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Graystone Great News

October 14th, 2016

Dear Graystone Families,



History of Graystone

Check out the article in the San Jose Mercury News about the quest for the history of Graystone Elementary.

<http://www.mercurynews.com/2016/10/05/a-quest-to-document-graystone-schools-opening/>

Home and School Club Approves Chromebooks!

The home and school club approved for \$30,000 to be added to the technology grant to increase the number of Chrome book carts at Graystone. Our TSC, Cindy Toffee is using this money combined with the annual technology grant to order 103 chrome books and 3 chromebook carts to house the chrome books. We would like to eventually have every student in grades 4 and 5 have a chromebook to use at school.

Measure H Update

This week Cindy Toffee, TSC and I met with the district's operations department to start the process in spending our measure H funds to add interactive white boards to all classrooms at Graystone. We are hoping that the project will be completed by January. Also as part of measure H funds all schools in San Jose Unified will be getting new locks on the doors and security cameras to improve the safety of our schools.

Report Cards and Conferences

We had a great parent coffee this morning and went over what to expect on report cards and in the parent teacher conference. I will send a link to the power point presentation when it is available.

DELAC Representative Needed

Graystone is in need of a parent to be our District English Learner Advisory Committee. If you are a parent of a child that is an English Learner and are interested in joining this committee please let me know.

Picture Day, October 19

Life touch will be on campus on Wednesday, October 19th. All students will have their picture take for our school records, pictures will be available for purchase, flyers will be going home soon. Students who are not able to attend picture day may take their pictures during make-up picture day, November 22nd.

Earthquake Drill, October 20

We will be participating in our annual earthquake drill on Thursday, October 20th. Students will practice ducking and covering and then evacuate to the field.

Halloween Parade

Students are encouraged to wear a costume to school on Monday, October 31st as we will have our annual Halloween Parade that morning at 9:00AM. Students should bring a change of clothes and change back into regular clothes immediately following the parade.

Student Health and Wellness

For the safety and protection of all, students should not attend school with any symptom below and may be sent home for any of the following symptoms:

1. Cold symptoms. Keep student home during period of productive cough and yellow or green nasal discharge.
2. Fever of 100 degrees or higher. Students who have been ill with a fever need to be fever free, without the use of medication, for 24 hours before returning to school.
3. Eyes that are red, swollen, crusting or draining
4. Untreated, draining ears or earache
5. Diarrhea
6. Severe nausea or vomiting
7. Severe sore throat
8. Untreated head lice and/or nits (eggs) in the hair.

Have a great weekend!

Amy Shumway
Interim Principal



Graystone Home & School Club

Dear Graystone Families,

We hope all of you had a wonderful Fall Break! We jumped right back in this past week, hosting our second HSC Monthly Meeting for the 2016-2017 school year, and first Diner's Night at Chili's Bar & Grill with Principal Shumway, and meeting the initial deadlines (such as t-shirt orders) for the upcoming PUMPKIN BUST Carnival.

We'd like to thank everyone for attending our HSC Monthly Meetings. We've had a strong start for the year with many seats filling up to hear the latest HSC news and updates. Our November 1 Monthly Meeting will be our first evening session (7:00pm) to provide an opportunity for working parents to join us. Come by and also help us celebrate Diwali.

You may have read in the HSC High 5s, based on the success of a profitable fundraising school year in 2015-2016, the HSC members voted to approve an additional \$30,000 of funds dedicated to technology spending. With these funds, roughly 100 new chrome books and 3 new technology carts will be purchased. In addition to this, the approved 2015-2016 spend on the cloud version of Type-To-Learn was implemented at the beginning of this 2016-2017 school year. We are thrilled to help put your donations toward advancing our technology program for your children and seeing them utilize it. We could not do this without your support, so thank you!

New information pages on the GraystoneHSC.org Website this month include:

- Volunteer Recognition
<http://www.graystonehsc.org/gratitude-volunteer-recognition/>
- HSC Affiliated "Giveback" Programs (Box Tops, Amazon, EScrip, etc.) <http://www.graystonehsc.org/affiliated-programs>.

We expect the list of recognized Volunteers to grow throughout this year and more Giveback Programs to be announced. This October, we have a Classroom Box Tops contests. For students in a class that submit the most Box Tops collectively, they will win a classroom award. You may turn in the Box Tops in to your Child's Teacher or drop them off in the collection box in the Graystone Office.

1st Grade Families, please go to the Events Web page to sign up for the Friday, October 21 Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon: <http://www.graystonehsc.org/events/>.

We still need Volunteers and Cake and Baked Good donations for the upcoming PUMPKIN BUST on Friday, October 28 from 5:00-8:00pm. You can find the links to iVolunteer and the Information Packet here: <http://www.graystonehsc.org/events/>.

Lastly, check out the HSC Shutterfly Site for the latest photos of our Family Picnic, Diner's Night and more: <https://graystonehsc.shutterfly.com/>. Always feel free to contact Board@GraystoneHSC.org with questions.

Sincerely,

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



Graystone's Home and School Club recently purchased the cloud version of Type To Learn so that it is now accessible on all devices! Thank you HSC members!

Type to Learn is a cloud based keyboarding program that improves K-12 student typing speed and accuracy by teaching touch-typing. Type to Learn has 36 typing lessons, 5 engaging skill-targeted typing games with each lesson and 7 diagnostic, formative and summative keyboarding assessments. It can be used by students at school and home while maintaining centralized scores. Type to learn addresses an essential, life-long skill for students in today's technology-driven world.

<https://www.typetolearn.com/login/index.php>

Graystone's Account Code is: 2HT9EP
Student Usernames and Passwords are the same that they use for all SJUSD Blended Learning Software Programs.

Graystone School Important Dates to Remember

October 17 th , Monday	Pumpkin Bust Poster Due
October 19 th , Wednesday	Picture Day
October 21 st , Friday	College Day
October 28 th , Friday	Pumpkin Bust 5:00 - 8:00pm
October 31 st , Monday	Halloween Parade 9:00am on blacktop
October 31 st - November 4 th	Minimum Days Dismissal Times are as follows: Kinder - 11:38 1 st - 3 rd - 12:45 4 th & 5 th - 12:50



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