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Cougar News

Grant School Parent Newsletter

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The next newsletter will be published on March 1st

MINIMUM DAYS FEBRUARY 1ST & 15TH

Grant School will be on a minimum day schedule on Wednesday,

Grade	Arrive	Dismiss
Grades 4 - 6	8:20	12:15
Grades 7 - 8	8:20	12:45
Grades TK - 3	8:20	1:15

February 1st and 15th.

GRANT SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

February 13	Lincoln's Birthday	Closed
February 20	Presidents' Day	Closed

Grant School, preschool, and daycare will have the following schedule for the February holidays:

REPORT CARDS

The end of the 2nd trimester is Friday, February 24th. The report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, March 3rd. If you do not receive your student's report card, please contact the school office at 243-0561 for a duplicate. Parents with students in 4th through 8th grade may view their report cards at our on-line reporting site, Aeries.

BOX TOPS COLLECTION DATE

The Box Tops collection is Thursday, February 23rd at 7:40 a.m. in front of the district office. There is an extra prize for children that write the number of Box Tops on their baggies. Families with the top number of Box Tops will receive a gift card. Please check those pantries.

PTO RESERVE PARKING

Did you ever wonder how to get your name on one of those Reserved Parking signs? Every month PTO raffles the spots to parents that purchase tickets in the school office. Tickets are $5 each or 5 tickets for 20. These are wonderful spots to win during the rainy season and near the end of school when every spot is always filled.

GRANT SCHOOL HONOR CHOIR

Congratulations to our talented students for a stellar performance at this years

Calendar of Events

2-1 Minimum Day Schedule

2-2 PTO Meeting - 3 pm

2-3 Sports Boosters Meeting - 8:15 am

2-3 PTO Art Fair - 6 pm

2-7 Music Boosters Meeting - 7:30 am

2-8 CEF Meeting - 7 pm

2-13 Lincoln's Birthday - School Closed

2-14 School Site Council Meeting - 3:15 pm

2-15 Minimum Day Schedule

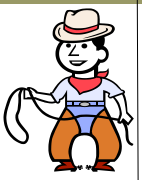
2-16 School Board Meeting - 6:30 pm

2-20 Presidents' Day - School Closed

2-23 Box Tops Collection Day - 7:40 am

2-24 End of the 2nd Trimester

Honor Choir Event held on January 14th at Chico State University. Way to go Honor Choir! We are so proud of you!!



KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

If you have or know of a child that lives in the Grant School District who will be attending kindergarten next year, now is the time to come by the office and sign up for kindergarten. The Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14th beginning at 8:45 a.m. with a parent information meeting in the cafeteria. Kindergarten registration packets will be mailed in mid February. Children must be 5 years

- ✓ old by September 1, 2017 in order to register for the 2017-2018 school year. Parents of children
- ✓ turning 5 between September 2nd and December 2nd, 2017 should call the office for enrollment options. Please be sure to bring the fol-
- ✓ lowing if not previously turned in:

- ✓ Proof of residence

Birth certificate

Immunization record

TK	Carsyn Cogle	4th	Brice Koschnick
1st	Kolae Carlson-Spear	5th	Daniel Reed
2nd	Natalie Dickey	6th	Owen James-Fuller
3rd	Max Petersen	7th	Grace Sutter
		8th	Thomas MacLean

Physical completed after 4-1-2017

MAKING GOOD CHOICES AWARDS

Students chosen by teachers and classroom aides/ playground coaches for making good choices during the month of December:

POSITIVE REFERRAL

Willow Brown	Madison-Mae Jones
Phoebe Cancilla	Summer Mattox
Kyrie Escobar	Gabe Miller
Cole James-Fuller	Emily Pike
Liam Gibbens-Egolf	Eli Sheets

Grant students who show exemplary behavior are rewarded with a positive referral and a free Subway certificate. This referral results in a special presentation of the positive behavior in the student's classroom by the principal, a positive reward, and a positive referral to take home. We will also showcase our positive referral recipients in the monthly newsletter. Keep up the good work.

January Positive Referral Recipients:

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

HOMESCHOOL

Grant Homeschool is available for students in K-8 who reside in or out of the Grant School District. Our homeschool teacher, Mrs. Beasley, works closely with families to create an individualized learning plan that the parent teaches at home. Frequent meetings ensure that the child is working

VALENTINE'S DANCE

All 7th & 8th graders: Come support Grant's Student Council by attending our Semi-Formal Dance. The Dance will be held on Friday, February 24th from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Presale admission is $5 (see Mrs. Thompson) and at the door is $6. Student Council will be selling snacks and drinks.

Grant School's dress code & ineligibility rules will be enforced.

to his/her full potential. Homeschool families are connected to Grant School programs and classes, and gain valuable interaction through school and community events, activities, and field trips. Grant is pleased to offer a Vendor Program to enrich your homeschool student's education. For information, call 243-0561 X152.

