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# Graystone Great News

March 27th, 2017



Dear Graystone Families,

Week of March 27, 2017

Monday- Pajama Day

Tuesday- Crazy Hair/ Hat Day

Wednesday- Backwards Day

School Play 6PM in the Super Dome.

Thursday- Previous Year's Walk-a-thon shirts

School Play 5:30 and 7:00 in the Super Dome.

Friday- This Year's walk-a-thon shirts & Walk-a-thon! Please join us for lots of fun on Friday evening from 4:00-7:30! See you there!

Week of April 3

Friday, April 7- Principal's Coffee. Update on OpStat

Week of April 10<sup>th</sup>- No School, Spring Break. School will resume on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Toys at School

We have had an increased number of students bringing toys to school. We do not allow toys at school, there are plenty of fun games for students to play during lunch and recess. Please talk to your students about leaving their toys at home. Thanks,

Solar Update

Our solar project is coming along nicely. They are finishing up adding the panels to the playground area today, which means that they will shrink down the fenced area on the playground giving students more room. Tomorrow they will be starting to add the panels in the parking lot, which means they will be extending the fence in the parking lot, so there will be a few less parking spots. Thanks for all of your patience. It's looking like this project will be finished soon.

State Assessments

Each spring our students participate in the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts and mathematics (SBAC) and, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will pilot the California Science Test (CAST). These assessments help school districts and the state monitor student progress under the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), which support more rigorous instruction and increased expectations for students.

It's important to keep in mind that performance on these assessments is not the only source of information about your student's progress in school. You should also review classroom work, grades, teacher evaluations, and other test results in order to get a more complete picture.

We will be starting our assessments after Spring Break. We will keep you updated with additional information as we get closer to the testing dates.

Please feel free to see me if you have any questions or concerns.

#### Graystone Home and School Club Needs You!

Next year there will be many positions open on the Graystone Home and School Board. We will be making nominations at the March meeting. If you are interested in being part of the governing board next year, please feel free to reach out to me.

#### Attention 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families:

#### BRET HARTE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEER TEAM

2017-18 Mandatory Cheer Team Parent and Athlete Meeting

March 29, Wednesday, in the BH GYM from 6:30 to 7:30p.m.

Meet Coach Amanda, receive a tryout schedule, learn more about the online sports registration process (RMA), and the requirements for the 2017-18 BH Cheer Team.

#### CASTILLERO ELECTIVE AUDITIONS

#### CHOIR:

- Incoming 6th graders/New Students: March 28 & 29, 3:00 - 5:00pm, C17.
  - Those who are auditioning should prepare a short, (approximately 1 minute), of a song to be sung without any accompaniment.
- Returning Students: March 28 & 29 during Lunch, in C17. Please prepare a one minute song without accompaniment.

#### DRAMA

- Incoming 6th graders/New Students: April 5 & 6 from 3:00-5:00 pm
- Returning Students: April 5 & 6 during Lunch
  - Intermediate Advanced, and Intermediate: 1 minute monologue.
  - Advanced Drama: Auditions should prepare a 1 minute monologue and 1 minute song to be sung without accompaniment.
  - All applicants should slate their performance.
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## ORCHESTRA

- Incoming 6th graders/New Students Monday, March 27th - 3-6pm
- Returning Students: March 27th - April 30th

## DANCE:

- Incoming 6th graders/New Students: March 29th & March 30th after school, C-18.
  - Some 6th graders will be invited to a call back on April 4th
- Returning Students: Lunch and in class from March 28th - April 7th for all 7th and 8th graders.
  - Advanced Dance and Dance Infinia: Saturday April 1st.

Thanks, Ms. Shumway



Dear Graystone Families,

The week of Spring Celebration/Walk-A-Thon has arrived! We're looking forward, and keeping fingers crossed, that the weather will cooperate on Friday. This is our second largest fundraiser of the year, so come on out and show your support of the HSC and Graystone.

**Auction and Raffle -**

Teacher Time, Spot in the Lot, Principal for the Day, tickets to sporting events and other great items will be available to bid on all afternoon (4:00 to 7:30 pm) at our silent auction while your child(ren) are running/walking for prizes. Also be sure to check out our FUN PARTIES and sign up to join these social gatherings and mingle with other Graystone parents.

Gift cards for dinners, shopping and gas will be raffled off at the event! Tickets will be sold at the event and this week after school.

**Volunteers-**

We are in need of volunteers to help make this fundraising event a success!

Parents please log onto: [http://graystonehsc.ivolunteer.com/2017scadult\\_001](http://graystonehsc.ivolunteer.com/2017scadult_001)

Students (one shift only), please log onto: [http://graystonehsc.ivolunteer.com/2017scstudent\\_001](http://graystonehsc.ivolunteer.com/2017scstudent_001)

**HSC Board 2017-2018-**

Next Tuesday, April 4, 2017 will be our monthly HSC meeting, beginning at 7 PM. Traditionally, the vote to install the HSC Board members for the following year has taken place at the April board meeting. We are seeking candidates to fill open Board seats. If you're interested in joining the HSC Board for 2017-2018 please email [graystonevp@gmail.com](mailto:graystonevp@gmail.com)

We appreciate the continued support,  
HSC Board, 2016-2017

# Hicklebee's Book Fair

## Is back!

We are happy to partner again with Hicklebee's, a beloved local bookstore located in Willow Glen. During the first week of April, students and parents will be able to shop quality books here at Graystone Elementary. We will be offering a wide array of books for Grades K through 5. Come visit us in the Cafeteria during our shopping hours!

### Shopping Hours:

Mon, April 3	12:00pm to 3:30pm
Tue, April 4	8:15am to 1:45pm 6:45pm to 8:00pm (during HSC meeting)
Wed, April 5	8:15am to 3:30pm
Thu, April 6	8:15am to 12:30pm

We are still looking for volunteers to help with set up, sales and tear down of the fair. If you can help, please sign up at:  
[http://graystonehsc.ivolunteer.com/hicklebeebookfair\\_417](http://graystonehsc.ivolunteer.com/hicklebeebookfair_417)


Please contact us at [graystone.bookfairs@gmail.com](mailto:graystone.bookfairs@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Hicklebee's Book Fair!

Molly & Anke

## Graystone School Important Dates to Remember

March 29 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday	Children's Play House 6pm
March 30 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday	Children's Play House 5:30 & 7pm
March 31 <sup>st</sup> , Friday	Spring Celebration (4pm)
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> , Monday - Thursday	Hicklebee's Book Fair
April 10 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup>	SPRING BREAK
April 28 <sup>th</sup> , Friday	Heritage 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**.  
[www.sjUSD.org/graystone](http://www.sjUSD.org/graystone)