

# GRANT SCHOOL NEWS!

Ulysses S. Grant Elementary School

February 1, 2010



**VALENTINE'S DAY**  
February 14

## **FEBRUARY 12**

*Early Release*

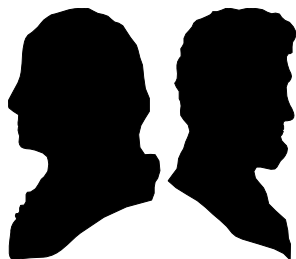
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*Teacher Learning  
Improvement Day!*

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## **FEBRUARY 15**

*President's Day!*  
**(NO SCHOOL)**



## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION.**

Beginning March 1, we will start enrolling students for kindergarten for the 2010-11 school year. A birth certificate and CIS (immunization information) is needed. Guidelines are requiring two doses of the varicella vaccine for chicken pox. History of the disease requires a Doctors letter. Check with your medical provider if you have any questions. Your child will also need to be five on or before August 31, 2010 and live in Grant School's service area.

## **HELPING ALL CHILDREN IN READING.**

We have put the final pieces in place to help all of our students excel in Reading. As part of our program, all students receive 90 minutes of Reading instruction at their grade level in the morning. We call this Tier 1. In the afternoon, students receive an additional 30 minutes of reading instruction at their reading level (students below Benchmark or grade level receive instruction to fill any gaps in their learning while students at Benchmark or above are challenged with advanced reading instruction). We call this Tier 2. For those students who are significantly behind in Reading we offer Tier 3 support before or after school in small groups. It is our goal to have ALL of our students reading proficiently as soon as possible. Please ask your child's teacher if you have any questions.

## **ACADEMIC GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT.**

The following are excerpts from the book "Building Successful Relationships" from the National PTA for developing parent and family involvement ideas.

- Give frequent encouragement and approval for good schoolwork.
- Tell others about your children's accomplishments, and display their work at home.
- Be there for children, even if it is through phone calls.

You are your child's best advocate!

## **FAMILY FUN NIGHT!**

PTO's Family Fun Night will be held on Friday, February 19, from 6:00-8:00pm in the gym. A child-friendly dinner will be available for a minimal cost, along with games, a cake walk, a photo booth and all kinds of wonderful baskets that will be raffled off. It will be a great night for family fun. Watch for more information from PTO. We hope to see you there!

## **"BOOKS AND BREAKFAST"**

Please join us in the library on Thursday February 25th, from 7:45am - 8:30am for "Books and Breakfast!" Bring your family and a favorite book, pillow, or stuffed animal and read together before school. Breakfast will be provided and books will be raffled off! Hope to see you here!



*Spencer Taylor, Principal*