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

Grant School's Student Council will be holding a Pennies for Patients Fundraising Drive beginning February 27th through March 17th. For more information see page 4 of this newsletter.

YEARBOOKS

Ordering: You may order your yearbook directly from Jostens. See the link on our school website. Personalization with your child's name and icons of activities are available. If you're not sure whether you have already ordered, email me at tpellizzari@grantschoolcougars.com and I can check for you.

SPORTS BOOSTERS

8th Grade Grad Ads and Baby Photos: Grad ads can be created and paid for on the Jostens site; see the flyer in this newsletter for more information. I need 8th graders' baby photos for the "Guess the Baby" pages. Please send in a baby photo in an envelope marked with the student's first and last name. These will be scanned and returned to you. You may also send photos via email as attachments. THE DEADLINE FOR GRAD ADS AND BABY PHOTOS IS FEBRUARY 16, 2017. If you need help or have questions, please email me.

* Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Mother/Son Movie Night - Thursday, March 2nd - please see attached flyer on page 17.

* A BIG THANK YOU to Sierra Pacific Foundation for their generous donation to Grant School athletes toward the purchase of a multi-sport scoreboard for baseball, soccer, and softball. Our athletes & families look forward to the new scoreboard for the upcoming sport seasons.

* THANK YOU to all of the families, community members and former Grant School students who volunteered their time to make the 2017 Cougar Classic boys basketball tournament a success. Grant Sports Boosters members appreciate your time and energy. The tournament was a BIG success!

SPORTS NEWS BY MRS. PELLIZZARI

NEXT MEETING

The next Sports Booster's meeting is Friday, February 3rd at 8:15 a.m. in the conference room.

SPORTS BOOSTERS BOARD MEMBERS

Co-presidents - Veronica Yonge and Roxanne Beasley
Vice President - Kim McClung
Treasurer - Erin Henson
Secretary - Leanne Weaver
Concessions - Devon Luntey
Uniform Coordinators - Jessica Lugo and Mary Suppiger

Sports News: Thank you to the many volunteers who helped at the Grant Cougar Classic. The tournament went very well due to the efforts of so many, led by our fabulous Sports Boosters!

PLEASE SEE THE SPORTS CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING TRYOUTS FOR 4TH/5TH BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL (Feb. 1st and 2nd), AS WELL AS BASEBALL. Students MUST have completed athletic permission packets turned in to coaches before they are allowed to try-out. For try-outs and practices that occur more than 15 minutes after dismissal, students must either go home and come back, or attend daycare until tryouts, practices, or games begin. For safety reasons, students must

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learning to make someday today

National Partner Olive Garden

LEUKEMIA CAUSES MORE DEATHS THAN ANY OTHER CANCER
among children, adolescents and young adults under the age of 20.

There could be a child in your community right now who needs our help.

Your child and their school have signed on to raise funds in the fight against blood cancer with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Student Series. Thank you in advance for helping your child understand how they are saving lives just by turning in a few dollars.

FUNDRAISING IS EASY IF YOU FOLLOW THESE STEPS.

ONLINE: Visit www.studentseries.org and create your child's page.

1. Click on "Donate to or Find a Participating School."
2. Enter your child's school name.
3. Create your child's online page by clicking on "Join Your School Team" or "Join Your Classroom Team."
4. **Start Raising Money!** Share your child's personal online fundraising link through email and social media! Students who raise over $100 online will receive a commemorative t-shirt.

COLLECT:

Overturn every pillow and couch cushion to help your child find loose change. **Remember they can collect dollars, checks and change,** so encourage them to bring their collection box or envelope everywhere they go!

Make sure they bring in their collection box or envelope many times so they can help fill up their classroom boxes.

By collecting donations, LLS is able to fund more effective therapies. **In the 1960's the survival rate for the most common form of childhood leukemia was 3%. Today it's approximately 90% thanks to many research advances funded by programs like Student Series.**

CELEBRATE:

Help your child celebrate being AMAZING. LLS has invested more than $1 billion in research to advance therapies that save lives. That includes more than $5.9 million from the Greater Sacramento and Northern Nevada Area. That is A LOT of Pennies!!

Thank you, and thanks to your child, for helping LLS create a world without blood cancers.

Sincerely,

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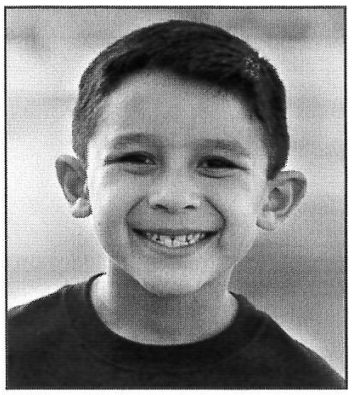

Meet Roel
leukemia survivor

In March 2011, just before his 2nd birthday, Roel was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. After more than 3 years of chemotherapy, Roel remains in remission. That's a great thing, because his busy schedule of bike riding and spending time with his family at the beach does not allow any more time for cancer.

