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Graystone Great News

November 18th, 2016



Dear Graystone Families,

In the week before Thanksgiving, I want to let you know how truly grateful I am to have the opportunity to work with you and our Graystone Community. I hope that you all had a chance to read the letter that was sent home from our Superintendent, Nancy Albrarran. It outlined our school and district's commitment to ensuring our students feel safe at school and have the best educational opportunities, during the contentious election period.

I had the opportunity to chat with Amy Lee, our Home and School Club President this week and she shared some of her children's questions and fears with me. While our students may be young, some of them are feeling anxious and uncertain. Our students need time to process their feelings about the world and the election. We would like to urge you to be present, to listen to your children and have meaningful conversations with them.

The Home and School Club and Graystone staff are committed to ensuring the best educational opportunities to your children, and we know that starts with them feeling welcome and valued at school. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school so we can help make the best environment for our students.

Thank you,

Amy Shumway
Interim Principal, Graystone

Amy Lee
President of the Home and School Club, Graystone



Bell Schedule Changes for November:

Tuesday, November 22 is a full day of school students will be dismissed at the regular full school day times.

Kinder 2:20

Grades 1-3: 2:45

Grades 4-5: 2:50

Wednesday, November 23 is a minimum day. Dismissal is as follows:

Kinder: 11:38 dismissed before lunch

Grades 1-3: 12:45

Grades 4-5 12:50

Instructional Materials Update

Social Studies/ History: The State Board of Education approved the new framework in July. The California Department of Education has met with publishers and expects to have approved resources for us to pilot in November of 2017.

Science: The State Board of Education approved the new framework November 2. The California Department of Education expects to have approved resources for us to pilot in 2018.

Jackets

Make sure student are bringing jackets and warm clothes as the weather gets colder.

Student Drop Off

Please make sure that if you are using the valet areas you pull all the way forward and remain in your car so that we can keep traffic moving quickly. If you need to get out of your car for some reason, please plan on parking.

Vision Screening

We will be doing our vision screening for students in grades 1-5 on Wednesday, December 7. Please contact our school nurse if you have any questions or concerns.

Attention 5th Grade Parents:

On Friday, December 2, from 9-11 AM, Laura Garcia from Technology will be here to train 5th grade parents on setting up an IC portal account so that they can do their school selection forms for Middle School.

Family University Opportunity

The office of family engagement will be hosting 2 more Family University Workshops, Saturday January 28th and Saturday, April 1st. For more information about the family university please visit the website for the office of Family Engagement.

<http://www.sjusd.org/family-engagement>

Mark your calendars!

The Graystone Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon!!

We invite you to visit this year's Scholastic Book Fair, which will be held from Monday, November 28 through Friday, December 2 in the Superdome.

The book fair is open to everyone--

- Monday 2:00-3:30
- Tuesday 8:15-2:00
- Wednesday 8:15-3:30
- Thursday 8:15-3:30
- Friday 8:15-11:30

Please stop by and shop a broad range of new and exciting books for all grade levels. And remember--your purchases help the Graystone Home and School Club to buy new books for our school library.

Scholastic Book Fair is even available online! Starting now through December 4, you can browse through thousands of titles at your own convenience. Books purchased will be delivered shortly after the fair. Use the link below to access the fair.

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/graystoneelementaryschool1>

We are also looking for volunteers. If you are willing to help, you can find volunteering opportunities through the link above.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful event!

Anke Michels & Molly Montgomery, co-chairs

Scholastic Book Fair

Volunteers Needed

No experience necessary

Dates: Monday, Nov 28th to Friday, Dec 2nd

Our school is conducting a Scholastic Book Fair to motivate students to read more. Join our volunteer group and help us conduct our school's best reading event ever!

Join us if you ...

- like to organize and put things in place
- bring creative flair to signs and decorations
- enjoy offering a helping hand, setting up, or packing up
- want to help shoppers of all ages find the perfect book

Get to our volunteer sign up page through the Events page on the HSC website <http://www.graystonehsc.org/events/> or return the form below in the office. Or you can email us at graystone.bookfairs@gmail.com

We appreciate your support in whatever form it takes.
Anke & Molly

Sign me up to help at the Book Fair!

Name _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

I have circled areas where I'd like to help out:

- Setting up the Fair
- Helping shoppers at the Fair
- Packing up the Fair

Graystone School Important Dates to Remember

November 22nd, Tuesday

Picture Make-up Day

November 22nd, Tuesday

No Early Out

November 23rd, Wednesday

Minimum Day

Dismissal Times are as follows:

Kinder - 11:38

1st - 3rd - 12:45

4th & 5th - 12:50

November 24th & 25th

No School

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



November 28th, Monday

Adopt a Family Program begins

December 2nd, Friday

HSC Recycling Day



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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