

Ram Gazette

A publication of the Georgia O'Keeffe PTA

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Ram Calendar

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

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

11/11 No School for Veterans Day

11/14 GOK Night at DaVinci's Pizza

11/21-22 No School for P/T Conferences

11/23-25 No School for Thanksgiving

Dear Georgia O'Keeffe Families:

I Hope you are having a "spooktacular" Halloween! We were so appreciative to see so many parents here to watch our Halloween Parade! It's always a fun day for everyone, except maybe the custodians!

APS in concert with the Albuquerque Journal sponsors a "Student of the Week" program that honors a student who is nominated by their school in the newspaper. We took nominations from teachers for a student of the week who fits the following criteria: Helpful, kind, a learner, leadership and follows our school core values of being respectful , ready to learn, cooperative and safe. Out of all the nominees, our runners up were: 5th grade: Cole Korbass, Julie Avery and Tessa Anderson. From 3rd grade they were: Lindsey Clark and Nicholas Orr and Kinder were Lucy Drazek. Our Student of the week for December Journal chosen from many fine candidates is Allen Hewson! Congrats to Allen! Allen's picture will be in the Journal in December as our O'Keeffe "Student of the Week".

We are in the running for the Clorox grant to design an outdoor classroom for the courtyard of our school. So, please vote now and vote often. Put the voting information on your my face page. All we have to do to get the grant

is to vote! You can vote daily, so spread the word! The voting information should be in this newsletter.

As always, thank you for being so supportive of our school!

Lucinda

Clorox Grant-Don't forget to vote!!

We need your help! Georgia O'Keeffe has applied for a nationwide Clorox grant to build an outside learning ecosystem and garden. We have an opportunity to win up to \$50,000 for this project. Winners of the grants are based solely on the number of votes received!

We cannot win this grant without your help. There are two easy ways to vote. You can text clorox7569 to 44144 or vote online <http://www.powerabrightfuture.com/gallery/detail/?nid=1325>.

You can vote everyday until December 9th. Please pass this information on to friends and family and ask them to vote too. Your vote could help us win this contest and bring a unique and interesting learning environment to GOK!

Vote!

Rio Grande Community Farm

Thank you to our GOK community! The GOK PTA will receive a check for almost \$100 from the Rio Grande Community Farm simply because our families enjoyed some time together! We had 80 people from GOK go to the community farm a couple weekends ago and mention our school. Thank you for supporting the GOK PTA!

Money Raised at Family Pizza Night

Wow! Thank you to the GOK community! At last week's Family Pizza Night we raised \$1280 to pay for ink and toner in our computer labs and other printers. What generous families we have at GOK! And thanks to our business sponsors who made donations for our pizza, we are able to count almost all of that money as profit. Thank you to Michael J. Armijo DDS and Pregoner Baysinger Wideman & Sale, PC! Thank you for supporting the GOK PTA!

Cotton Candy & Caramel Apples Money Earned

Thank you for supporting the PTA's after school cotton candy and caramel apples sale last Friday! We sold 200 bags of cotton candy and 100 caramel apples; the PTA will keep over \$300!

FOL Bake Sale Success!

Thank you families for participating in the FOL Bake Sale last Tuesday night! The FOL raised \$319 fifty cents at a time. FOL money is used for author visits, book club prizes, DVDs, and so much more!

PTA Awards \$2,946.00 in Mini Grants to GOK Teachers

The PTA has awarded \$2,946.00 in mini grants to our teachers to support a wide range of classroom learning. The PTA makes mini grant awards in the fall and in the spring semesters. The money raised from our various fundraisers, including Innisbrook and Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough, help support these mini grant awards. The mini grants awarded for the fall semester are:

\$ 284 - Kindergarten literacy manipulative activities

\$ 200 - Kindergarten "home" self-selection resources

\$ 401 - 3rd Grade language arts learning games

\$ 379 - 4th grade grammar, reading comprehension, and math learning games

\$ 295 - Materials to enhance focus, core stability, and gross motor growth for 5th grade

\$ 355 - Occupational Therapy materials

\$ 881 - Strength-based counseling program for 3rd - 5th grade

\$ 150 - Software program for training strategic memory for listening

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.

Eat, Read, Blog

The first meeting of the 4th grade bookblog will be on Tuesday during lunch. Wednesday is field trip day, so the meeting will be moved to Tuesday. If you have a copy of Maniac Magee, please bring it to the meeting. Don't forget your permission slip. See you in Mrs. Leyendecker's room (206) on Tuesday at 11:45!

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.

Fourth and fifth graders! Don't forget that two of your Battle Books are also LOE books. Don't forget to test on them!

For more information contact Robin Gates rgates0927@yahoo.com or Tami Baker mtbaker@comcast.net.

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.**

Ram Performing in Musical

Kiera Langenwalter from Mrs. Turney's class, will be appearing as one of the puppies in the 101 Dalmatians musical. She will be performing on November 19th and 20th at the Journal Theatre. Congratulations Kiera!

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 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 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 .

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!

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.

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