



# Parent Newsletter

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February Holiday \*

President's Day is

February 16<sup>th</sup>

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009

\*3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip

UCLA Royce Hall

March Volunteer

Schedule

Will be posted on

February 2<sup>nd</sup>

at 7:15 am

## End of Year Recital

Dear Parents,

We are approaching the end of the second quarter on 1/31/09, and we want to remind parents of the commitment you made to the school and to your child's education. Remember, part of the commitment you made is to complete a minimum of 15 hours of volunteer service on/or before June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our school is a performing arts charter school and as such, our children work extremely hard all year to perform in our annual end of the year school recital and we want all of our families present to enjoy this important event. In order to attend this year's annual recital we expect you to complete the 15 hour volunteer time including the serving of two meals on/or before June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

Please note that our office posts the volunteer schedule one month in advance. There are a lot of important jobs that the school would not be able to accomplish without our parent's help. Here is a brief list of some volunteer jobs available:

Supervision of Gate Duty - morning 7:15 - 8:00 am

Serving Breakfast - morning 7:15 - 8:00 am

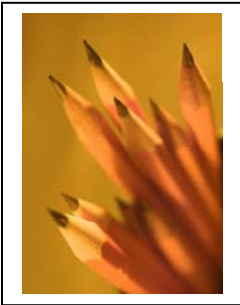
Watering Plants - morning 8:00 - 10:00am

Serving Lunch - midday 11:15 am - 1:00 pm

Music Tuesday (setting up keyboards) 2 volunteers needed - 7:15 - 8:00 am

Wednesdays Art Class - mid day 10:00 - 12:00 pm

**Come in to the office to sign up for available weeks.**



## Student Testing

On Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, GCS 4<sup>th</sup> graders (along with all other 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the state of California) will be taking the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Writings Standards Test, as part of the California Standards Test (CST). It will be a one-day assessment, given in the morning.

Students will be given one writing task to complete; they may be asked to write a narrative (story), a response to literature, or a summary of a reading passage. Writing tasks used in previous years have been released for public viewing and can be accessed online on the California Department of Education (CDE) web site at:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/resources.asp>

You can help your child do his/her best by:

- Reviewing the writing homework each night next week
- Reading and reviewing the "Parent Guide to Writing Standards Test" that will be sent home
- Ensuring your child has had enough sleep the night before the test
- Making sure your child eats a healthy, nutritious breakfast the day of the test
- Getting your student to school on time on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

### Important Testing Dates:

- ✓ March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing Test
- ✓ March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade PACER Test (Fitness Test)
- ✓ Week of April 13<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fitness Test
- ✓ May 11<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders STAR Test; 1<sup>st</sup> grade CAT-6 Test

### Community Events

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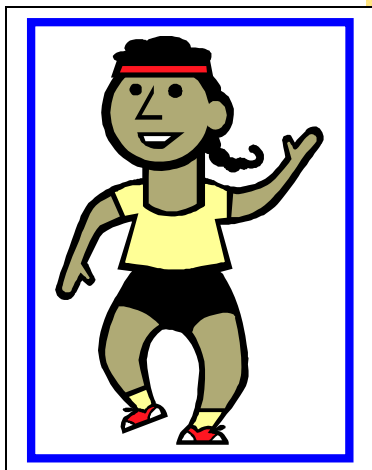
#### Public Star Parties

Free public star parties are held monthly with the assistance of the Los Angeles Astronomical Society and the Los Angeles Sidewalk Astronomers at the Griffith Observatory from 2:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. They are a chance for the whole family to look at the sun, moon, visible planets, and other objects, to try out a variety of telescopes, and to talk to knowledgeable amateur astronomers about the sky and their equipment.

#### Public Star Parties for 2009

January 31  
March 7  
April 4  
May 2  
May 31  
June 27  
July 25  
August 29

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST



All fifth graders are required to take the President's Physical Fitness test in April. This test measures upper and lower body strength, endurance and assesses student's body mass index (ratio of height and weight). GCS already has the special equipment to help students prepare for the test and will be graphing progress in five fitness areas over the next two months: curl-ups, modified pull-ups, flexibility, running (1 mile) and sit and reach. Obesity among children is rising and is causing epidemic diabetes and high blood pressure and heart problems. GCS is asking families at all grade levels to establish healthier eating patterns and regular exercise routines.

## UNIFORM POLICY

Please send students to school in clothing that meets uniform requirement—tennis shoes, hooded navy blue sweatshirt or uniform sweater, logos that match clothing. Weather changes, and we find that students are cold at times when they do not have a sweatshirt. All sweatshirts should have name labels so that they can be returned if they are left outside.

