

# Ram Gazette

A publication of the Georgia O'Keeffe PTA

October 17, 2011

## Ram Calendar

10/12 FOL Meeting @ 12:30 p.m. in Library

10/18 Individual Picture Retakes

10/21 Nan Woodman Author Visit for Grades 2-5

10/25 Spooky Story Night

10/27 No Geography Club

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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;

Fall is here and to celebrate, one of our parents, Patsy An Sisneros, who works for the USDA, is bringing a truckload of pumpkins to give away to our kids tomorrow! Each classroom has been scheduled throughout the afternoon to go to the pumpkin truck that will be parked in our staff parking lot to be given pumpkins from USDA staff members. We are grateful that Patsy An thought of us and are excited for the opportunity for each student and staff member to receive a pumpkin!

This year we have a new district policy that asks our nursing staff to call parents anytime their child goes to the nurses office, for whatever reason. In the past there have been district wide concerns that students have gone home, ill or with playground injuries that parents were unaware of.

Our district Food Services has created a new daily lunch menu that offers 3 entree choices, including one vegetarian item, to our kids. As a result, we have seen an increase of student

participation in our school lunch program. You can see the lunch and breakfast menu on our web-page.

Our Instructional Council will be finalizing plans for our Storybook Halloween Parade. Please remember if your child would like to dress up for Halloween, their costume should represent a storybook character they most admire. Your child is also welcome to bring the book to school to share along with their costume. We will have a parade at the end of Halloween day. I will send out a parade schedule as soon as we finalize it.

As always, thank you for your support of our students and staff at Georgia O’Keeffe. We feel so fortunate to have such supportive families!

Lucinda

## News from the Nurse

Hello GOK families,

Thursday October 20, 2011 will be the first FluMist clinic. If you haven't turned in your consent form and would like your child to receive FluMist please send in the form by Wednesday October 19th. We will have a second FluMist clinic on November 17th for those students under 9 years of age who may need a second dose of FluMist. If your child has asthma, seizure disorder, diabetes, or any weakened immune system they should not get the FluMist. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me.

Thanks!

Cristin Mann, RN/BSN

293-4259 ext. 35815

## 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 Pregenzer 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.**

## **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.**

## **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.**

## **Cub Scouts -Fishing**

**Enjoy discovering new experiences with your 1st - 5th grade boy. Learn basic fishing techniques on Thursday, Oct. 20th, 6:30 at First Christian Church, 10101 Montgomery. Then fish with us at Tingley Beach on Sunday, Oct. 23rd at noon.**

**Stop by any of our pack 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) .

Tu 10/18 6-8pm Sandia High School Media Center, 7801 Candelaria NE

W 10/19 6-8pm Desert Ridge Middle School Media Center/Commons, 8400 Barstow NE

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.

## 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) .

## 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 Monday, October 17, at 8:00am 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) .

## 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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