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# Graystone Great News

September 16th, 2016



Dear Graystone Families,

We are moving through the school year nicely. What a great start to the year. I have seen a lot of great writing happening in our classrooms, I am sure you will see some if it soon if you have not already. Below are some updates and information for you.

#### Meeting with Johnny Khamis

I had the pleasure of meeting with our city councilman, Johnny Khamis this week. Below are some of the programs that the city council offers for students and parents.

- FREE San Jose Public Library Online resources (Ex: MS Word, Excel, and PowerPoint; learn over 60 languages; computer coding; prepare for college; checkout eBooks, eAudiobooks, magazines, movies, music; and, obtain discounted tickets to local museums) - <https://www.sjpl.org/elearning>
- Have a question for Councilmember Khamis or want to meet your Councilmember? Attend his monthly community office hours! See flyer:<http://sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/60185>

#### Non-Allergenic Tables:

We have added a nut free and gluten free table to the green tables for students with allergies. If your student wants to eat at this table please direct them to talk to a yard supervisor so that we can help them find an appropriate place to eat.

#### Emergency Bags:

Just a reminder that if you have not sent your child's emergency bag to school yet, please do so this will be stored in the classroom during the year in the event of a school wide emergency. These bags will be returned to you at the end of the school year. Suggested items for the bag include the following:

- Small comfort items such as a note, family picture or toy.
- Small package of facial tissue.
- Plastic bag with holes cut out for arms and head or rain poncho.
- One non-perishable food item such as a granola bar or dried fruit.

#### History of Graystone:

Hi all my friend and amateur historian, Ed Hodges is looking for documentation about the opening day of Graystone. If you have any leads please email him at [ehodges1@earthlink.net](mailto:ehodges1@earthlink.net)

#### Cub Scouts at Graystone!

Cub Scouts is a School Year based program for boys in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Cub Scouts focuses on developing your son's character, training him to be a good citizen and encourage him to be fit – physically, mentally and morally. This is done through lots of fun activities and engagement with positive role models that are from your own community! Cub Scout Pack 274 has a sign up night on Thursday 9/29 at 7PM in the Superdome! Click here to RSVP and for contact information: <http://bit.ly/Pack274>.

Have a great weekend!

Amy Shumway  
Interim Principal



## Graystone Home & School Club

Dear Graystone Families,

We are extending our annual [Home & School Club \(HSC\) Membership](#) deadline to Friday, September 23. Our school fundraiser has only reached 54% school-wide participation...we know we can do better! At this time, we are at \$80,000 and we need to raise \$140,000.

If you haven't donated, WE NEED YOU! THE STUDENTS NEED YOU. Without your donations, Graystone's Science, Art Vista, Music, Recess 101 programs are in jeopardy. Copies of the HSC Membership Form will go home again in your child's September 16 Friday Envelope. Any amount donated is appreciated. Corporate Matching is encouraged and payment plans are available.

By donating, you're also helping your child's class to win an Otter Pop Party and Pizza Party. If classes reach 75% HSC participation, they will get an Otter Pop Recess, and the 1st class to reach 90% in Grades K-2 and 3-5 will get a Pizza Party. We applaud the 3 classes – Mrs. Bal (4th Grade), Mrs. Marino (1st Grade) and Ms. Ta (4th Grade) – for winning their 100% fruit juice Otter Pop Party. They are very close to winning a Pizza Party for their class too. There are 9 Classrooms with less than 55% participation, so please look at the Fundraiser Thermometers on your Classroom doors to see your class standing and help!

Thank you to those that joined us for our very first HSC Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, September 6. We passed our 2016-2017 By-Laws, reviewed upcoming activities and events and recognized Becky Johanningsmeier and Jada Tompkins for being our volunteer Kinder Ambassadors. A copy of our September 6 [Agenda, Meeting Minutes and Budget](#) can be found on our [GraystoneHSC.org Website](#) (Association Meetings section).

Movie Night Under the Stars, featuring "Zootopia," was pretty amazing! We had double the attendees compared to the last few years hosting this annual event, so thank you for coming out to support us. It's through your generous donations that we can offer such fun events that bring our families/friends together. We hope to see you at the [Family Potluck Picnic](#) on September 25.

In the next two-weeks, you'll receive communications (via Graystone HSC [Shutterfly](#), [FaceBook](#), [Instagram](#) and Friday Envelope) on the most anticipated school event of the year, PUMPKIN BUST (to be held on Friday, October 28), which is our Halloween Carnival. Watch out for the information packet. It will be spook-tacular!

We are still in need of [Volunteers](#), of which all available positions are listed on our [Website](#).

Always feel free to contact [Board@GraystoneHSC.org](mailto:Board@GraystoneHSC.org) with questions.

Sincerely,

Amy Lee, Katie Ciciarelli, Juliet Ko, Stefanie Bellucci and Julia Go  
HSC Board (2016-2017)

## PROJECT CORNERSTONE

Project Cornerstone's September Book of the Year is *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* by Carol McCloud. The book uses a bucket to symbolize our need to be filled everyday with positive experiences. The power of affirming words is captured by the simple concept of bucket filling. By expressing and doing acts of kindness and appreciation, we create warm fuzzies that fill our bucket and the buckets of others. Students and adults will learn to use the strong visual imagery of bucket filling as a tool and bucket filling language to build friendship skills and campus-wide respect. Please ask your child(ren) about "bucket filling" and the Project Cornerstone lesson of the month.

Parent readers will be reading *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* in classrooms this month and the Fun Visors activities will help reinforce the lessons in this book. Fun Visors activities are held on Fridays at lunch time for all grades. We would love to have more parent volunteers. Please contact Julia Go at [Graystoneparl@gmail.com](mailto:Graystoneparl@gmail.com) to volunteer for Fun Visors.

### **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 is one position 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](mailto:Rmaczka@sjusd.org). If you have any questions, please call our office at 408-535-6317.

### **Walden West Science Camp**

Our 5th graders will be attending Walden West Science Camp, in Cupertino, Sep. 27-30. During that week, Walden West will need cabin leader volunteers. Volunteers need to be at least 15 years old, and receive signed permission from all their teachers. If you have a high school student, or early college age student (or know someone fitting that age criteria), who would like to volunteer, please direct them to the Walden West website; <http://www.waldenwest.org>. Their service will count towards 100 hours of volunteer work.

## Graystone School Important Dates to Remember

September 22<sup>nd</sup> Project Cornerstone Training  
8:40am in E22

September 25<sup>th</sup> Graystone Family Picnic  
1:00pm - 5:00pm  
Kirigin Cellars, Gilroy

September 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Science Camp

September 29<sup>th</sup> Project Cornerstone Training  
8:40am in E22

October 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Fall Break - Enjoy

October 11<sup>th</sup> Home & School Club Meeting  
9:00am in cafeteria

October 13<sup>th</sup> Project Cornerstone Training  
8:40am in E22

October 14<sup>th</sup> Principal Chat  
9:00am in E22



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](http://www.sjUSD.org/graystone)