



The Round Up



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Griegos Elementary Newsletter

January 26, 2010

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, February 1 at 6:00pm in the Library—**Monthly PTO Meeting.** Child-care will be provided.

Tuesday, February 2—**School Bond Election—if successful, improvements for Griegos will include a Kindergarten and a Media Center. PLEASE VOTE!**

Friday, February 12 at 10:30 am in the Gym – **LAGUNA CORN DANCERS.** This is the PTO's family friendly event for February and family members are invited to attend.

Monday, February 15—**President's Day Holiday (NO SCHOOL).**

Monday, March 1 at 6:00pm in the Library—**Monthly PTO Meeting.** Childcare will be provided.

Thursday– Friday, March 11-12– **Parent Teacher conferences (NO SCHOOL).**

Monday– Friday, March 15–19– **Spring Break (NO SCHOOL).**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL, TOM GRAHAM

Dear Parents,

What a fun time was had by all at the Talent show. The kids did a great job and the performances were wonderful. I want to thank Mrs. Gutierrez's father for making the welcome banner for the talent show. Thank you to all the folks who did a great deal of work to help the kids put the show. You were great. We did have a couple of issues arise that may prohibit us from using the PAC next year. We found parts of a hamburger, a diaper, split sunflower seeds, an open coke that spilled on the carpet and chicken mc nuggets on the floor. No food or drink is allowed in the PAC. This was one of the finest shows we had and I hope we can continue to have it at the Valley PAC, but not if we leave a mess like we did. I will talk with the Valley principal and tell him it will not happen again.

Last week on Wednesday I counted 25 cars that entered the Kindergarten drive-through after the second bell had rang. That is unacceptable. Late arrivals usually mean that you are going a little faster than usual and concentrating on getting there rather than on driving. Let's keep it safe back there. Thank you.

Please remember to vote on February 2 for the school bond issue. Griegos will receive a new media center if it passes. Your vote does count!

Thanks to our Griegos community. \$668.16 was collected for the Haiti Drive. The money was donated to the Red Cross. Good Job Griegos!!

Thank you for all you do for your children and for Griegos.

Tom Graham

Wanted: Mystery Readers



Calling all Mystery Readers to the Library! Parents, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles, Big Brothers or Sisters; Please sign up to be a Mystery Reader. Contact me at difani@aps.edu so that we can schedule a time for you to come and read to your child's class.

After School Programs Registration

EMSI After School Programs: Registration is January 28, 2010/ Clubs starts February 1, 2010

Current 6 week Schedule

Monday: Dodge Ball (k-2nd) Gym/ Drawing Club (3-5) Art Room

Tuesday: Computers (1-5th) Computer Lab

Wednesday: Dodge Ball (3-5th) Gym/ Chess (1-5) Workroom

Thursday: Arts and Crafts (K-3rd) Art Room

Girl Scouts

Troop 241 First Meeting will be on January 28th in the Art Room at 2:00 pm.

Please help the Troop by ordering Girl Scout Cookies. We will have a sign up sheet soon and will have a booth this year at the school. Thanks, Ellen Rosales

Weekly Message from the PTO

TALENT SHOW: it just keeps getting better and better! The Annual Griegos Elementary Show Talent Show on January 21, 2010 was an unqualified success! The performers both student and staff were delightful and entertaining, and the audience was amazing. The success of the show is attributable in large part to the hard work of coordinators **Liz Torres** and **Jennifer Gutierrez** and their assistants **Dana Flores y Griego, Donna Hsu, Elizabeth Martinez, Velinda Pearson, Bianca Santistevan and Amy Suman**, and the technical crew, **Gerry Greenhouse, Rick Sanchez and John Roach**. This marvelous show will be memorialized forever on a DVD thanks to the following Valley High School students who filmed the show: Director **Ben Osuna**; Lead Camera Man **Alonzo AFonz@ Tobin**; Second Camera Man **Abraham Valles**; Third Camera Man **Andrew Garcia**; Sound Director **Joel Cruz**; and their assistant **Nora Remer**.

ORDER YOUR TALENT SHOW DVDS. The VHS production team anticipates that it will take them about two weeks to produce the DVD of the Talent Show. Copies of the DVD will be available for purchase for only \$5 each. You can order your DVDs by filling out the form at the bottom of this week's newsletter. Drop the form and \$5 for each DVD ordered at the office by Friday, January 29, 2010. By mid-February, you should be able to enjoy your child's performance over and over again!

PTO NOTICES

HELP FOR HAITI. Griegos Student Leadership is proud to announce that the Griegos community donated \$668.16 to help the people of Haiti whose lives were devastated by a January 12, 2010 earthquake. When the money was taken to the American Red Cross on Thursday, January 22, 2010, Griegos Elementary School became part of the global humanitarian effort to help the people of Haiti. Thank you for your generosity and compassion.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP BOOK DRIVE. In January, Griegos' Student Leadership will be working on a Book Drive for our school's community. Please send in new or gently used English or Spanish language books for students of all ages. The collection box will be in the office. Thank you!

ART WORK ON DISPLAY! The wonderful art work of students in Ms. O'Dea's first grade class is displayed throughout La Montanita Coop at the corner of Rio Grande and Matthew. Next time you are at the Coop, take a few minutes to enjoy the work of our students and to think happy thoughts about the fact that Griegos is privileged to have Ms. Armijo, our art teacher, on the staff!

Visit the Griegos Website: <http://www.aps.edu/aps/griegos/index.html> for easy access to the school's calendar, policies and weekly newsletters.



Griegos Elementary School Talent Show, January 21, 2010

ORDER YOUR DVD TODAY!

Return this form with money to Griegos office by Friday, January 29, 2010.

DVDs will be distributed approximately two weeks after Talent Show.

NAME: _____ CHILD'S NAME: _____

TEACHER'S NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

NUMBER OF DVDS: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

(\$5.00 Each)