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# Graystone Great News

March 18th, 2016



Dear Graystone Community Members,

Happy Spring! With cool mornings and warm afternoons, we are seeing an increase in the number of abandoned sweatshirts and jackets after lunch. Please be sure you are writing your child's name in their belongings so they can be returned, and are checking the Lost and Found for missing items. We have donated A LOT of unclaimed items so far this year!

With Spring weather comes Spring wardrobes. As a friendly reminder, please be sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing to school. Tank tops need to cover the entire top of the shoulders, the chest and back areas. Shorts need to be finger-tip length or longer. Hats or caps are not permitted except for sun-protective hats worn for outdoor use. Finally, flip-flops or sandals with no back strap should not be worn to school, as they are unsafe.

Over the last week we have seen a lot of students out with flu-like symptoms. It is SJUSD policy (and helpful in preventing classmates and staff from getting sick!) that students not return to school until they are fever-free for 24 hours without the aide of medication. We will have to call you to pick up your student if they return to school without meeting this requirement.

Looking forward to seeing you at next Friday's Walk-a-Thon/Spring Celebration!

Have a GREAT Graystone week!

Best regards,

*Allison Long*





## Graystone Home & School Club

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, Spring Celebration and Walk-a-thon is coming up next Friday, March 25th! This year's theme is Walk on the Wild Side. Volunteers are still needed to help make this fundraising event a success. Please log-on to <http://graystonehsc.ivolunteer.com/> to volunteer now.

The vote for next year's HSC Board will take place at the next HSC meeting on Tuesday, April 5th at 9am. We need at least 15 Home and School Club members at this meeting to conduct the vote, so please attend if you can. Thank you to the nominees for stepping forward! Once again, the candidates are:

President – Amy Lee

Vice-President – Katie Ciciarelli

Treasurer – Juliet Song

Secretary – Stefanie Bellucci

Parliamentarian – Julia Go

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Mother/Son event on April 22nd. More details about this event will be coming soon! Contact Cyntia at [cyntia@cyntia.com](mailto:cyntia@cyntia.com) if you would like to help.

We have many more exciting events coming up and we need volunteers in order to make them happen! Take a look at the great activities we have scheduled below and contact [president@graystonehsc.org](mailto:president@graystonehsc.org) to find out how you can help. You can also log-on to <http://graystonehsc.ivolunteer.com/> to volunteer now.

Our Graystone Grown-up Gathering (GGG) is coming up on Saturday, May 14. This is an adult-only fundraiser that will be held at the beautiful home of the Nessen family! There will be dinner, dessert, dancing and a silent auction. Tickets are on sale now at: [ggg2016tickets.eventbrite.com](http://ggg2016tickets.eventbrite.com). Tickets cost \$45 for dinner only, and for an additional \$15 you can get unlimited beer and wine. Ticket prices go up \$10 each if you buy at the door so please purchase your tickets early! Also, we are currently taking donations for our silent auction. If you know of any local businesses that can donate or if you have sports tickets, vacation rentals or services you can donate, please contact [stephaniem.bullock@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniem.bullock@gmail.com).

### Important Dates

Diner's Night at BJ's Oakridge – Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

## Music update....

CSMA provides trimester-based Music updates, per grade level. Please see below for specific details from Ms. Devin Ligtelyn, your CSMA Music Teacher, regarding the activities and learning taking place during your child's Music class:

**Kindergarten:** Kindergarteners are learning to use their singing voices and keep a steady beat. We begin each class with our opening songs, *Welcome*, and *Do Re Mi*. The students have a chance to match pitch and build on their skills through this repetition. We have learned several songs, and some with movements, which gives the students a chance to coordinate their own singing & dancing. Doing more than one activity at a time is something used quite often in a musical environment! The children greatly enjoy playing instruments and they love their singing games.

**1st Grade:** 1st Grade students come into the class singing their solfege warm ups. Their steady beat has become solid, as has their intonation. Students are learning to identify their pitches by ear before they are placed on the tone ladder, and are able to sing them in ascending and descending order. We recite rhythmic patterns which include ta, titi, and rest, while tapping the beat, which is the beginning of forming harmony.

**2nd Grade:** Second graders are practicing the notes *la, so, mi, re, and do*, using their hand symbols and melody names. They are also learning more complex rhythms, and can tell the meter (time signature) of a piece. Children show much enthusiasm during class time, and enjoy singing and dancing to songs, such as *Tree in the Woods*.

**3rd Grade:** The 3rd graders have been learning new songs which incorporate part singing in rounds and call & response. They learn exactly when to enter and also how to hold their own part. Along with the pentatonic scale, they are learning the rest of the diatonic scale and solidifying their learning. The students are advancing in their rhythmic identification, and enjoy trying to figure out the "mystery" rhythms on the board. They enjoy as well the dances and games. Most recently, students have just begun to learn how to play the recorder! *Hot Cross Buns*, here we come!

If you have any questions or feedback regarding your child's music program, please feel free to call the Community School of Music & Arts, [650] 917.6800 ext.307, or send an email to [LLader@arts4all.org](mailto:LLader@arts4all.org).

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## Bookfair News....

Thank you to all the amazing Graystone parents who volunteered at the Hicklebee's book fair!! By sharing an hour or two of your time, you helped provide a fun event for the students promoting literacy. Thank you also to all the families for shopping the fair, adding new books to our school library and classrooms, and making it a success.

Winter Renwick, Sally Dieron, Rae Minvielle,  
and the Graystone Home and School Club





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## Cornerstone Corner

This month's ABC book: **"Empty Pot"** by Demi tells the story of Ping, a young Chinese boy with a green thumb who wins the emperor's competition. Ping stands by his values even when it is not easy to do.

### Goals of lesson:

- Model how to act with *courage, honesty, responsibility, integrity, and perseverance*. (**CHIRP**).
- **Empower students** to act as *UPstanders* and create *circles of trust* with peers.
- **Stand by beliefs** and *stand up* for them with courage and determination.
- **Use resistance skills** to resist peer pressure.

### To reinforce this lesson at home:

- Tell your child about a time when you stood up for something even though it was difficult to do. Explain how you felt.
- Share a time when you didn't stand up for something because you were afraid. Discuss why it's easier to act on your convictions in some situations than others.
- Notice, name and celebrate when:
  - You or your child say or do something as an UPstander.
  - Your child tells the truth when it is hard to do so.
  - Your child accomplishes something small or large, especially when trying their best.
  - Family, friends, and neighbors model positive values.
- Talk Together (Questions to discuss with your child):
  - What happens in the book Empty Pot? (This is a great story!)
  - What does integrity mean to our family?
  - When is it easy to act on your beliefs? When is it difficult? Why?
  - What happened the last time you stood up for or spoke out about what you value?

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



## Graystone School Important Dates to Remember

Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> Diner's Night at BJ's Oakridge

Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> -  
Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> Spirit Week  
Monday - Animal Print Day  
Tuesday - Crazy Hair/Hat Day  
Wednesday - Twin Day  
Thursday - Sports Day  
Friday - Walk-a-thon/Graystone Gear Day

Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> Spring Celebration & Walk-a-Thon  
Time: 4pm - 8pm

Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> Spring Pictures  
5<sup>th</sup> grade Panoramic Picture

Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> Recycling Day

Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> Home & School Club Mtg.

SPRING BREAK  
April 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>



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)