## HEALTHY SNACK SALES



The GCS Parent Organization is planning to sell healthy snacks every other Friday afternoon. Proceeds will go into a fundraising account to support the June dance performance. Support GCS while helping your child make a healthier choice than those foods sold by the sidewalk vendors. We will be creating two volunteer opportunities to help with the snack sales. One volunteer will be able to earn 3 hours and two volunteers will be able to earn 1 hour each.

- Y Snack Sale Coordinator: responsible for purchasing and organizing the snack sales, as well as for monitoring the sales every other Friday.
- Y Snack Sale Assistant: responsible for the sale of snacks every other Friday.

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## Volunteers of the Month

# Thanks!

Alba R. Diaz - Adriana Contreras 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Vivian Frankel - Kellen Frankel Kinder

Eustolia Garcia - Francisco Solis 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Bernadette Tagoc - Venillo & Venette Tagoc  
(3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

## Volunteer Hours Up Date

It is the end of the first semester and GCS would like to congratulate all families who have completed their hours, as well as those that are on their way to meet the family volunteer our expectation. Congratulations to the parents of the following students:

### Families who Completed Hour Expectation:

Aguilar Kevin - 222 hours  
Arroyo, Andres - 20 hours  
Beltran, Bryan - 56.5 hours  
Bustillo, Randy - 15.75 hours  
Cifuentes, Anthony - 19 hours  
Contreras, Adriana - 17.5 hours  
Diaz, Kevin - 17.25 hours  
Diaz, Sherly - 17.75 hours  
Frankel, Kellen - 15.75 hours  
Gomez, Valeria, Jonathan & Nathalia - 56 hrs  
Hernandez, Ashley - 19.5 hours  
Limoanco, Angelica & Francesca - 20 hours  
Maglaque, Gio - 16 hours  
Reyes, Darren & Clarissa - 56.5 hours  
Reyes, Angel - 19 hours  
Rivera, Alma & Elias - 27.75 hours  
Rodriguez, Jasmine - 18 hours  
Scott, Jaelyn - 17 hours  
Solis, Francisco - 15 hours  
Tagoc, Venillo & Venette - 22 hours  
Torres Mark & Paul - 20.75 hours

### Thanks parents!

**Remember! You must complete all volunteer service hours by June 1<sup>st</sup> in order to purchase tickets for our end of the year Dance Recital. All families must have a minimum of two meals served**

### Families who are Meeting Hour Expectation:

Arista, Gabriel & Andy - 11.5 hours  
Arreola, Eyby - 15 hours (1 meal missing)  
Badillo, Nathaly - 11 hours  
Barrera, Karina & Sophia - 16.25 hours  
Contreras, Frida & Carlos - 10 hours  
Cortez, Laiza - 12 hours  
Davis, Mackenzie - 13.25 hours  
Dominguez, Jessica - 12 hours  
Dominguez-H., Tanya - 8.25 hours  
Erebholo, Izehi - 19.75 hours (1 meal missing)  
Fernandez, Lilian - 10.5 hours  
Gomez, Anthony - 11.25 hours  
Gonzalez, Bryan & Lorenzo - 8.5 hours  
Gutierrez, Melanii - 10.75 hours  
Hernandez, Alex - 9 hours  
Hernandez, Jacqueline - 9.75 hours  
Horta, Fabiola - 10.75 hours  
Huertos, Azalia, Josue & Keyla - 24 hours  
Jamison, Erik - 13 hours  
Jauregui, Itzel - 13 hours  
Jimenez, Layevska - 12.5 hours  
Kim, Joshua - 11.25 hours  
Kim, Roy - 14.75 hours  
Kweon, Michelle - 9 hours  
Luna, Kenny - 8.5 hours  
Marhx, Eduardo - 8 hours  
Molina, Kin & Heydy - 15.5 hours  
Morales, Sabrina - 15.25 hours (1 meal missing)  
Moreno, Alejandro - 8 hours  
Pak, Mason & Taylor - 13.25 hours  
Paredes, Leonel & Jorge - 14 hours  
Pelaez, Steven - 10.5 hours  
Perez, Karla - 8 hours  
Quintana, Santos - 15.5 hours (1 meal missing)  
Ramirez, Emmanuel - 11.5 hours  
Rivas, Matthew & David - 9.5 hours  
Romero, Mario - 14 hours  
Saballos, Ariel - 10 hours  
Salgado, Isaac - 10.5 hours  
Santamaria Julio & Dayana - 13.5 hours  
Sanvicente, Jesse - 10.5 hours  
Shin, Mariam - 10.75 hours  
Tomasino, Jenny - 8 hours  
Torres, Mary-Kate - 10 hours  
Vasquez, Lucia - 8 hours  
Vasquez, Emily - 11.25 hours

Hours current as of 1/21/09