Grant School
Pennies for Patients
Fundraising Drive
February 27th - March 17th

BE AMAZING. Raise money, earn great prizes and help save lives. DONATE ONLINE: **STUDENTSERIES.ORG/SAC**

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GRANT COUGARS

CEF PRESENTS THIS YEARS DINNER/DANCE

"BETTER TOGETHER"

Saturday February 25, 2017
at

WIN-RIVER RESORT & CASINO

Win-River Resort & Casino

Doors open at 5:00pm
Silent Auction 5pm to 7pm
Dinner 7pm
Live Auction 8pm

Tickets on sale January 9, 2017

BUY A TABLE AND GET 2 BOTTLES OF WINE!!
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT GRANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Centerville Education Foundation/ Art & Appreciation

With Appreciation

CEF would like to send out our appreciation to the "guys" that keep Grant looking great as well as all the other tasks they are given on a daily basis! We would like to thank Keith Weiss, Damon Skaggs, Gabe Rocha, Cory Sunquist and Shane Snow for their service to Grant School and all of their hard work. We know that a lot goes on behind the scenes to ensure our students and facility not only have a well-maintained place to be but a safe one. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE:

CEF Dinner/Dance "Better Together" February 25, 2017

Tickets are now on sale at the front office.

Tickets are $35

If you purchase a table CEF will provide 2 bottles of wine for your table!

CEF has an exciting opportunity for Grant families! CEF installed a legacy wall outside the front office. There are 3 different sizes of Cougar paws to show your support for CEF and Grant Elementary School, as well as cement your legacy here at Grant. Come by and take a look at the Legacy Paws already up!

We would love to have you at our next board meeting, Wednesday February 8th at 7pm in the Grant School Library.

Thank you,
CEF Board Members:
President: Kayleen MacMillan Vice President: Julie Gebhardt

Secretary: Kirstin McKellar Treasurer: Leslie Williem

PTO has partnered with Funds2Org to collect the shoes your family no longer needs or wants.

Would you ever think that your old shoes could help buy playground equipment, or a 3D printer? Well they can and here's how. PTO is participating in a fundraiser where there is nothing to buy or sell, all we need is your support and your old shoes. We are looking to the Grant community to help support us by agreeing to collect 25 pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes in the next 4 weeks. Here's how you do it: Start in your family's closets and gather pairs of shoes that you've out grown, are out of style, or out of season. These shoes will help support our program as well as individuals in developing nations like Ghana, Haiti and Bolivia.

It's hard to believe that an estimated 600 million pairs of shoes go into America's landfills. The majority of these shoes can still be worn. The shoes that we collect will be kept from landfills and will help others in developing countries start micro-businesses that will create a sustainable income for their families and at the same time, raise much needed funds for our team. Can you collect 25 pairs and help? With many people doing a small thing we can achieve great results. Remember if you can't collect 25, every pair counts.

PTO Shoe Drive

Donate any shoe type in new or reusable condition

PTO earns $$ for programs at Grant AND helps developing countries!

Turn in to the school office or your child's class now through February 28th

PTO thanks you for your continued support!

Grant School PTO Presents:

Art Fair 2017

It's time to start thinking about getting your artwork ready for the annual Grant School Art Fair to be held on

Friday, February 3, 2017

6 - 8 p.m. in the MUR

Judging TK - 8th grade

We hope you will join us to view the wonderful artwork from Grant students!
Participate in the "hands-on" art projects.
Pizza and drinks will also be available for purchase.

Select from the following categories and use the guidelines for you artwork:

Painting	Drawing	Mixed media	THREE – D	
Watercolor, oil, acrylics NO paint by number.	Pen, pencil, crayon, chalk, felt tip pen, etc.	Collages, combo of 2 mediums such as water-color wash over crayon drawing, needlework. NO kits.	Anything that can be viewed from 3 angles, toothpicks, Styrofoam, plaster, wood, carv-ings, origami, etc. NO Legos.	Photography Original photos taken by student. Color or black & white, and size.

Sign your artwork on the front. All artists sign their pieces because everyone wants to know who created the artwork.

Please print name, category, grade, and teacher on the back of the project and fill out the registration form below. (Forms also available in the office). There will be a box in each classroom to submit your artwork by Thursday, February 2nd.

All work must be done by the student and must be current.

Mount your artwork, if possible, on construction paper or matting, slightly larger than your artwork to create a border. NO glass frames will be allowed.

