



San Jose Unified School District's mission is to eliminate the opportunity gap and provide every student with the finest 21st century education.

Graystone Great News

January 15th, 2016



Dear Graystone Community Members,

Happy New Year! We have had a great two weeks at school getting back into our routines. Teachers have dedicated time each day to reviewing our PBIS behavior expectations throughout the school. You can support Graystone GREAT behavior by talking to your students about how to be respectful, responsible and safe throughout the school:

Be Graystone Great!

| | Be Respectful | Be Responsible | Be Safe |
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| Common Areas: Library, Computer Lab, Superdome | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use inside voices. 2. Use kind words. 3. Use materials appropriately. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Follow directions. 2. Throw away trash. 3. Be productive. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Walk. 2. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself. 3. Be in supervised areas. |
| Playground | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Follow yard supervisors' directions. 2. Use kinds words. 3. Wait your turn. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be fair-- follow game rules. 2. Use and return equipment. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Walk. 2. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself. 3. Be in supervised areas. |
| Restrooms | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use inside voices. 2. Provide privacy. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be quick. 2. Throw away trash. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Walk. 2. Wash your hands. |
| Cafeteria/ Eating Areas | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use inside voices. 2. Use kind words. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eat your food. 2. Throw away trash. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stay seated while eating. 2. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself. |
| Lines/ Walkways | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Walk or stand quietly. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Follow directions. 2. Stay to the right. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself. 2. Face forward. |

GATE testing is underway at Graystone! All second grade students, as well as any third, fourth and fifth graders who did not participate in previous years, will be taking the assessment this week or next week. This is the first year of utilizing a computer-based assessment. Results will be sent out to families toward the end of the school year.

Parents, we want to hear from you! As part of SJUSD's commitment to eliminate the opportunity gap and provide every student with the finest 21st Century education, the school district encourages your opinion about our schools and your child's education experience. You can provide your input by filling out the survey that should arrive at your home the third week of January.

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You can also fill out the survey online. To take the survey online, please visit: go.sjUSD.org/sjUSD2016 and enter the following password: **parentsurvey2016**.

Please fill out this survey for your **youngest student** that attends San José Unified.

If you complete a paper survey, please return it by mail using the postage-paid envelope that we've provided to you. Please complete the online or paper version of the survey by **February 5th**. Your participation is anonymous and your individual answers will not be shared. We value your opinion and encourage you to participate.

Have a GREAT Graystone week!

Best regards,

Allison Long



Graystone Home & School Club

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Graystone's Online Directory is now available! Those who qualified (\$150 or more per child donation during the HSC Membership Drive) received a personalized email on December 8th with the instructions of how to download Graystone's Student/PTO Directory App via the Apple App Store or Google Play. Or you can also use the personalized log-in provided for the app on the Directory App Webpage from your home computer. Download your Graystone Student/PTO Directory App today to easily access student and staff contact information, school calendar and see our sponsor page too.

Interested in being part of the HSC Board for 2016-2017? Due to outgoing board members, we especially need candidates for President, Parliamentarian and possibly Treasurer. HSC Board Responsibilities and Time Requirements can be found at: http://www.graystonehsc.org/resource/bylaws/HSC_Board_job_descriptions.pdf
If interested, please contact president@graystonehsc.org.

Volunteers are needed to help run the many events and activities that HSC hosts throughout the year. We especially need volunteers to help coordinate the following events:

Father/daughter Dance – February 26, 2016

Spring Celebration & Walk-A-Thon – March 25, 2016

GGG (Graystone's Grown-Up Gathering) – May 14, 2016

Please contact president@graystonehsc.org to find out how you can help.

Important Dates

Diner's Night at Chili's - Wednesday, January 20th at drop-off

Staff Appreciation Lunch - Friday, January 22nd

HSC Meeting – Tuesday, February 2nd at 9am

CRV Recycle Day – Friday, February 5th at drop-off

Thank you! HSC Board



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Cornerstone Corner

This month's ABC book: **"Mr. Peabody's Apples"** by Madonna is inspired by a 300 year old Ukrainian tale. The story is about a respected man who is a role model in his community. Once a rumor starts, he is quickly ostracized and excluded by both adults and children in his small town. The story cautions students to choose their words wisely so as not cause harm to others.

Goals of lesson:

- Identify qualities of **good role models**.
- Understand that each student can be a role model.
- Role model responsible ways to behave while **online and in the real world**.
- Demonstrate that everyone has the power to stop a rumor.

To reinforce this lesson at home:

- Remember that **you are a role model in your home and community**. Children watch everything you *do and say*.
- Remind your child the strategies discussed in class:
 - **Refuse to listen** when friends are gossiping.
 - **Don't repeat** rumors or gossip to others.
 - **Question the accuracy** of the rumor.
 - **Say something positive** about the target of the rumor.
 - **Tell a trusted adult** and discuss the options.

Today, rumors and gossip are often spread beyond the bathroom walls and into the digital world, which makes it possible for rumors to spread even further and even more quickly. To learn how to help your kids navigate this online world, visit the website of Common Sense Media at www.commonsensemedia.org



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

DINER'S NIGHT at Chili's!

Let's Chili's do the cooking while they support Graystone at the same time. With each flyer presented on Jan. 20th, 2016 Chili's will donate 20% of the event day sales back to our great organization. Please join us:

The Graystone Elementary School Give Back Event is:
Wednesday, January 20th, 2016
11:00am to 11:00pm

only at:
Blossom Hill
5650 Almaden Expwy.
408-266-4800 or www.chilis.com

2016 Almaden Valley Girls Softball Registration is OPEN NOW!!

AGES 4 to 14

Please visit our website at

www.AVGSL.ORG

to register

Graystone School Important Dates to Remember

January

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| Monday, Jan. 18 th | No School (MLK Day) |
| Mon. - Weds., Jan. 19 th -21 st | Art Vista Training |
| Wednesday, Jan. 20 th | Diner's Night at Chili's |
| Friday, Jan. 22 nd | Staff Appreciation Lunch |

February

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| Tuesday, Feb. 2 nd | Home & School Club Mtg. at 9am in cafeteria |
| Thursday, Feb. 4 th | Project Cornerstone Mtg. |
| Friday, Feb. 5 th | Recycling Day |
| Thursday, Feb. 11 th | Kinder Tour |
| Winter Break Feb. 15 th – 19 | |
| Tuesday, Feb. 23 rd | Kinder Tour |
| Friday, Feb. 26 th | Father/Daughter Dance |



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