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Fall Break

Mark your calendar! The fall break for Denver Public Schools is Wednesday, October 28, 2009 through Friday, October 30, 2009. Classes will resume on Monday, November 2, 2009

Grant Ranch is Proud to Announce...

Grant Ranch School is proud to announce the success of the parent teacher conferences that were held on Thursday, October 22, 2009 and Monday, October 26, 2009. **Thank you for your participation and involvement in your child's education!!!**

Positive Points

Congratulations to our Punt, Pass, and Kick Winners!

On Sunday, October 18th, the National Football League held it's annual Punt, Pass, and Kick Contest. The sectional competition was held at Clement Park for the top scoring participants in the Denver area. Grant Ranch, once again, was well represented! Russell Cruz took second place in the 10-11 year old age group; Anaya Duran placed 1st in the 12-13 year old age group; and Alexandra Perez took 1st place in the 14-15 year old age group! Anaya and Alexandra will be competing at the Regional level in November! Way to go Grizzlies!

Heads Up

Kindergarten has rescheduled the Littleton Historic Museum field trip for Tuesday, November 17. Contact your child's teacher for additional information

Turkey Feast

Grant Ranch School is providing the opportunity for students, their family and friends to join us for the annual Turkey Feast. The feast will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 in the cafetorium. The feast includes turkey with all the "fixings," dessert; beverage and good conversation The cost of the meal is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for non students. A registration form will be sent home on with the necessary information. We encourage your family to join the Grant Ranch family for this special event.

First Trimester Ends

The first trimester of the 2009-2010 school year ends on Friday, November 6, 2009. Report cards will be mailed home tentatively on Friday, November 21, 2009.

No School

School will not be in session on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 in observance of Veteran's Day. Classes will resume on Thursday, November 12, 2009.

Counselor's Corner

RED RIBBON DAY was held on October 27! Red was worn to support a Drug-Free School!!

It is an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against substance abuse. Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the Red Ribbon and by wearing red clothes on October 27, 2009. If you are a member of the Grant Ranch community, join with us in WEARING RED and MISMATCHED SHOES tomorrow, Tuesday, October 27, as we, "Step Out Against Substance Abuse." The cafeteria will even be serving some RED food!

Parents, you can create healthy, drug-free kids by taking the Red Ribbon Pledge:

To Prevent Children's Substance Abuse

1. As parents, we will talk to our children about the dangers of drug abuse.
2. We will set clear rules for our children about not using drugs.
3. We will set a good example for our children by not using illegal drugs or medicine without a prescription.
4. We will monitor our children's behavior and enforce appropriate consequences, so that our rules are respected.

We will encourage family and friends to follow the same guidelines to keep children safe from substance abuse.

For more information about Red Ribbon Week, go to: www.nfp.org/main/redribbon.html

Contact Leah Rahe, School Counselor, if you'd like to speak more about this topic.

Dads and Donuts

Mark your calendars! Thursday, November 12, 2009 is our first annual Dads and Donuts! Come enjoy a donut with your dad or grandpa before school. Registration forms will be coming home soon. Please contact Wendy Burns at wendycburns@msn.com with any questions.

Fifth Grade Music Concert

The fifth grade students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their musical talents to their parents during a choir concert. The concert will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the cafetorium.

Tutor Train

Are you interested in getting your child some extra help? Does your child need to be challenged academically? Tutor Train's program works with students at all levels and can make sure your child has a successful school year. Our diagnostic exams are free and help us know what the right path is for your student. We are a fee-based after school program, but do have scholarships and financial assistance available for those who qualify. Registration for Tutor Train is open now. This is a great opportunity to make sure your child gets the upper hand this school year. Call to enroll (303) 833-2552 and visit our website at www.TutorTrain.com.

PTO News

The Fall Festival on Friday, October 23rd was a huge success!! A big thank you goes out to all the Teachers, parents and students that helped, without you, this would not have succeeded. The following businesses donated prizes for our costume contest and raffle: **Elvis Cinemas, B & H Sports, Jumpstreet, Club USA, Mile High Karate, and The Southwest Plaza McDondalds.** Please show your appreciation to these businesses by patronizing them any chance you have.

The NJHS Haunted house was scary and fun and had long lines all night! Student council sold yummy caramel apples and the Cake Walk run by Mrs. Shields was very popular.

We had many businesses that also set up at our school and had fun games and cool prizes for the kids. They volunteered their time to be at the festival, and as a thank you I would like to recommend that you do business whenever possible with the following (if you need contact information of any of them, please email Dana Smith at mom2booboo@msn.com):

Amber Linley (face painter)

Suzanne Seigh (PartyLite)

Toni Cothran (Scentsy Candles)

Laura Nunez (Avon)

Tastefully Simple (Rachel Lamoureux)

Jet Kids Gymnastics

Desiree Wachter (The Pampered Chef)

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Larry Castillo (Castillo Construction/Excavation)

Pam Powers (Little Friends Child Care and Preschool)

Tina Wolff (Antsy Pants Kids Child Care)

Joel Painter (balloon animals)

Balliston Ballet

Our next big Thank You goes out to **Tony's Market** who donated the delicious spaghetti, meatballs and provided us with the breadsticks also.

Bruce Cole did an amazing job singing and keeping the crowd dancing!!! And **Blaster Bouncers** gave us a discount on the 2 bounce houses and large trikes that helped to wear out the kids!!!

I hope that I did not miss anyone. Many people helped to make this one of the best fall festivals ever and after seeing the looks on the kids faces, and hearing them talk about how much fun they had, it was well worth it! A million Thanks and we will see you next year!

Dana Smith-Grant Ranch PTO VP of Festivals