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Graystone Great News

November 13th, 2015



Dear Graystone Community Members,

During last week's Home and School Club meeting, there were some questions regarding Graystone's SBAC results (Smarter Balanced Consortium Summative Assessment) for the 2014-2015 school year. The SBAC, aligned to the Common Core standards, is the state's standardized testing that replaced the STAR or CST test. Last school year, 396 third, fourth and fifth grade Graystone students took this computerized assessment. State, district, and school results were shared with SJUSD schools at the beginning of September, and individual student reports were mailed home soon after.

In English Language Arts, 81% of Graystone students performed at or above grade level on the assessment. In Math, 80% of our students performed at or above grade level. These results are very impressive, especially considering the statewide results (40% at or above in ELA; 35% at or above in Math)! We should be proud of these scores, proud of the hard work our students and teachers are doing each day, and grateful for the support provided by the families and community for making Graystone the GREAT school it is! The staff and I take pride in these results, but continue to work hard *this* school year to refine and improve instruction, with the goal of providing a high quality and comprehensive instructional program for our students. This school truly is Graystone Great!

For details on the results of the specific grade level performance, and to see the results for both SJUSD and the state, please see the SBAC presentation from September 11, 2015. It can be found under "Important Links" on the school web page.

Have a GREAT Graystone week!

Best regards,

Allison Long



Graystone Home & School Club

The HSC Board would like to thank those that came out for our first evening meeting last week! It was a great turnout and hopefully we were able to accommodate those parents that are unable to make the morning meetings. We will have another evening meeting early next year.

We have raised more than \$124,000 for our Membership Drive! We are at 89% of our goal of \$140,000! We truly appreciate all of your donations. Your child's experience here at Graystone will now be enhanced with wonderful programs such as Science Lab, Art Vista, Recess 101 as well as the money donated to your child's classroom. Also, for those families who indicated a corporate match on their membership drive forms, please submit your donations to your company for matching. Should you need assistance or documentation, please contact us at board@graystonehsc.org.

We need volunteers to help run the many events that HSC hosts throughout the year. We especially need volunteers to help coordinate the following:

Holiday Boutique – December 2015 (Without your help, this fun-filled event for your children will be cancelled)

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

GGG (Graystone's Grown-Up Gathering) – April 2016

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

The 2015/2016 Online Student Directory Forms went home in your children's Friday Folders. Please take the time to fill-out and return to school ASAP as this will be your initial contact information in our new online directory we hope to release in early 2016. An opt-out option is available as well.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, Nov. 18th - Diner's Night at Buffalo Wild Wings – We hope to see you there!

Thank you!

HSC Board



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Cornerstone Corner

This month's ABC book: **"Say Something"** by Peggy Moss is a powerful story in which the narrator sees and hears teasing, put-downs, pushing, and other forms of bully behaviors at her school. Because she's confused about what to do, **she doesn't do anything** at first. However, her responses change as she gains understanding and empathy.

Goals of lesson:

- To understand the role of *UPstanders*.
 - *UPstanders stand up* to bully behaviors and advocate for targets.
 - *UPstanders* know and practice tools that support peers in face-to-face situations **as well as online in the digital world**.
- To move all students from the passive role of *bystander* to the integrity-rich role of *UPstander*.

We hope you will talk with your child tonight about being an *UPstander*. To reinforce the message at home:

- Talk about ways that each family member is an *UPstander* at home!
- Review the Bully Triangle with your family. (see below)
- Role-play different scenarios to practice *UPstander* behaviors, words you can say, and actions to take if someone needs your help.
- Say or do something when someone needs help. Remember:

Your Silence is Your Agreement!



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

Yard Duty Supervisors Needed

Currently, we are in desperate need of additional noon time yard duty supervisors. This is a paid position that we are hoping to fill. If you are interested, please call our office at (408) 535-6317.

School Site Council needs YOU!

Our Graystone School Site Council (SSC) oversees the use of our state funds. Five parents are elected to represent the community on this committee. It is a two year commitment. Meetings are held once a month from 3pm to 4pm. There is one position open. We also have one position open as a SELAC member. The School English Learner Advisory Committee (SELAC) members are Graystone parents and educators.

Interested in improving the education of Graystone students who are English language learners (EL). The District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) members are representatives from each school's English Learner Advisory Committee (SELAC).

If you are interested in running for SSC for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years, please submit a brief bio for the school ballot. Please send your bio to Rmaczka@sjusd.org. If you have any questions, please call our office at 408-535-6317.

SAFTEY CORNER

The wet weather will soon be upon us, so please slow down and be aware of our Safety Patrol students. Also, to help them see you during the rainy/foggy days, please remember to turn on your headlights. Have patience with our Safety Patrol during inclement weather, we are trying to keep you and your kids safe.

Thank you for being Graystone Great!!

Miss Hetal, Mrs. Toffey and Miss Julie

Graystone School Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday, Nov. 18th Diners Night at Buffalo Wild Wings (Blossom Hill Rd.)

Thursday, Nov. 19th Fall Picture Make-up

Tuesday, Nov. 24th Full Day of School

Wednesday, Nov. 25th Early Out
Dismissal Times are
Kinder: 12:50pm
Primary: 1:15pm
Upper: 1:20pm



Thursday, Nov. 26th Happy Thanksgiving
No School

Friday, Nov. 27th No School

Tuesday, Dec. 1st Home & School Club Mtg.

Friday, Dec. 4th Recycling Day

Friday, Dec. 11th Polar Express Night (more details to follow)

Monday, Dec. 14th Winter Concert
2nd gr. - 9:00am
Kinder - 10:30am

Wednesday, Dec. 16th Winter Concert
1st gr. - 9:00am
3rd gr. - 10:30am

NEW YEAR RECESS - Dec.21st - Jan. 4th



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