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Principal's News

Dear Grant Community Families:

ICE CREAM ON A WEDNESDAY EVENING

There's nothing like the combination of ice cream and children to add sparkle to a Wednesday evening! Many, many thanks to PTA President Alice Crysdale and her crew of teachers and parents: dipping, scooping, and dripping that gooey stuff at our annual PTA Ice Cream Social on the 17th. A great time was had by all. Our PTA "friend raising" continues to build our caring school community. Yum!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Our annual **Parent Handbook** went home last week to all Grant families. I encourage you to take a look and familiarize yourself with the contents of the Handbook. This is a reference for you all year long when you have questions about attendance, calendar dates, BEST behaviors and school discipline, emergency notifications, special services, and much more!

NEW TO GRANT

Welcome to our new **guidance counselor**, Sonja Wanhala, to the Grant staff. Sonja is one of four new guidance counselors hired through the Petaluma City Schools' federal three-year grant. Each elementary school now has a full time guidance counselor to help us support our students in navigating growing up, getting used to a new school, making friends, getting along, coping with change, and staying connected to school. Welcome Sonja! We are so excited you are joining us. Our wonderful guidance counselor, Han Wingate, will be moving to Penngrove as their full time person. We wish her well!

NOON SUPERVISOR POSITION OPEN: SEEKING A CARING PARENT TO HELP

We continue to look for an interested parent to **work at noon** for our lunchtime, 11:45-12:45. Please see the ad on the last page of the newsletter for details.

AND ON A PERSONAL NOTE

My husband John and I delivered our son Daniel to Cowell College at UC Santa Cruz last Saturday. With tears in my eyes at this moving moment in our family life, but also from the last minute frenzy of shopping and arrangements, we said good bye. "I love you Mom. Don't worry, we'll stay in touch...financially." Hmmm. I *may* just have to drive down at some random time and see what that child is up to!

Wishing you warm fall days and maybe even turning on the evening heat!

Judith Martin, Principal

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From the PTA President

Hello Grant Families,

Well, school has been under way for a little over one month and already it seems as though everyone has settled into a nice routine. Your Grant School PTA has launched its beginning of the year fundraisers. The Innisbrook (also known as gift wrap) fundraiser started on the 12th of this month and will run through the 26th. That date is set to enable you to receive your purchases well in time for the Holiday Season. Orders will continue to be processed after the due date, but we can not guarantee that they will be delivered in time for the holidays. Grandparents often enjoy looking at the catalogs as well. The quality of the paper is much superior to the rolls purchased at stores. Did you know that a full 50% of your purchase amount is given back to PTA?

If you choose not to participate in the gift wrap fundraiser, S'cool Cash is an option for parents who prefer to make a donation directly to the school. It was first introduced last year and was received very successfully. We are hoping to match the amount raised last year. All contributions are Tax deductible.

THANK YOU ICE CREAM VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS!

Last but not least, the PTA held its 20th Annual Ice-Cream Social on September 17th. The teachers lined up to serve vanilla Sundaes to eager students. All the fixings were available. Much ice cream was had... The quad in front of the multi teemed with happy families. I would like to thank Dr. Martin, the Grant School Teaching Staff and Victor Velarde for helping to make sure this event went smoothly. On the parent side we owe great thanks to Kathy Lackey and Colleen Goldstein for organizing everything. We had a set up crew and a clean up crew of volunteers who were so efficient that we were done by 7:50 pm! Alexis Smith, Stewart Hyde, Ann Reed, Stephanie Soares, Sharon Whisman, Tracy Papenhausen, Jana Wertzberger, Gina Tomrose (please forgive me if I forgot to mention anyone). Also, please join us in thanking our corporate donors to the event by supporting them. The ice cream was donated by Clover, Safeway and Lucky. The linens were provided by Lace House Linens. A great big "Thank You" to all of them.



Fall is here (even though it is 90 degrees as I type this...). In the next few weeks we will be getting ready for Halloween. Before you go out and buy expensive items, look for our costume swap as an option for your children's attire this year. It will be coming up in early October.

Have a wonderful week-end,

Alice Crysdale
Grant School PTA President



HELP US FIND MR. VELARDE'S IPOD!

