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Graystone Great News

May 6th, 2016



Dear Graystone Community Members,

May is such a busy time of year at Graystone! Please be sure you are checking the school web site and teacher communications (newsletters and emails) to keep up-to-date on the many year-end events that are taking place.

Tuesday, May 10th is our Volunteer Appreciation Tea, in which we celebrate all of the wonderful parent volunteers who have dedicated their time and effort this year to making Graystone GREAT! Please join the teachers in the Media Center from 1:30 – 2:30. Students are welcome to join us in the cafeteria for an adult-supervised movie. Please note there will be no yard duty supervision on the playground, and children **may not** be left unattended without an adult.

I am very much looking forward to seeing everyone at Open House on Tuesday, May 17. This is an event for students to share the year's hard work and accomplishments with their families. Please join us for our first Art Vista Art Show in the Superdome and Cafeteria from 5:30 – 6:30. Classrooms will be open from 6:30 – 7:30, and the Art Show will remain open during this time. The fifth grade classes will be displaying their Science Fair projects in the Media Center, so be sure to stop by and check out their amazing experiments.

We are already beginning to look at enrollment numbers for the 2016-2017 school year. Numbers of classes and teacher assignments have not been finalized, and will be reviewed during the summer. Should you know that your child(ren) will not be returning to Graystone for the next school year, please let our office staff know immediately.

Have a GREAT Graystone week!

Best regards,

Allison Long



Graystone Home & School Club

We had our last HSC meeting of the school year this week. The 2016-2017 HSC Budget was approved. The detailed budget can soon be found on our website at: <http://www.graystonehsc.org/> . We thank those who were in attendance to help us approve this budget. As a result, your children's Science Labs, Recess 101 and Music Classes will begin shortly after the start of the school year next fall.

We also handed out our end of the year volunteer awards for the 2015 - 2016 school year. Volunteer recognition recipients were as follows:

Outgoing 5th Grade Parent Volunteer Award – Dean Nessen, Shari Peck and Stephanie Bullock
Volunteer of the Year – Dominique Tomei and Katie Ciciarelli

Graystone's Grown-Up Gathering is coming up Saturday, May 14th from 6:30 pm – 11:00 pm. Mark your calendars for an evening of fun!! Buffet dinner from Buca di Beppo, silent auction, dessert auction, dancing, DJ and more! All proceeds benefit the HSC. Buy your tickets today for this Graystone Great Event at ggg2016tickets.eventbrite.com . Please also consider buying a ticket for a Graystone staff member.

Volunteers are really needed for next year! The following programs and events will be cancelled in the 2016-2017 school year if volunteers do not step forward:

CRV Recycling

Holiday Boutique (cancelled this year due to lack of volunteers)

Project Cornestone

Sports Day (cancelled this year due to lack of volunteers)

Please contact the HSC board at board@graystonehsc.org or president@graystonehsc.org if interested.

Finally, we would like to thank Cyntia App and her team for the wonderful Mother/Son Date Night. This fun-filled night complete with the Garrison Star Wars troop, photo booth and jedi training will be long remembered.

We would also like to thank Prajakta Kumbhare and her team for the amazing afternoon of Heritage Day. There were many wonderful performances, delicious dishes and treats to eat as well as many colorful and informative country booths. In fact, there were 18 countries represented!

Important Dates

GGG – May 14

Open House & Art Show - May 17

Diner's Night at Armadillo Willy's - May 24



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Cornerstone Corner

In this month's ABC book, "**Recess Queen**", by Alexis O'Neill Mean Jean the "recess queen" rules the playground with an iron fist. No one dares cross her path for fear of being hit, punched, or kicked. One day, a new girl shows up on the playground and catches Mean Jean completely off guard. Katie Sue is not the least bit intimidated by Mean Jean. Katie Sue actually invites Jean to join in a jump rope game! In no time, Jean and Katie Sue become friends.

Goals of lesson:

1. Empower students to use their skills as *UPstanders* to create a safe and caring climate on the school playground.
2. Practice using conflict resolution skills.
3. Use the *ABC student toolbox* of techniques practiced all year in our ABC Lessons.
4. Demonstrate a connection between student's online and face to face community.

As a caring adult, here are steps you can use to **help youth in emotionally charged conflicts**:

- Help them identify the conflict.
- Without interruption, have each person describe briefly what happened.
- Use empathetic listening. No judging, just listening.
- Have each of the involved persons name how they feel with an "I statement":
 - A. I feel _____ when _____ because _____.
 - B. I feel _____ when _____ because _____.
- Help children repeat and refine their statements until tension from the misunderstanding or conflict subsides.
- Celebrate the successful resolution of conflicts and acknowledge the compromises each person made so that the solution would work!

**When you "catch" kids modeling positive behaviors...
Notice, Name it, and Celebrate it!**



Graystone School Important Dates to Remember

Saturday, May 14 th	Graystone Grown-up Gathering
Tuesday, May 17 th	Art Vista Art Show 5:30-7:30 Open House - 6:30 till 7:30
Friday, May 20 th	Gold Rush Day (4 th graders)
Tuesday, May 24 th	Colonial Day (5 th graders)
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



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**.

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