Maximum 2 entries per student for grades 1st – 8th
Maximum one entry per student for grades preschool, transitional kindergarten, & kindergarten

If you can't think of an art project, here are a few examples:

- **Make a clay creation**
- **Paint a design on a rock**
- **Make a snake out of a stick**

PTO Art Fair Entry Form

Student Name: _____ Grade: __ Teacher: _____

Category: Painting Drawing Mixed Media Three-D Photography

Order your Yearbook Ad today!

Grant School 8th Grade Graduates only

Deadline: 2/16/2017

Check one thing off your list - order your yearbook ad today!

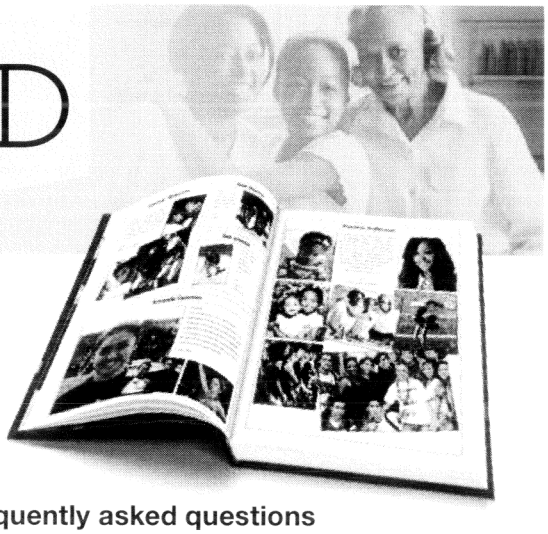
Show your pride and support your school at the same time - all proceeds go directly to the Grant School yearbook program.

Visit jostensadservice.com or http://jostensadservice.com?REF=A00757050 to create your recognition ad today!

Don't miss out!

YEARBOOK AD

JOSTENS AD SERVICE ORDER FORM



Ad Size	Color
Full Page	$100.00
1/2 Page	$75.00
1/4 Page	$50.00
1/8 Page	$35.00

It's easy! Create your ad online at www.jostens.com/yearbookads.

1. **Choose your ad size and layout.**
2. **Enter your text.**
3. **Upload your photos.**

Important information about yearbook ads

- Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines.
- We retain the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.
- For the ad to appear in the yearbook, your ad must be purchased by the order deadline.
- Color photographs uploaded for black-and-white ads will appear in black and white.
- We will make every effort to use your layout and text as indicated. A proof will not be provided and no changes can be made after purchase.

Frequently asked questions

How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?
Ad prices are determined by our school. The revenue from Recognition Ads helps support our yearbook and keep it affordable for everyone.

How is the ad deadline determined?
The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

How do I create an effective ad?
The most effective ads reflect a balance between words and pictures. Ad text can consist of personal messages, inspiring quotations and/or passages from poetry. If you would like to see samples of the messages used in other ads, visit our website www.jostens.com/yearbookads.

Can I send my materials to the school?
No, please do not send your materials to our school. Our school has selected Jostens to assist with our ad program. Please call our customer service number (800-358-0800) if you have questions or need assistance in creating your ad.

More questions? Call Jostens at (800) 358-0800.

Your school has issued the following guidelines surrounding recognition ad content:

Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

Jostens

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Struggling With A.R.?

If your child is having difficulty meeting his/her A.R. goal, choosing the right books, or answering A.R. comprehension questions correctly, the Learning Lab is here for you! In addition to your child's classroom teacher, you also have a resource here at school through the Learning Lab in P4. We are happy to sit down and discuss how A.R. is designed, how to interpret your child's data, and to find new strategies that can help your child find success in meeting A.R. goals.

Please contact Mrs. Davis at extension 148 or via email at edavis@grantschoolcougars.com and she would love to schedule a time to meet with you and your child!

You can support the Grant School Musical by ordering Little Mermaid T-Shirts!

Family Name: _____

Phone#: _____

Email: _____

Show your musical spirit with these comfortable, super soft and durable T-Shirts.
Shirts will be distributed at play practice or available for pickup in the office.
Please make checks payable to Grant School. Thank you for your support!

Would you like the cast list printed on the back? ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO thanks**

Please see reverse and confirm correct spelling of your student/actor's name - thank you!

