

Grant's January Newsletter

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The Principals' Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you all had a fun winter break and took some time to laugh and play as a family.

January is a very exciting month for Grant School. This will be our kick-off month for the Leader-in-Me leadership model. December was a very integral month in laying the foundation for this model. Some of the work that has been done includes the creation of a Lighthouse Team which is comprised of 6 staff members. This team will meet regularly to oversee the schoolwide implementation of our new leadership model.

In December, Grant staff spent several meetings revising the mission and vision statement for Grant School. This difficult yet important process lays the foundation for the work ahead as we bring this mission and vision alive with Leader-in-Me activities. Our next steps will be to identify the daily activities and actions that occur at Grant School which exemplify our Vision and Mission.

Vision Statement

Building tomorrow's leaders one student at a time

Mission Statement

Providing a nurturing environment that encourages academic achievement, positive values, and individual talents.

If you have any questions about this process please come to our next PTO meeting on January 18th. We will be happy to answer questions and inform you on this new leadership model.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wichers & Mr. Wester

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 10-13—DIBELS, STAR math & reading testing
- Jan. 13— Last day of 1st semester
- Jan. 14—No School
- Jan. 17— 2nd semester begins
- Jan. 18 - PTO carnival meeting
6:00 pm
- Jan. 18— PTO general meeting
6:30 pm
- Jan. 18— Report cards sent home with students
- Feb. 15 - PTO general meeting
6:30 pm
- Feb. 18 - Winter Carnival
- Feb. 18 - Spring Picture Day
- Feb. 21 - No School
- March 8 & 10 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- March 11 - 20 - Spring break
- March 21— Classes resume
- March 22 - PTO general meeting
6:30 pm
- March 23— Pizza Ranch Night for Grant School from 5-8:00pm

Nurse's Note

Happy New Year!

The INFLUENZA season is entering its most active months. The best prevention is an annual flu shot. If your child hasn't had it yet, it's not too late. Please contact your child's health care provider and follow their recommendations.

Many students are leaving class to come to the nurse for Chap Stick. This is an unnecessary loss of instructional time. Please try to keep some lip balm or Vaseline in your child's desk/backpack through the dry, cold months.

As the days grow colder the children spend more time inside doing sedentary activities. It is important that they get some form of exercise for an hour a day. To help out with this there are several exercise videos for kids. Many include dance, music, and are a lot of fun. Otherwise you can jog in place, walk up and down the steps, take a few laps around the house or turn on the radio and dance. Be creative, the more fun it is the more often they're going to do it. Have a Great January!

With Healthy Regards,
Teresa Kulick & Julie Kundel



The Many Colors of Leadership

Coming Soon To Grant: A Book Club Dates will soon be set...stay tuned!

Coming soon you will all have the opportunity to sign up for joining us in an informal setting. We will be discussing the book The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families. The book club is a time for parents to get together and talk about parenting techniques using The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families book as a springboard for conversation.



This promises to be a fun, casual discussion with yummy snacks provided. We hope to see many of our Grant families there!

Books will be provided at no cost

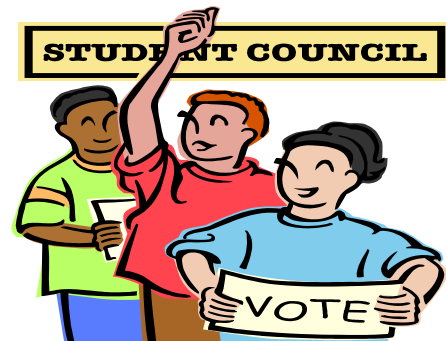


Counselor's Corner

Thank you all for participating in the MCSA toy drive that was held at Grant during the month of December. Many boxes of toys were donated from the students and families at Grant.

The Shelter was extremely grateful for all the work that was put into this toy drive. Thank you student council for being the driving force of this community project.

Sincerely,
Mr. Schuler
Guidance Counselor



New Nurse

We would like to welcome Julie Kundel to Grant School. Mrs. Kundel is our newest member to join Grant School. Although Mrs. Kundel is very familiar with Grant she is now leading in a different capacity. She is our new school nurse. Mrs. Kundel will be at Grant all day on Wednesday's. We are very excited to have Mrs. Kundel at our building.

Lost & Found

It is getting colder outside. Please dress your children warm enough for the day. Check out our Lost and Found for any missing items.

Please Label your child's outer-





PTO

Parents, Teachers and Students,

There are a few items to keep in mind this month:

- **PTO General Meeting**– The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the school’s media center.
- **PTO Carnival Meeting** - Will be held at 6:00 pm in the media center on Tuesday, January 18th. Details and finishing touches for the all school winter carnival will be discussed during this meeting.
- **Winter Carnival**—Takin’ a Road Trip to Grant. Our theme this year is being planned with having a “road trip” feel to it. It will be very fun and adventurous for the entire family. Travel on Route 66 for a fun-filled night. The carnival will be held at Grant on **Friday Feb. 18 from 5:00-7:30 pm.**

Check Us Out!!

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Our website received a facelift! Please check this site throughout the month to see the new layout. The school website is a great tool for parents and community members to learn about our school. If you would like to see something on our site that is not currently on it please let us know.

