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Graystone Great News

May 27th, 2016



Dear Graystone Community Members,

The last few days of school are always special in schools where students, staff and parents have created a unified, caring community. Throughout the year students have contributed to and benefited from sharing goals, experiences and memories and now it is time to wrap up the 2015-2016 school year. I encourage you to share this special time with your children by helping them recall some of their accomplishments at home and at school. Talk about and celebrate some of the things they have learned to do or get better at. After all, it seems second nature for us to celebrate beginnings, so the end of the school year should be no exception.

It has been an honor to be at Graystone for the last four years. I want to say "thank you" for your dedication and tireless efforts on behalf of your children. I also want to extend my deep appreciation to our teachers and staff for the extra time, energy, caring and concern willingly given to each of our students. Teachers are among the greatest influences for shaping the lives of young people. They touch our children's lives each day in a way that is inspiring, encouraging and tailored to the individual needs of each learner. It's also time to say good-bye to our 5th graders and their parents. Good-bye to our families who will be moving over the summer.

While I am looking forward to the new challenges that await me, my move is bittersweet because of the strong attachment I feel for the children of this school, the staff and you, our parent community. I will look back on my time here with pride in all we have accomplished together and with genuine feelings and affections for this remarkable school and community. *Information regarding the selection process for the new principal, that involves both staff and parents, will come home via an "all call" and email blast next week.*

Good-bye, and have a GREAT Graystone summer!

Best regards,

Allison Long



Graystone Home & School Club

The GGG was a huge success! Thank you to Tonya Chin and her team for putting together such a beautiful and entertaining event! Thanks also to the Nessen family for allowing us to throw this party at their beautiful home. The auction did very well also! Numbers are still coming in but overall the night was a big hit!

A huge thanks to Julia Go and Zach Green for stepping up to coordinate Sports Day! The kids had tons of fun and we really appreciate their hard work and effort in making sure this Graystone tradition doesn't go away! Bravo!

As this is our last newsletter of the 2015-16 school year, we want to thank the HSC board members and HSC Reps for the amazing job they've done throughout the year! Without parent volunteers Graystone (and all the programs provided) could not exist! Keep up the good work and we will see you next year!

Have a fantastic summer!
HSC Board



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This month in the 5th grade classes, we read the book *Who Moved My Cheese? for Kids* by Spencer Johnson, M.D. and Christian Johnson. You may have heard of the adult version of this book, which offers a positive way to view and adapt to changes in our lives. The children's version of this book is an excellent resource to help fifth-graders and kids of all ages develop a positive approach to the changes they face as they prepare to move to middle school and life changes in general.

Who Moved the Cheese? For Kids is a simple story of four mouse friends named Sniff, Scurry, Hem and Haw. They live in a big maze looking for the thing that makes them happy—magical cheese. Once they find the cheese, it seems like it will last forever. But one morning, the cheese is gone and everything changes.

Who moved the cheese? Will it ever come back? Will the mice have to look for new cheese on unfamiliar paths and around corners they've never explored? The story helps children begin to view change as a good thing that leads to new opportunities.

Most fifth-graders are already thinking about going to middle school next year. Many kids are anxious about middle school, since its structure is so different from elementary school. For example, they will probably attend a larger school with many more students, and they'll change to different classrooms and teachers several times a day. These changes can be intimidating for even the most confident student.

Ask your child what we learned this month in Project Cornerstone about handling change from Sniff, Scurry, Hem and Haw. Throughout the summer, keep talking about the important change coming up in their lives. Remind them that even though change can be unsettling (like it was for the mice), it can also be a good thing that opens the door to new and exciting opportunities. Consider adding *Who Moved the Cheese? For Kids* to your home library so you can enjoy reading with your child.

Sincerely,
Jennise Towle and Hilary Thompson

PS. Hilary and I will both be moving on from Graystone next year. We have truly enjoyed working with the kids over the years and we will miss Graystone dearly. We have recruited a small group of parents that will be taking over the program. Together they will carry on the important task of running Project Cornerstone at Graystone. If you will be at Graystone next year, please consider joining them as an Asset Building Champion.

School Site Council needs YOU!