Orders need to be in the school office with payment by Friday, February 10, 2017.

	quantity	color: **yellow** ($10) or **ocean rainbow tie-dye** ($15)	
youth XS	_____ /	_____	x $10 or $15 ea. = $ _____
youth S	_____ /	_____	x $10 or $15 ea. = $ _____
youth M	_____ /	_____	x $10 or $15 ea. = $ _____
youth L	_____ /	_____	x $10 or $15 ea. = $ _____
youth XL	_____ /	_____	x $10 or $15 ea. = $ _____
adult S	_____ /	_____	x $10 or $15 ea. = $ _____
adult M	_____ /	_____	x $10 or $15 ea. = $ _____
adult L	_____ /	_____	x $10 or $15 ea. = $ _____
adult XL	_____ /	_____	x $10 or $15 ea. = $ _____

Add $5 for each shirt 2XL - 4XL _____ $ _____

TOTAL # of shirts: _____ TOTAL = $ _____

Available in adult and youth sizes. Not sure what size/color to order? Samples shirts are available in the school office. Come try one on for size!

*Cast and Crew names as of **February 10, 2017**. Tech crew members that join after this date will not be listed on the shirt.

- Please check which color you'd like.
- Color and layout are approximate.

Questions? Contact:
Malinda Linch • malinda@linchfamily.com

Thank you for your support!

CAST & CREW list for back of shirt. FOR PROOFING ONLY...not actual size

**Please be sure that your student's name is spelled correctly –
let us know asap if you see an error. Thank you!**

**See something that needs correction?
Please note below and take to the office before Friday, Feb. 10:**

Correct cast or crew name: _____

CAST & CREW

Gabby Aggarado Clare Bjarnason Paige Blair Cara Brubaker Kate Bundy
Gibson Bunton Millie Bunton Campbell Cogle Jake Collins Paige Collins
Harley Crowley Willa Davis Aria Del Rosario-Sabet Reece Denham Brandon Dobbs
Morgan Dobbs Kennedy Donaldson Connor Evans Cash Fawver Reyna Field-Rocha
Jane Flake Johan Friesen Katelyn Gardner Sofia Gaxiola Joriana Gibbons-Egolf
William Gibbons-Egolf Natalie Holmes Emma James Madison Jones Maggie Jordan
Jordan Kirk Riley Kuks Kennedy Kuks Hannah Kuykendall Gavin Lanning
Claire Lewis Nicholas Linch Emily Little Jaiden Lynn Cali MacMillan Ava McClung
Amelia McHenry Rachel Nettleton Leah Pace Eva Pathik Isabella Pedri
Olivia Peduzi Piper Peduzi Aubrey Pike Emily Pike Mikayla Price Natalie Province
Kara Rainsford Lucia Rainsford Joanna Rawlings Emily Roberts Julia Saleh
Riley Schillen Carli Scott Warren Smith Allison Smyrnos Ashley Song
Jackson Spencer Cami Sutter Ava Swanson Elle Thompson Brayden Thompson
Brynlee Thompson Russell Thompson Owen Thompson Samantha Thompson
Scarlett Viggers Mason Wakefield Ashley Weaver Emma Weaver
Elle Weaver Jude Williem Lola Williem Lillian Zimbalist

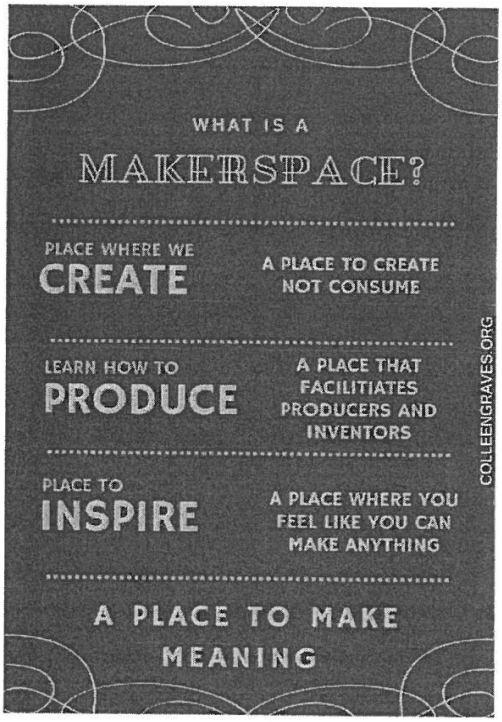
WANTED

Makerspace

supplies

Please drop off in Grigsby Library. Thank you for your support! Mrs. McClung

Help build a Makerspace in the Library!



- A makerspace is a community where you learn and grow together; it is also a community of like-minded people where you can share ideas and be inspired by others.
- A makerspace is a place where one can envision making just about anything (or at least a prototype of almost anything.)
- A makerspace is filled with resources that inspire- even if those resources are just cardboard and duct tape.
- A makerspace needs a facilitator because makers need someone who knows a little bit about everything in case they struggle with completing their ideas.
- A makerspace is a place where people create not consume.
- A makerspace creates producers in a world of consumers. For some makers, it creates an understanding of how technology works. For others, it creates an understanding of how our world works.

