed on a banner at the Carnival. The sponsorship opportunities flyer was sent home on Thursday.

CALLING ALL KINDER, 1st and 2nd GRADE DANCERS...to participate in a dance group directed by Jane Glaser. We will practice from 3:00 pm on Wednesday, May 7th and Wednesday, May 14th in the Cafeteria. The flyer was sent home on Thursday. Any questions, please call Monicka Guevara (310) 399-5903 or email monickaguevara@yahoo.com

PARENTS AND STUDENTS NOW IS THE TIME TO SHOW YOUR GECKO SPIRIT...on Monday, May 5th you will find the sign-up sheet outside the classrooms. Please take the time to stop and volunteer for a shift. If it is more convenient for you, please call or email your room rep. If you are not sure about your schedule, you can also sign-up on the sign-up sheets outside the main office or in the back or kinder areas or email Monicka Guevara monickaguevara@yahoo.com

CALLING ALL VIDEO GAMERS (AND PEOPLE WHO LOVE THEM)!...At this year's carnival we will turn the cafeteria into a video gamers dream come true. See your favorite Wii, Xbox, PS2 and Nintendo64 games projected to life-size proportions. To complete this "booth" we are looking for families willing to LOAN us their gaming consoles and a few pairs of powered speakers (the kind used with a computer). We promise to treat them with care and respect! Also, anyone looking to get rid of rug remnants, end tables, lamps, lava lamps, recliners, beanbag chairs or sofas, we'll take them off your hands, use them for the carnival and then donate them to charity. Contact Brent Cohen at 310-664-0180 or brent@njrcus.com.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT BOOTH...It's time for the Annual Family Entertainment Booth. We're starting to collect new and used Books, CD's, Video's, DVD's and Computer Games all to be sold in the booth at the Carnival on May 17th. Please go through your closets and bring in your donations. This booth has always been a huge success thanks to all your generous donations! We've placed a large red plastic bin in the CAFETERIA to collect all your stuff! Any questions, call Thelma at (310) 399-6065 or e-mail at tjfelstiner@aol.com.

TICKETS...for CARNIVAL go on sale starting Thursday, May 15th. If you buy your tickets early, for each \$10 in tickets you buy you will receive \$1 in tickets **FREE!** Tickets will be on sale in the **FRONT OF THE SCHOOL** as follows:

Thursday Kindergarten Yard 1:45-2:00, 2:50-3:30 flagpole) Friday, 9:00-9:45 and 2:50-3:30 (flagpole)