Our Graystone School Site Council (SSC) oversees the use of our state funds. Five parents are elected to represent the community on this committee. It is a two year commitment. Meetings are held once a month from 3pm to 4pm. There are two positions open. We also have one position open as a SELAC member. The School English Learner Advisory Committee (SELAC) members are Graystone parents and educators.

If you are interested in running for School Site Council for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years, please submit a brief bio for the school ballot. Please send your bio to Rmaczka@sjusd.org. If you have any questions, please call our office at 408-535-6317.

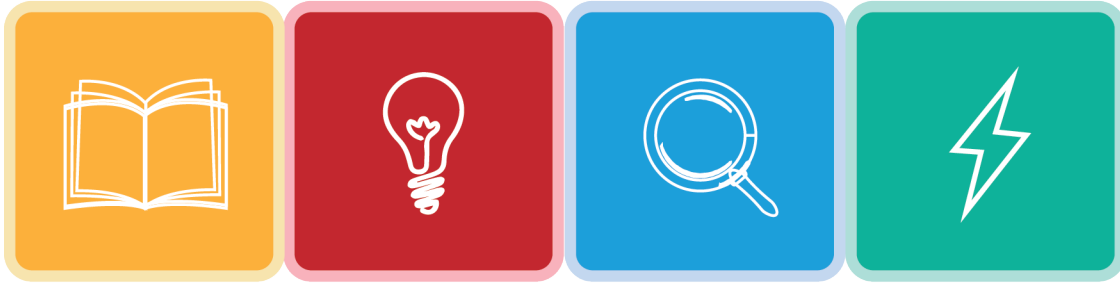
School Wide Yearbooks for sale - \$30.00 Cash only

We have a limited quantity of school wide yearbooks left to sell. Get your copy before they run out!

Attention 5th grade Parents

If you did not order a 5th grade memory book, you have one last chance. We have just a few left. The cost is \$32.00 cash. Stop in the office to get your copy.

San José Public Library



SUMMERREADINGCHALLENGE

Summer Reading Challenge: June 1 – July 31

Summertime is just around the corner and with it comes the *Summer Reading Challenge* at San José Public Library. It's time to sign up for Summer Reading!

This year our challenge is to "Read for the Win." The whole family can participate! Kids and teens can sign up at their local library or online at sjpl.org/summer. This year, children who complete 5 hours of reading are eligible to win a free book! In addition to reading, if you complete five fun activities on the reading log, you will win a special prize. Free programs are available at all San José libraries throughout the summer months providing ample opportunities for fun and learning.

Remember: Prevent the Summer Slide

During summer break, children who do not spend time reading and learning can find their school year skills slipping backwards - also known as the Summer Slide. Teachers and literacy experts agree that reading for at least 20 minutes per day during the summer and staying active and engaged in educational programs help students retain their skills and return to school ready to learn.

For more information, visit sjpl.org/summer, sign up for our online newsletter www.sjpl.org/updates, or contact your neighborhood library, Almaden Branch, at (408) 808-3040.

Summer Program Schedule for Almaden Branch (all are on Thursday afternoons @ 2 PM):

June 2 – For Goodness Snakes (live snakes)

June 9 – STEAMstacks Structural Engineering Challenge

June 16 – NorCal Bats (live bats)

June 23 – Sing a Story with the San Francisco Opera Guild

June 30 – Peter Apel - Music, Magic, Stories

July 7 – Children's Discovery Museum: Toy Box Physics

July 14 – Mad Science: Movie Special Effects

July 21 – Being Healthy with Mister Q - Fun, Music, Humor

July 28 – Exploring Electricity and Magnetism with Mr. Science

Graystone School Important Dates to Remember

Monday, May 30 th	No School (Memorial Day)
Tuesday, May 31 st	Full Day of School
Thursday, June 2 nd	Last Day Of School Early Out Kinder - 12:50 Primary - 1:15 Upper grade - 1:20

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER BREAK!!!
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



Please make sure to **view our school calendar** on our **school webpage** to stay abreast of all school activities. **There is always a ton of exciting activities** happening at Graystone and we want to make sure you are all able to **participate and enjoy**.
www.sjUSD.org/graystone