Thank You for all of your support!
Mrs. McCluing

MINI COUGAR CHEER CLINIC (TK - 5TH GRADE)

It's that time of the year again…Grant Cheerleaders are having our annual Mini Cougar Cheer Clinic/Fundraiser to support our Crescent City Tournament

When: Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 8:30 am to 1 pm

$50.00 (without T-Shirt) $65.00 (with T-Shirt)

(make checks payable to Grant Cheer - turn into the school office by February 6, 2017)

8:30am	Introduction of Staff, Set-up, Review material to be taught
9:00am	Stretching, Cardio warm-up
9:20-9:30am	Break into small groups for stations
9:30-10am	Station 1 (CHEER)
10-10:30am	Station 2 (DANCE)
10:30-10:45am	Snack (please send your mini cheerleader with a snack and water)
10:45-11:30am	Jumps/Stunts
11:30-12:00pm	Group review of cheer and dance
12-12:30pm	Lunch (Pizza will be provided)
12:30-1pm	Review of all material taught
1:00pm	Perform for Parents

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Name:_____ Age:_____

Parent's Name_____ Email:_____

Phone Number:_____T-Shirt Size: YS YM YL AS (Circle One)

SAVE THE DATE!

GRANT SCHOOL PLANT SALE

FRIDAY, APRIL 21st, 2017

7:30 am -2:30 pm - Rain or Shine

At the Grant School Garden, next to the Yellow School House

All proceeds directly support the Grant School garden

Special thanks to:

REDWOOD seeds
LOCAL ORGANIC

Contact us at: grantschoolgarden@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

Grant School Mother~Son MOVIE NIGHT

GRADES TK to 8

GOOD FAMILY FUN

THURSDAY - March 2nd

@ WATSON GYM

6:00pm-8:00pm

Bring your blanket, pillow and kick off your shoes - Enjoy a night reserved especially for you and your special guy(s)!

Entrance Fee includes: Popcorn, Drinks, and Movie Treats

Clip here and return to School Office with your payment

Mother-Son Movie Night
Thursday - March 2, 2017
6:00-8:00PM - Grant School Watson Gym

Name of Son(s): _____

Name of Adult: _____

Amount Enclosed: $_____

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Advance Cost: $10.00 per couple
with $3.00 per additional son

After 2/27 Increased Cost: $15.00 per couple
with $5.00 per additional son

HECK PAYABLE: "SPORTS BOOSTERS" DUE Monday Feb 27, 201

FREE CHILDREN'S HEALTH FAIR

give kids a smile!®

ADA Foundation®

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3RD

12:00pm to 5:00pm

Shasta Community

Health Center

1400 Market Street

Redding

HEALTH FAIR BOOTHS

Dental Screenings

Oral Hygiene Instruction

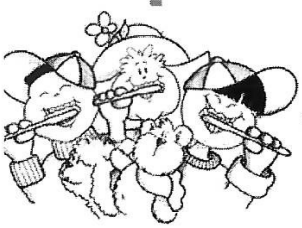
Nutritional Counseling

Height and Weight Measure

Sports Safety

Pulse & Exercise Education

FUN ACTIVITIES & PRIZES



SHASTA COMMUNITY
HEALTH CENTEI

FEBRUARY 2017

Pawsitive Connections

School Guidance Counselor- Colleen Thompson
530-243-0561 x153
cmthompson@grantschoolcougars.com
Grant Elementary School

Homework Motivation Strategies for Your Child That Can Help End The Homework Wars.

When it comes to homework, it can get frustrating when you hear excuses like "I did it at school" or "They didn't give homework today". It is important to not let your emotions get the best of you when your child does not get homework done. The strategies below can be helpful to get your child motivated and you unstuck from working harder than they are to get work completed. • Nix the nagging! Work on a calm, firm and non-arguing approach. "It is your responsibility to complete your work, if you are stuck ask me for help." • **Encourage effort over perfection.** Kids can get intimidated when they have a hard time understanding material. They may get into negative self-talk like, "I can't do this" or "I'm stupid." Remind your child that doing their best effort is better than not doing it at all. Don't engage "STOP, do your best," walk away. • **Prioritize**. Encourage the order that homework is done is based on urgency, • **Think "I can do this for __minutes."** Set a timer for __minutes. Reinforce breaking up homework time into manageable chunks and encourage breaks. • **Impose choices daily for homework completion.** "When you're done with __ you can do __for __ minutes before __. You choose to not finish then you will lose __for the evening or go to bed __ minutes early. • **Encourage Connection.** Make sure your heart to heart connection is strong and encourage this with their teacher. • **Step back.** There comes a point where you have to let go and let your child feel the natural con-sequences for poor grades, lost recesses and getting spoken to by their teacher. Make sure to let your child's teacher know when you are stepping back. Consider hiring a tutor to help. You do not want a power struggle over homework. Some kids will purposely do poor just to show their parent " who's in charge."

