

# GROVE ELEMENTARY NEST NOTES



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**October**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 26-30 Red Ribbon Week  
Book Fair
- 29 Trick or Reading 6:00  
Gantt Fire Department presents  
Halloween Safety  
Report Cards Go Home
- 30 Chicken Biscuits - PTA
- 30 Terrific Kids - Kiwanis
- 30 "A" Honor Roll - Lunch with  
Ms. Bauer and Mrs. Pettigrew



**November**

- 2 - 5 Grade 2 CoGat testing
- 6 Muffins for Mom 7:15-8:00
- 9 - 11 Grade 2 ITBS testing
- 16-20 Food for Families collection
- 19 PTA General Meeting  
Literacy Night  
Fundraiser Pick up
- 24 Interim Reports Go Home
- 25-27 Thanksgiving Vacation
- 30 School resumes



## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN**

What an exciting month October has been. The month began with our first Writers' Guild. Students were surprised recognition of exemplary writing. Parents were so proud of their children and students were shocked to see their parents in the assembly to support their children. There were many tears of pride. The month continued with Coffee with the Principal and parent conferences. This week we are Saying No To Drugs during Red Ribbon Week with mixed up clothes and silly hats, while shopping for books in the Media Center. The biggest surprise came with the arrival of Subway and Jared - the Subway guy. (See page 2.) WOW!!



Please join us for Trick or Reading and the Book Fair. Will your reader be a princess or a scary witch?? Will your reader be a teacher or a rock star? Join us to find out. Children may wear costumes for our after hour Halloween. (No costumes on Friday.) Every child will receive a free book and tricks or treats.

## **CONGRATULATIONS 2009-2010 STUDENT COUNCIL**

The results of the Grove Student Council election are in. Congratulations to:  
President- China Hill  
Vice President- Maria Pineda  
Secretary Martha Martinez  
Treasurer- Jasmine Blandon

## JAYLEE, JARED, AND SUBWAY

Ms. Fagala, Physical Education, and Mr. Cantrell, Art, submitted art work created by Grove students in the Subway Fun to be Fit Challenge. Over 3,000 entries were received by Subway from South Carolina students.

Jaylee Porras in Ms. Williams' and Mrs. Havran's fifth grade was chosen as the grand prize winner for all of the Upstate. Thanks to Jaylee's talents, the school received \$1,000 for physical activities. Jaylee's artwork is being framed and will be on display in the office for the rest of the school year.

**CONGRATULATIONS, JAYLEE!!!!!!**



PTA and Grove will present our School Improvement Council (SIC) at the November PTA meeting. The PTA agenda will include topics from the September, October, and November SIC meetings.



One very important topic that has been discussed at SIC, PTA, and Coffee with the Principal is a student dress code. Please join us at the November 19 PTA meeting to hear the SIC proposal.

### **VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH** **Lavinia Hoskins**

We have many volunteers this year who are helping Grove become "One of the Places You'll Go". Please watch the newsletter for the November volunteer. For October, we have nominated Ms. Hoskins, the PTA president this year. She has brought us the new Grove t-shirts, organized PTA for the year, and organized the PTA fundraiser, and works with the PTA board. Ms. Hoskins, we are very grateful to have you at Grove.

A volunteer reminder: Any volunteer who is NOT a parent or guardian, must attend a volunteer orientation and present a photo ID at least 3 days prior to volunteering.



## **TRANSPORTATION CHANGES**

Any change to transportation must be received in writing. To ensure student safety, phone calls will not be accepted to change daily transportation.



Please have a plan in place for rainy days. Discuss with your child any difference that will occur if it is rainy at dismissal.



## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

The number of tardy students at Grove is growing each day. Instruction begins at 8:00AM daily. Students arriving before 8:00 are considered tardy if they are not in the classroom and seated prior to the 8:00 bell. The cafe stops serving breakfast at 7:50 and the café is empty by 7:55.