

Tiger Talk

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Letter from the President

Hello, Garden Grove families!

I can't believe that Thanksgiving and Winter Break are just around the corner. We have a lot of things planned for this year, but we will need some help pulling it all off. We have more assemblies planned for the kids and more Family nights!

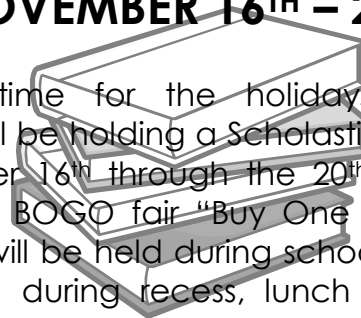
Want to know what we are planning, meet other parents, and get to know the ins and outs of Garden Grove? Please come to our PTA Open House on November 9th, at 5pm in the MPR (Cafeteria). Appetizers and drinks will be provided. Talk to other parents who know these things and find out how you can, too! You can even stay for our Board Meeting, which will start at 6pm. There are still many ways for you to get involved at school or on the PTA. Remember, we are all busy, but we do it for the benefit of all of our children.

-Deanna Smith, PTA President



BOGO HOLIDAY BOOKFAIR NOVEMBER 16TH – 20TH

Just in time for the holidays...Garden Grove will be holding a Scholastic Bookfair, November 16th through the 20th. This fair will be a BOGO fair "Buy One Get One" FREE. It will be held during school hours. It will open during recess, lunch and after school for you and your children to buy books and other goodies.



SAMARITAN CENTER DRIVE NOVEMBER 16TH – 20TH

Garden Grove will have a supply drive for the Samaritan Center the week of November 16th through the 20th. We will be collecting the following specific items that the Samaritan Center needs to have on hand in large quantities:

- Toilet Paper
- 13 gallon trash bags
- 40 gallon trash bags
- Paper plates
- Coffee cups (Styrofoam is fine)

A flyer listing these items will be coming home in early November before the drive. Thank you!

WANTED! Spring Carnival Chairperson

Must like to have fun and see others smiling, laughing, playing games and having a good time! This position must be filled as soon as possible! Event subject to cancellation if there is no team leader!

Letter from the Assistant Principal

The school year has gotten off to a wonderful start. Teachers are busy teaching and students are busy learning.

Many parents are dropping their students off on Tracy Avenue next to the steps. A second option for drop off is along the curb in the parking lot. A third possibility is to park a block or so away from the school and take a morning stroll with your child(ren) as you escort them to the school site. Most important is the safety of all students and adults. Thanks for your patience at this busy time of day.

This year we have had the parking spaces numbered and have assigned all numbered spaces to our site staff. We have also included visitor spaces. Please use the visitor spaces or park in the street, if you need to get out of your car. Thanks so much for helping in this area.

Just a little tip: Ask your child(ren) what they learned, when they get home from school each day, rather than what they did. This type of conversation will serve to provide students with a review of the day's knowledge. Also, ask them to respond in complete sentences.

-Sandra Josephson, Assistant Principal

BOXTOPS & CAMPBELL'S LABELS

This school year 4,118 BoxTops have been collected. Our goal for this school year is 12,000. Look for our next BoxTops Challenge November 16th – January 16th. Keep clipping! Please do not send in expired BoxTops. Also, include your child's name and teacher's name so your child gets credit for the BoxTops they have turned in. We will soon be sending in Campbell's Labels for Education. The points earned from the labels can be used to purchase P.E. equipment for the school. Please send in your Campbell's labels soon!

CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE!

Have you been to our school's new, updated PTA WEBSITE at www.gardengrovepta.org, yet? The site features the PTA's calendar of school events, PTA Membership information, volunteer and fundraising opportunities to help our school, and much more! The site can be accessed by first going to the school's website at www.gardengrove.simi.k12.ca.us, then clicking on "PTA" in the main menu. Both sites have useful information and will keep you up to date on what's currently happening at our school. Don't forget to check back often as information will continue to be updated.

-Julie Johnson, Web Master

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Upcoming Events

11/01: Daylight Savings Time ends
11/09: PTA Open House & Board Meeting
11/11: Veteran's Day (No School)
11/16 – 20: Book Fair & Samaritan Center
Collection
11/24: Picture retakes & 4th – 6th grade awards
11/25 – 27: No School (Thanksgiving on 11/26)
12/1 – 12/4: Parent Conferences (school out at
1:10 pm every day)
12/14: PTA Board Meeting
12/21 – 01/04/2010: Winter Break