Second Step & Restorative Circle Chats

The *Second Step* program for TK through Grade 5 is a universal, classroom-based program designed to increase students' school success and decrease problem behavior. It teaches skills that strengthen students' ability to learn, have empathy, manage emotions, and solve problems.

This month we are teaching all students how to share and listen cooperatively in *Restorative Circle Chats.* TK- 1st grade students are continuing to develop self-regulation skills by showing compassion & caring when accidents happen. 2nd & 3rd graders are learning to manage strong feelings of frustration, worry and anger. 4th- 5th graders are learning to stop gossip by showing it can end with them. 6th graders are learning about how to solve problems with each other through restorative circle chats. Some are being trained to become Restorative Coaches for playground conflicts.

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From Superintendent/Principal, Mike Freeman

February 2017 Newsletter
I read this quote the other day and it really got me thinking:

"Change is the law of life and those that look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future."

The author was John F. Kennedy and looking at the historical context in which he lived, I figure that JFK had plenty of experience dealing with and preparing for change. Like those days, our days seem to be constantly changing and the driving force behind so many of the changes in our world is technology.

As the Superintendent/Principal of Grant Elementary School, I think a lot about what technology is doing to not only our world, but also the world that our students will be jumping into. Stop for a minute and think about what reading a book looks like in 2016. What about making a phone call? How about shopping? Or starting a movement? Now try to cast your mind forward and see what these things will look like in the next 5 or 10 years. We may not be at the personal robot assistants and flying cars of the Jetsons but we will probably not be driving our cars anymore. It is certain that the working world of our students will definitely look and feel different than it does it 2017.

There are three technological forces that are driving the changes that we are seeing:

1. The Internet has changed the connectivity
2. Mobile technology has allowed connection from anywhere
3. Data has been collected and shared at an exponential level

We live in exponential times indeed. By 2020 the primary way to connect to the internet around the world will be a mobile device. They also say that by 2020, $1,000 will buy you a computer that has the processing power of a human brain. By 2050, that same $1,000 will be able to purchase a computer that has the processing power of all humanity. The possibilities are exciting and also a little scary.

The hope that I have for the future is that we will be able to use this incredible level of connectivity and data collecting to solve our problems. Law enforcement is now using crime data to help them predict locations of future crimes so that they can dedicate their limited resources to prevent crime before it starts. Data from agriculture and nutrition is helping the farming industry to provide a global food supply more efficiently. Mobile devices and technology are changing the lives of people in remote locations by providing cutting edge medical services. The ability for cars to talk to each other could go a long way in reducing traffic delays and accidents. Technology is bringing people from all over the world together to combine human intellectual effort to work on some large projects. These projects include gathering information about galaxies in our sky and mapping the genomes in our DNA.

So with the world changing so fast, how can we fulfill our mission to prepare our students to be successful in their future. How do we create students that leave Grant ready to be adaptable, flexible, and able to solve problems that we do not even know are problems yet? Great question…

The conversations that we are having in our board, staff, and technology committee meetings are revolving around our need to foster an environment that promotes, encourages, and expects our students to think beyond "what is" to "what could be". We need to shift from students *consuming* information to learn and move them to the higher ground of *creating* as they learn. Also, our students will need to develop 21st century skills like:

Problem Solving
Creativity
Communication
Computing
Critical Thinking
Collaboration

I am excited about the progress that we have made. This year we have added 6 additional carts of Chromebooks to our classrooms. We have also recently installed additional access points for our wireless infrastructure. We have increased our number of 3D printers and I am excited to announce that we will be offering a Makerspace elective for our junior high students in the 3rd trimester.

Don't get me wrong, there is more to teaching and learning than technology and we are working as a district to provide professional development to our staff across a wide spectrum of objectives. I love the work that our staff is doing and I am confident that they will be heading into high school more prepared now than yesterday.

