

# Ram Gazette

A publication of the Georgia O'Keeffe PTA

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## Ram Calendar

10/25 Spooky Story Night

10/27 No Geography Club

11/1 PTA mtg. 6:30pm @ PTA room

11/9 FOL mtg. 12:30pm @ library

11/11 No School for Veterans Day

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**NOTE:** The Geography Club will NOT be meeting on Thursday, October 27th.

## Message from the Principal:

Dear Georgia O'Keeffe Families: We need your voting help! Thanks to Billy Sadler and Natala Paroz, we have submitted a Clorox Grant titled: "Create an Outdoor Classroom Garden for our School". As you can see, our campus could use some "sprucing" up and we're hoping with funding from this grant, that will do the trick! The grant is for up to \$50k and the winners are based solely on the number of votes received, so it's important that you vote frequently. Also, post the voting info on Facebook, Tweet the link, and email your friends and family. The voting timeframe is long, from 10/24 - 12/9. We would also welcome anyone who wants to work with Natala and Billy on creative ways to advertise this grant. If you are interested please email me. Adults and kids 13 and older can vote on line @ <http://www.powerabrightfuture.com/gallery/detail/?nid=1325>. You can also vote by text - text Clorox 7569 to 44144. You can vote once a day from your phone and your computer. So, spread the word and vote often!

**Halloween is such a fun time of year. To celebrate the season, please come to our Pizza and "Spooky Story Night" tomorrow night. We have chosen our "Spooky Stories" to be read and kids can wear their costumes to add to the fun! On Halloween day, we will have a school wide parade starting at 8:15. Again we ask that kids wear their favorite storybook costume. Parents are welcome to line up throughout the courtyard to watch, take pictures and of course ooh, ahh and applaud!**

**And a special request for our parents who pick up their students. In the past two weeks, we have had numerous kids in the office unit 3:00, when the office closes. Please make sure you pick up your kids on time, as our office staff has to stay past their working hours to watch your kids, which often interrupts their ability to be with their own kids.**

**Thank you for all of your support for our school, staff and children.**

**Hopefully I'll see you tomorrow night,**

**Lucinda**

## **Gardening Club**

**The gardening club is on the lookout for large bottles/jar with wide mouths (e.g. Costco Pickle Jar). If anyone could donate some, they will be making terrariums in the winter months. Also, they are looking for some garden hoses to borrow to help water our flower beds this fall.**

## **Otis Spunkmeyer Deadline Tomorrow!**

**Don't forget to turn in your Otis Spunkmeyer frozen cookie dough orders tomorrow, Tuesday, October 25! Please submit full payment with your orders. Delivery is expected during the week of December 5th. Thank you for supporting the GOK PTA!**

## **Family Pizza Night**

**Join us for the GOK PTA Family Pizza Night! On Tuesday, October 25, come to the GOK cafeteria to eat pizza with all of your friends from 5:30-7:30pm! This night has formerly been known as Pizza for Paper, but this year we don't need the paper – we need toner! We encourage families to donate \$1 per slice for their dinner. Of course, any donation is accepted! An order of toner for our computer labs and other printers/copiers is almost \$1000! Right now the GOK PTA is footing that bill because it doesn't fit in the GOK budget. We have a couple generous businesses donating our pizza, we need one or two more so that all donations from our families are PURE PROFIT! Thank you to Pregoner Baysinger Wideman & Sale, PC for the pizza!**

**But the fun doesn't stop there! Wear your Halloween costumes! Also going on that night at GOK:**

**FOL Bake Sale – bring your spare change to support the GOK library!**

**FOL shirt sales – if you haven't gotten your Ram Wear yet, this is your chance!**

**Parent Book Exchange – clean out the books you've read and trade them for some new ones!**

**Spooky Story Night – hear spooky stories written by our 2nd through 5th graders! Please eat your pizza BEFORE going to the library.**

## **Business Sponsors Needed!**

**Do you own a small business? Would you like to help support the next GOK PTA family social? On Tuesday, October 25th, the PTA will hold a pizza dinner in conjunction with the FOL's Spooky Story Night. We are looking for one or more families or businesses to donate the pizza. We will order 85-90 pizzas. We get a deal from DaVinci's for \$9 each. If you can help, please contact Tami at [mtbaker@comcast.net](mailto:mtbaker@comcast.net).**

## **Spooky Story Night- October 25**

**Come have fun with us at Spooky Story Night on Tuesday, October 25! This year performers Kristin Loree and John Bartlit will be reading stories for all ages and some of those stories will be written by O'Keeffe Kids! Kristin is a voice and acting professor at UNM and John is an all around performer with special talents in sound effects as well as being a fabulous musician. Winning stories will be picked from our Spooky Story contest entries (2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders) and read during the evening sessions and some old favorites will be read and performed as well. Each session will be divided by grade levels and we suggest that younger students refrain from attending sessions for older students. (The stories will get a little spookier for the older kids.)**

**Spooky Story Night Sessions (in the library)**

**Kinder and 1st grades: 6:00-6:30**

**2nd and 3rd grades: 6:45-7:15**

**4th and 5th grades: 7:30-8:00**

**Students may wear Halloween costumes but refrain from wearing extremely scary/gory masks and costumes.**

## **Congratulations to our Spooky Story Contest Winners!!!!**

**Our Spooky Story Contest was a great success! We had 140 entries from second through fifth grades. Our committee readers had a difficult time picking the top three stories at each grade level from all of the original, scary, funny, and well-written stories. Good job to all of our Spooky Writers!!!! The winning stories were written by:**

