

Ram Gazette

A publication of the Georgia O'Keeffe PTA

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Ram Calendar

9/27 Innisbrook Deadline

10/4 PTA Meeting @ 8:10 am in PTA Room

10/7 No School for Fall Break

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

NEWS FROM THE NURSE

Hello GOK Families! This Fall we will have a flu mist only clinic October 20, 2011. The Flu vaccine clinic is FREE. Information regarding the vaccine and permission slips will be coming home in your child's backpack. Flu mist will only be given to students whose parents have signed and returned the permission slip. This will be a flu mist only clinic, if your child has asthma, diabetes, seizure disorder, or any weakened immune system they cannot receive the flu mist. Any questions or concerns please call the health office 293-4259 and press 2 for the nurse.

Flu season is near, along with getting the flu vaccine, having your child wash their hands frequently, getting adequate sleep and nutrition will help keep children healthy. Please remember that children need to stay home when they have a fever of 100 or higher, vomiting or diarrhea. It is APS policy that students must be fever-free (without fever-reducing medication) for 24 hours before returning to school. If your child is on antibiotics for a contagious bacterial infection, such as strep throat, they must be on the antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school.

**Thank you!
Cristin Mann, RN/BSN**

Deadline Tomorrow!

Tomorrow, Tuesday, September 27th, is the order deadline for the PTA Innisbrook fundraiser. Please send in your envelopes!!!

How to Place a New Order:

1. Go to www.innisbrook.com
2. Click on "Enter Orders Here"
3. Enter our school number (122825) next to the "New 2011 Visitor" box, click go.
4. Verify that the school name is correct and click "Continue to EZ".
5. "Set up Username & Password" window will pop up. Fill out form & click continue.
6. Click on student's teacher name & click continue (You can only add one teacher here. After registering your student you will be given the opportunity to add another student & teacher).
7. Register student information & click continue. Write down student ID number.
8. Click on "Enter Orders From My Order Worksheet" & continue.
9. Click on student name & continue.
10. Enter orders from your order worksheet & submit (You can always go back and enter orders at any time).
11. A confirmation email will be sent to you with your username, password and student's ID number.

Volunteer in the Library and Support our Bibliomaniacs!

The Joyce Etulain Library at Georgia O'Keeffe is definitely one of the best libraries around. What makes it so great? Our fabulous volunteers. Our Kinder, first and second graders have a checkout time every day and our third fourth and fifth graders have a once a week checkout but can come at recess any day of the week for extra checkouts. These opportunities for kids are only available due to parent volunteers who check out, check in, and shelve the books daily. Currently we are in need of a few more volunteers who can help keep books in the hands of our BIBLIOMANIACS. If you have 90 minutes once a week to help, please email Annie Huggins at huggins_a@aps.edu

We need help at these times:

Mondays: 8:00-9:30

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Tuesdays: 9:30-11:00

Wednesdays: 8:00-9:30

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.

Let's Play Some Chess!

We are excited to announce the new Georgia O'Keeffe Elementary chess club which will be coached by National Master Lior Lapid. Lapid, currently the highest-rated player in New Mexico, is a two-time New Mexico State Champion with over fifteen years of chess teaching experience. He is also a former National High School Champion and former National Junior High School Champion. Club meetings will be after-school from 2:00-3:00 on Thursdays, starting September 22nd and continuing until December 15th. The club will be divided into two groups according to level; while one group receives instruction, the other group will play

games against each other. A team from Georgia O'Keeffe Elementary may be registered to compete against other elementary schools through the Albuquerque Schools Chess League. The cost enrollment in chess club is \$60. Checks should be made payable to "New Mexico Chess Academy." For more information, contact Lior Lapid at lior.lapid@gmail.com or (505) 604-6515. Also, please see attachment. The class will be held in room 104.

Albuquerque Air Jump Rope

If you are interested in becoming a member of Albuquerque Air Jump Rope we will be holding Try-Outs this Saturday (10-01-2011) at Madison Middle School. Madison Middle School is located at 3501 Moon St. NE 87111 (corner of Moon St. and Comanche Rd.) from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

Team Information will be made available at the Try-Out.

Just show up any time from 1:00pm and 3:00pm. (It is preferred that you show up no later than 2:30pm so you will have some time to jump as part of the try out).

Below is how Try-Outs will be handled:

1. Anyone can try out. You do not need to be a Level One Jumper to try out.
2. Jumpers will be selected after the Try-outs--- Jumpers selected will not be required to be a Level One Jumper.
3. The jumpers selected will than practice with AAJR for approximately one month (maybe more). If the jumper can become a Level One in that time frame, they can become part of AAJR.

Please practice your Level One Tricks and do not forget to practice your speed too.

Come be part of a very special team that competes in a very special sport. I have played and coached many different sports, and there is nothing like the sport of jump rope!

Please call with any questions.....228-4353

Doug and Stephanie Andrews

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.

Th 9/29 6-8pm Jefferson Middle School Media Center, 712 Girard NE
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

Empty drink pouches = money for Georgia O'Keeffe!

Did you know that Terracycle (<http://www.terracycle.net>) gives Georgia O'Keeffe \$.02 for each empty drink pouch we send them? Please remind your children to put their empty drink pouches (Capri Sun, Honest Kids, Minute Maid, etc) into the drink pouch collection bin in the cafeteria so that we can turn trash into cash! Parents, feel free to toss empty pouches into the bin as well.

Questions? Want to help or start collecting other items to send to Terracycle? Feel free to contact Jennifer Lewis at silvarasilvart@gmail.com for more information.

BOXTOPS for Education:

Teachers will soon be sending home baggies in which students will bring back to school all those Boxtops you all have been clipping since spring! This year we are giving special recognition to the students that have collected the most Boxtops! Also, the classroom with the most Boxtops will receive a class party of their choice! It's time for everyone to start clipping those Boxtops and earning free money for GOK. Be sure to look out for bonus Boxtops on certain products! Ask your friends and neighbors . Friends don't let friends throw away Boxtops!

News from the Retail Committee:

Have you registered your Smith's frequent shopper card so that your purchases will benefit GOK? If not, here is a handy link to get you started! While you are there, be sure to register to get additional Boxtops for Education!

<http://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/mysmiths/706/Pages/earnandlearn.aspx>

Also, don't forget to use your Alberston's community partner card each time you shop. Don't have a card? There are still plenty in the school office if you need to pick one up. Also, I can send you one home in your child's backpack if you email me at kfishman@lafin.com.

Finally, don't forget to sign up for Target's new debit card and link your purchases to GOK. Target's Take Charge of Educations program makes it easy to sign up. This link provides you with information you need about the program.

<https://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-005174>

Thanks in advance for participating!

Kate Cook Fishman

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.

Get all the school news you need right here in your Gazette!