February 2017 - Activity Calendar

Calendar events are subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Student Council Valentine Grams Sold 1-30 to 2-3			1 Minimum Day Schedule Girls Inc. Softball Parent Meeting.	2 Groundhog Day Musical Dancers 2:30-3:30 pm Fitness Rm PTO Meeting 3 pm	3 Blue & Gold Day Sports Boosters Meeting - 8:15 am Principal's Advisory Counsel Lunchtime-VAPA 4-H Mtg. Fitness Rm 2:30-4 pm	4 Odyssey of Mind Practice - MUR 10-12
5	6	7 Music Boosters Meeting 7:30 am	8 Shasta High Couns. Pick up Reg. Cards from 8th Grade Library Field Trip to Planetarium - 1st	9 4-H Mtg. Fitness Rm. 2:30 - 5 pm	10 Valentine Grams Delivered PTO Magazine Assembly. 9 - 9:30 Gym Redding Rec. BB	11 Odyssey of Mind Practice - MUR 10-12
12	13 Lincoln's Birthday **School Closed** PS/Daycare - Closed	14 Valentine's Day School Site Council	15 Minimum Day Schedule Girls Inc. Lion's Flag Day Assemb. 2nd Gr	16 Musical Dancers 2:30-3:30 pm Fitness Rm School Board Meeting 6:30 pm	17	18 Mini-Cheer Camp 8:30 to 1 pm MUR
19	20 Presidents' Day **School Closed** PS/Daycare - Closed	21 Field Trip to David Marr Auditorium & Park 2nd Grade 8:20-1 pm	22 5th Grade Biography Books 1:30 - 2 pm MUR	23 Box Tops Collection Day 7:40-8:20 am In Front of D.O. Musical Dancers 2:30-3:30 pm Fitness Rm	24 End of the 2nd Trimester Student Council Semi-Formal Winter Dance 7 to 9:30 pm	25 Odyssey of Mind Practice - MUR 10-12 CEF Dinner Dance "Art Appreciation"
26 Pennies for Patients Fundraising Drive 2-27 to 3-17	27	28 Spelling Bee 4th-8th Grades 1:15 pm Gym				

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GAME TIMES 6th grade 4:00 7th grade 5:00 8th grade 6:00	*West Conference games that count toward league record	**MANDATORY SOFTBALL PARENT MEETING >>>>>>>>> Wednesday, Feb. 1 5:00 in library; $35 uniform deposit due**	1 Minimum Day Schedule Boys Hoops @ Boulder Cr. Cheer 5:30-6:30 MUR 4/5 tryouts: Boys 3:30-5 gym, girls 5-6:30; SB prac dismissal-5	2 7th boys prac 3-4:30 gym 6th boys prac 5-6:30 gym 8th boys prac 6:30-8 gym 4/5 tryouts: 3:30-4:45 girls, boys 4:45-6:00 all in MUR. 6:30; SB prac dis-	3 4/5 teams posted; no practice	4 6th & 7th boys tourney at Anderson High
5 Students MUST have completed permission packets turned in to coaches to try out. Packets are	6 *Boys Hoops @ Grant vs. U-Prep Cheer 3:15-5:15 MUR 4/5 boys 5:15-6:15 MUR 4/5 girls	7 Cheer 3:15-5:15 MUR 7th boys prac 3:30-5 gym 8th boys prac 5-6:30 gym 6th boys prac 6:30 gym	8 *Boys Hoops @ Sequoia Cheer 5:30-6:30 MUR 4/5 both teams 3:30-5:30 gym	9 7th boys prac 3-4:30 gym; **6th boys prac 5-6:30 gym;** **8th boys prac** 6:30-8 gym; 4/5 boys 3:30-4:45, girls MUR; 4:45-6:00	10 8th boys hoops @ MVMS tourney Redding Rec at Watson gym 5:30-9 p.m. 4/5 both teams	11 8th boys hoops @ MVMS tourney
12 in main office hallway and online. 4/5 games are in March. A mandatory parent meeting will be held once teams are established.	13 Lincoln's Birthday School Closed 4/5 both teams 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm gym	14 Cheer 3:15-5:15 MUR 7th boys prac 3:30-5 gym 8th boys prac 5-6:30 gym 6th boys prac 6:30 gym Sanchez 5:30-6:46 MUR	15 Minimum Day Schedule *Boys Hoops @ Parsons (Season ends for 6th & 7th grades) Cheer 5:30-6:30 MUR 4/5 both teams 4	16 8th grade boys prac 5:30-7 gym 4/5 both teams 4-5:30 gym Sanchez 5:30-6:46 MUR Baseball tryouts 3:15-5 SB prac dismissal-5	17 Baseball tryouts 3:15-5 4/5 both teams 3:30-5:00 gym	18 Mini-Cheer Camp 8:30 to 1 pm MUR
19 BB= baseball SB=softball	20 Presidents' Day School Closed 4/5 both teams 10:00 a.m.—12:00 gym	21 Cheer 3:15-5:15 MUR 8th grade boys prac 5:30-7 gym 4/5 both 3:30-5:30 gym Sanchez 5:30-6:45 MUR SB prac dismissal-5 BB prac dismissal-5	22 Cheer 5:30-6:30 MUR 8th grade boys prac 5:30-7 gym 4/5 both 3:30-5:30 gym SB prac dismissal-5 BB prac dismissal-5 **Mandatory BB**	23 8th grade boys prac 5:30-7 gym Sanchez 5:30-6:45 MUR 4/5 both 3:30-5:30 gym SB prac dismissal-5	24 4/5 both 3:30-5:30 gym	25
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