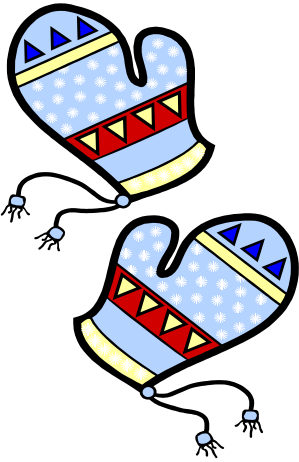

PARENT NEWSLETTER!

Ulysses S. Grant Elementary School

January 2, 2008



EARLY RELEASE/ INSERVICE DAY-

Wednesday, January 16th. Dismissal at 11:55am for all students in all grades. NO PM Kdg.

HOLIDAY!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!
NO SCHOOL!



THANK YOU!

We would like to thank our PTO parents for their hard work in putting on the Holiday Store. They worked extremely hard to make it all happen. We also thank you, our families, for your generous donations to the Holiday Store so that students were able to get gifts for family members for Christmas. We really appreciate all that PTO does for Grant School!

PARKING LOT SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS!

We are pleased to announce that Grant School will be improving the safety of our parking lot during the next several months. We will be making changes to the bus pick-up/drop-off area as well as reconfiguring the main parking lot. The bus loading/unloading zone will be moved to the west side of the building on the playfield near the trees where a new bus ramp will be constructed. The main parking lot will be rearranged to allow students to be picked up and dropped off right at the sidewalk near the front of the building. We are excited about these coming changes and the improved safety that it will provide. In the meantime, please walk your child to and from the waiting areas and park only in the designated areas. Your continued care and caution will help all of our children remain safe.



AM KINDERGARTEN EARLY RELEASE DISMISSAL CHANGE!

Starting January 16, on just early dismissal days the AM Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:55am, at the same time as students in grades 1-4. This is a change from the past practice of dismissing after one hour of class. This will allow our AM kindergarten students to have the same amount of instructional time as our other students that day. Kindergarten students who ride the bus will be riding with other students, with their regular bus driver but will continue to be dropped off at their regular destination.

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED! SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS SURVEYS ARE COMING!

In the next couple of weeks we will be sending home a survey that we hope all parents will complete and return. In order for us to continue to meet the needs of our students more effectively and to achieve our mission of "Learning For All-Whatever It Takes," we'll need your input! We will use the survey results to improve our service to the children of Grant School. Please take a few moments to complete the survey and return it to your child's school. Thank you!

PARENT CHECK-IN!

Just a reminder to all parents entering our building that you need to check in at the office before going to your child's classroom. You are required to wear a name tag upon entering the building. We do this for the security of our students and staff. Thank you!