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Graystone Great News

September 4th, 2015



Dear Graystone Community Members,

It was great to see so many of you at Back to School Night last Tuesday. Students' academic success is supported by a strong partnership between home and school, so we thank you for being involved in your child's school experience!

While I know the teachers presented a lot of information regarding what your children will be learning this year, they don't typically share what they do "behind the scenes" to provide the excellent learning environment and experiences happening at Graystone. Each month, teachers participate in two PLC (Professional Learning Collaborative) meetings on our early release Tuesdays. Each grade level PLC meeting is two hours in length. Teachers are responsible for planning instruction aligned to the Common Core standards, reviewing assessment and adaptive technology data, designing intervention and acceleration activities, monitoring student progress, and sharing best practices. Grade levels prepare agendas for their meetings in advance, and submit the agendas with notes after the meeting has been completed. I visit each meeting, which allows me to keep up with what each grade level will be teaching. This is a valuable time for teachers to collaborate, plan, and dedicate their full attention to the instruction and learning that is going on in their classrooms.

On the other Tuesdays of the month, hour-long staff meetings are dedicated to professional development. During this time, we may be reading and discussing professional texts or articles, reviewing and discussing student data, or scoring district-generated assessments. Again, the focus of these meetings is student learning and continual growth and improvement around our professional practice as educators.

I am so proud of the work that is done at Graystone, and the time and effort put into planning and collaboration is evident as I visit classrooms each week. We definitely have a GREAT school!

Best regards,
Allison Long



Graystone Home & School Club

The HSC board would like to thank those of you that attended our first general meeting on Tuesday, September 1. We have an exciting year ahead filled with lots of programs and activities. For a brief summary of the meeting, please check out The High Fives posted on the HSC web page at <http://www.graystonehsc.org/>.

Our Membership Drive is well under way and we have currently raised over 34% of our goal. Please keep those membership donations coming in! Remember the membership deadline is Friday, September 18. If we reach our goal, we can help fund the many programs at the school that have been eliminated from the public schools over the past few years. We can also provide financial support to the teachers, supplement the school's technology, and coordinate fun events to bring the community together.

We are excited to have the Scholastic Book Fair on campus September 9th - 11th in the Super Dome. Proceeds from the book fair will allow us to purchase new books for our library and classrooms. We are still in need of parent volunteers to work the book fair. If interested, please sign up through iVolunteer at: http://graystonehsc.ivolunteer.com/bookfair_018.

We have many other activities coming up, including Movie Night on Friday, September 11th, Diner's Night at Chevy's on September 17th, and a Graystone booth at the Almaden Art and Wine Festival on Sunday, September 20th. We hope to see you at some of these events!

We still need volunteers for many activities and roles, most importantly a Spirit Shop Coordinator and a Holiday Boutique Coordinator. If you are interested or have questions about either of these roles, please email us at board@graystonehsc.org.

Some of our upcoming events are:

September 4th – First Recycle Day

September 9th -11th – Scholastic Book Fair

September 11th – Movie night out on the back lawn

September 17th – Diner's Night at Chevy's

September 18th – Membership drive ends

September 20th – Graystone booth at Almaden Art & Wine Festival



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Cornerstone Corner

This month's ABC book: "**Have You Filled a Bucket Today**" by Carol McCloud is about **expressing daily kindness and appreciation to others.**

Goals of lesson:

- Teach students the **3 laws of bucket filling**:
 - Be a bucket filler.
 - Don't dip.
 - Use your lid.
- **Empower students** to intentionally fill their own buckets and the buckets of others with good feelings (warm fuzzies).

After your child has had the lesson in class, **ask your child to tell you more about:**

- Warm fuzzies-What are they?
- Bucket fillers-How can you fill your own bucket and the buckets of others?
- Bucket dippers-How can you keep a lid on your bucket and how can you help bucket dippers fill their bucket?

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



ADD MORE FIESTA TO *Fundraisers*

Chevys will donate 20% of total food sales
generated by our supporters at this event to:

Graystone Elementary School

Date: September 17 2015

Time: 11:00 am to 10:00 pm

Location: Chevys - Blossom Hill
5305 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118
408-266-1815



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Graystone School Important Dates to Remember

Monday, Sept. 7 th	Labor Day - No School
Wednesday, Sept. 9 th thru Friday, Sept. 11 th	Scholastic Bookfair 8:30am - 4:00pm in cafeteria
Friday, Sept. 11 th	Movie Night presenting <i>Home</i>
Monday, Sept. 14 th	Art Vista Training Gr. Kinder, First & Fourth 9:00am - 10:30am in cafeteria
Wednesday, Sept. 16 th	Art Vista Training Gr. Second, Third & Fifth 9:00am - 10:30am in cafeteria
Thursday, Sept. 17 th	Diners Night at Chevys
Tuesday, Sept. 22 nd thru Friday, Sept. 25 th	5 th graders to Science Camp
Monday, Sept. 28 th thru Friday, Oct. 2 nd	Fall Break - No School
Tuesday, Oct. 6 th	Home & School Club Meeting 9:00am in cafeteria
Friday, Oct. 9 th	College Day (district wide) Recycling Day
Wednesday, Oct. 21 st	Fall School Pictures (all grades)
Friday, Oct. 23 rd	Pumpkin Bust



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

Scholastic book fair starts Wednesday

BIG selection of great-priced books

Boost those AR scores



All sales benefit Graystone.

Proceeds from last year's sale paid for these books for the library
and many others for your classrooms.

In the Superdome
Wednesday through Friday, Sept. 9 - 11
8:30 am - 4 pm

**** Movie Night ****
Shop the fair before the movie starts
Friday, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

To sign up to volunteer, please log onto <http://graystonehsc.ivolunteer.com/>.