**Second Graders- Caroline Kjeldgaard, Henry Mitchell, and Nicholas Orr**

**Third Graders – Joaquin Lao', Madelyn Johnson, and Ashley Rhoades**

**Fourth Graders – Hannah Mitchell, Fiona Trotz- Chavez, and Catherine Williard**

**Fifth Graders – Allen Hewson, Mya Latiesha John, and Fawzi Nastas**

**We had two second grade students who receive honorable mention for their stories which will be read for our students at the Kindergarten and First Grade Story Night session. Those students are: Cameron Galdony and Kaitlyn Riley.**

**A huge thank you to our teachers who promoted the story writing activity and parents who helped the kids through the process. Thanks to our judging committee Carol Jakowatz, Ethel Goebel, Nancy Schranz, Mary Matteucci, Ann Parks, and Annie Huggins.**

**The Spooky Stories will be read and performed by our guest performers Kristin Loree and John Bartlit on Spooky Story Night Tuesday, October 25.**

## **Parent's Book Exchange**

**Something for the parents to do during Spooky Story Night on 10/25! Bring your gently used books to the cafeteria to exchange with other parents. You will be able to exchange the same number of books as you bring in. The leftover books will be sold for 50 cents each to benefit the library programs. We'll start at 5:30. You can either drop off the books beforehand in the library (make sure you sign the drop off sheet to get the book credits) or just bring them that night. Only books for parents, no children's books, please.**

## **Land of Enchantment Skits for 2011-2012**

**Here Ye! Here Ye! Third, Fourth and Fifth graders: Land of Enchantment Players needed to read and perform the books from the Land of Enchantment Club.**

**We are looking for 36-48 students who would be willing to read a Land of Enchantment book, write a skit, and perform it in the spring for students and parents.**

**Here's how it works. Any student in 3-5 grade may participate BUT students must have read and tested on at least 3 of the Land of Enchantment books by December 16. Students who qualify may sign up for the Land of Enchantment Players after school program for the spring session. The after school program will be on Mondays after school from 2:30-3:30. The program will start on January 16 and end on March 5 with a performance following. Sign ups for the program will take place after winter break and only students who have read 3 of the books and tested will be allowed to participate. The number of participants will be limited so sign-ups will be first come first serve.**

For more information contact Robin Gates [rgates0927@yahoo.com](mailto:rgates0927@yahoo.com) or Tami Baker [mtbaker@comcast.net](mailto:mtbaker@comcast.net).

## **Innisbrook is coming!**

Our Innisbrook has shipped! We expect delivery at our school at the end of this week. Please watch your child's backpack and your email for notices about specific pick-up times. Unfortunately, a couple of the items ordered from our families have been backordered. If you ordered "cookie spatula," "silly salt "or" baking mat," those items should ship in another 2-3 weeks. Thank you for your patience and support of the GOK PTA!

## **Cub Scouts**

Is your 1st through 5th grade boy interested in joining Cub Scouts? Stop by any of our events with your child for fun activities. All siblings welcome. <https://beascout.scouting.org>  
For information contact Monica Camarillo at 856-5651 or [mcserrana@yahoo.com](mailto:mcserrana@yahoo.com).

## **Let APS Hear Your Thoughts!**

You're invited! Please join Superintendent Winston Brooks and the APS Board of Education to discuss the goals of Albuquerque Public Schools. They want to hear from us! You can attend any of the scheduled meetings or send your comments to [boarded@aps.edu](mailto:boarded@aps.edu) .

Th 11/17 6-8pm Manzano High School Cafeteria, 12200 Lomas Blvd NE

## **FOL Budget for Review**

At the last Friends of the Library meeting we reviewed and made changes to our budget. The 2011-2012 proposed budget is posted in the library and on the FOL web page ( <https://sites.google.com/site/gokfol/> ). This budget will be voted on at the next FOL meeting on Wednesday, October 12th, at 12:30pm in the library. Everyone is invited to attend.

## **St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital**

Do you have a special connection to St. Jude's? Or maybe you're looking for a simple way to volunteer at GOK. We are looking for someone to chair a math-a-thon with St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. St. Jude's supplies all of the materials. You would be in charge of advertising and collecting pledge money. Contact Tami at [mtbaker@comcast.net](mailto:mtbaker@comcast.net) if you can help.

## **GOK Recipe Book Planning Meeting**

It's been more than a few years, so it's time for the next edition of the GOK Recipe Book! If you would like to help, please come to a planning meeting on Tuesday, November 1, at 9:45am in the PTA room (in the cafeteria). If you would like to help, but can't make the meeting please send a note to Tami at [mtbaker@comcast.net](mailto:mtbaker@comcast.net) .

## Spelling Bee Planning Meeting

Come help plan our GOK Spelling Bee! We will meet Thursday, November 3rd, at 8am in the PTA room (in the cafeteria). We need a committee of volunteers to have a successful bee and get our kids ready for the District Bee!

## Cotton Candy & Caramel Apples

The GOK PTA will be selling Buffet's Candies cotton candy and caramel apples this Friday, October 28th, after school. Come to the overhang at the front of the school near the drop-off lane to get your treats! Bags of cotton candy will cost \$2 and caramel apples will cost \$2.50. All proceeds stay with the GOK PTA. It's the perfect season for a gooey treat!

## Submitting Gazette Articles

A quick reminder if you have something to submit for the Gazette, **Sunday night, 6:00 p.m. is the deadline.** If entry is not submitted by deadline it will be added the following week. Feel free to use this wonderful information resource to spread the word about upcoming events. Send articles to Jessica Pascua at [ram.gazette@gmail.com](mailto:ram.gazette@gmail.com).

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