Mr. Velarde's iPod has gone missing. It was last seen in the covered quad area (near the library) Thursday. It is a larger size, white iPod. If you have information or picked it up my mistake, please talk to a teacher or return it to the office. Not only is his iPod important to Mr. Velarde, this is what he uses to play music during lunch on short days!!!

SCRIP News

All we can say is WOW!!! Your response to the Scrip program so far this year has been phenomenal! Thanks to all of you who are participating in our Scrip program, it is an important year long fundraiser that benefits all of the students and teachers here at Grant School. Without the profits we earn from this program, the support that your PTA provides to all 16 classrooms on campus would be severely impacted.



Lucky's shoppers - The new SHARES cards are on their way! If you signed up to receive one (or more), they will be delivered home through the classrooms with instructions on how the program works. All you need to do is hand the clerk your SHARES card at the checkout, and they will take care of the rest! **3% of your purchases will be credited to Grant School automatically!** If you didn't sign up for a card yet, just stop by the green Scrip table before or after school, or contact Kirsten Hoffman or Jani Walker.

Safeway shoppers - Have you registered or renewed your Safeway Club Card? Don't forget, in order for your grocery shopping to generate contributions to Grant School your Safeway Club Card **MUST BE REGISTERED** at www.escrip.com. They also require an annual renewal at eScrip, which must be done by November 1 in order to keep those contributions coming!

Also, the initial period of the "10% Back to Schools" shopping promotion has ended. From now until October 6th, if you receive a receipt with a code to redeem your 10% rebate, please **BRING IT TO THE SCRIP TABLE OR SEND IT TO SCHOOL** in an envelope marked PTA/SCRIP. The deadline for redemption is October 13th, so bring in those receipts!! Ask your friends, neighbors, and relatives for their receipts too, every little bit helps!



SCRIP Cards

Game Stop \$25 • Rain Tree Car Wash \$20 • Shutterfly \$25

SCRIP Volunteers Needed!

Do you have 10-15 minutes a week to volunteer for Grant School? Consider selling Scrip! It's a great way to meet other parents and help Grant School at the same time. We have shifts available at both drop-off and pickup.

Have questions? Need help? Want to volunteer?

Contact Kirsten Hoffman at petalfarm@sbcglobal.net or 782-9022



Grant School Fundraiser Halloween Costume & Cocktail Party

Date: October 25

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: 941 Sunnyslope Road (Crysdale Residence)

Cost: \$40 per person

All proceeds go towards Grant School PTA.

Calling all Masters and Mistresses of the Dark! Come join us for a hauntingly good time!! Enjoy a selection of witches brew, gothtinis and spookytinis, ghoulish delights, music, dancing, finger food, and a costume contest!!

Your Hosts will be Matt & Alice Crysdale, Steve & Dana Fehler, Tim Elias & Jill Fornabio, Greg Hay & Kelleen Casey-Hay, Jeanette RC, Gary & Barb Thomas, Craig & Jani Walker, and Lyle & Debbie Yee

Contact PTA President, Alice Crysdale at acrysdale@comcast.net or 769-1296 to sign up.

Newsletter Notes

Electronic Delivery. This is the first issue of the *Shamrock News* to be delivered electronically. If you requested electronic delivery and did not receive it, please contact me at thepaisleys@comcast.net and give me your information (email address, child's name and teacher).

Copying Help Needed. It's quite a monumental task for the office staff to copy, collate, and distribute the paper version of the newsletter every two weeks. If you have time the second and fourth Thursday afternoons, Grant staff and I would welcome help with the newsletter. Contact Dr. Martin or me to assist!

Better yet, sign up for electronic delivery and save paper!! Thanks! Jenny Paisley

Part-Time Position OPEN: Lunchtime Supervisor

Help us keep our children safe and secure during their lunch time. Supervise the play yard, work with wonderful colleagues, and be a helper and friend to our students!

We currently have a part-time lunchtime yard supervisor position open, to start immediately. This individual will work 2 to 3 days per week during lunchtime, 11:45-12:45.

If you are interested, please contact Principal Judith Martin at the school office: 778-4742 or by email at jmartin@pet.k12.ca.us.

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