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# Graystone Great News

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015



Dear Graystone Community Members,

What a wet and windy week we've had! As I have been out and about on campus this week, I am surprised to see so many students without proper cold and/or wet weather attire. Please be sure you are sending your child to school with warm, layered clothing, as the day often starts cold and gets warmer by lunch recess. Don't forget to put names in all winter wear, so that if items make it to the Lost & Found we know who they belong to!

Additionally, as the holiday season rapidly approaches, we have started to see some Santa hats showing up at school. We ask that these hats not be brought or worn to school. We invite everyone to wear Santa or holiday hats on Friday, December 18, to celebrate the last day of school before our winter recess.

We have some changes that will be taking place over the coming months. You may have noticed the murals on the E wing classrooms (near the silver tables) were painted over. Graystone parent and artist, Razan Khayo, will be working on two new murals, incorporating our PBIS and Cornerstone messages. After a recent review of our playground structures, it was determined that the "parkour" bar structure is unsafe and not school appropriate. In fact, we have had many injuries on this equipment over the last few years. During the winter break, the equipment, tan bark and retaining wall will be removed, and replaced with black top for additional Recess 101 games.

The holiday musical performances for kindergarten, first, second and third grades will be taking place in two weeks. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for performance times. As always, we ask that should you be recording the performance you stand in the back of the Superdome so as not to obstruct the view of those behind you.

Finally, a friendly reminder to be sure you are signing in AND printing a nametag in the office when visiting Graystone during the school day. This allows the staff to keep track of who is on campus – for safety and in case of an emergency. Thank you for being respectful, responsible and safe.

Have a GREAT Graystone week!

Best regards,

*Allison Long*



## Graystone Home & School Club

Welcome back from what we hope was a wonderful and relaxing Thanksgiving break! We had our December meeting this past Tuesday morning and there is a lot of exciting news and information to share regarding the HSC!

We have raised more than \$128,000 for our Membership Drive! We are at 92% of our goal! We truly appreciate all of your donations. Those families who donated at the Platinum and Gold levels, please be sure to pick-up your Graystone t-shirts and sweatshirts from the office. 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](mailto:board@graystonehsc.org).

The Spirit Shop is now open! If you need some Graystone Great presents for the holidays or something for your child to wear on a Friday Graystone Great Spirit Day, please come by! Order forms along with size and design samples are available in the office.

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 spring events:

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

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

Please contact [president@graystonehsc.org](mailto:president@graystonehsc.org) to find out how you can help.

Also, if you are interested in being a part of the HSC Board for 2016-2017, a nominating committee will be forming in January 2016. HSC Board Responsibilities and Time Requirements can be found at:

[http://www.graystonehsc.org/resource/bylaws/HSC\\_Board\\_job\\_descriptions.pdf](http://www.graystonehsc.org/resource/bylaws/HSC_Board_job_descriptions.pdf)

Last, but not least, Cornerstone's next Fun Visors Friday is this Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>!

Fun Visors is setting up a safe place for kids to be creative, share ideas, and build new friendships. These activities will include: Arts & Crafts, Legos, Board Games, and more! Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> will feature a holiday ornament craft. If interested in joining this new program, please sign-up at the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W43F4IsN7ddzHgdMxDDTXYnyrorh1S1jmTZwFhjdW2E/edit?usp=sharing>

### Important Dates

December CRV Recycle Day - Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at drop-off

Staff Appreciation Lunch - Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

Friday Fun Visors - Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

Winter Movie Night - Polar Express Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

New Year Recess/No School - Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

January CRV Recycle Day - Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at drop-off

January HSC Meeting - Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

Thank you! HSC Board



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# WINTER CONCERTS

*Come see your child perform!*

Graystone  
Superdome

## Kindergarten

Mon. Dec 14  
10:30 AM

## 2nd Grade

Mon. Dec 14  
9:00 AM

## 1st Grade

Wed. Dec 16  
9:00 AM

## 3rd Grade

Wed. Dec 16  
10:30 AM

Directed by Devin Ligtelyn,  
CSMA Music4Schools Teacher



community school of music and arts

CSMA is a non-profit center for arts education serving the community since 1968 through: lessons, classes, camps; arts-in-the-schools programs; concerts, lectures, exhibits, outreach events; and a financial aid program to ensure that the arts are accessible to all.

Finn Center | 230 San Antonio Circle | Mountain View, CA 94040 | 650.917.6800 | [www.arts4all.org](http://www.arts4all.org)

## **Attendance reminders:**

As we enter into the flu and cold season, please remember to call the office and let us know if your student will not be in school—408-535-6317 (x31002). SJUSD's Policy is to keep children home for the following reasons:

- Fever over 100 degrees or higher. Students who have had a fever over 100 degrees may not return to school until they are fever free without medication for 24 hours.
- Productive cough and yellow or green nasal discharge
- Severe sore throat
- Vomiting
- Eyes that are red, crusty or swollen
- See the SJUSD handbook for a more detailed list

Please call the office each day your child is absent. Our attendance line runs 24 hours so you can also leave a message after hours. If you notify the teacher, you must still call the office. If you email your teacher, please copy the Attendance Clerk at [hsutaria@sjusd.org](mailto:hsutaria@sjusd.org) as well.

## **Catch the Super Bowl spirit and JOIN US as we help our local community!**

We are excited to announce that this is the first year ever that our school will be joining the NFL to help support our local children in a team effort to donate much needed supplies. This is called the "Super Kids-Super Sharing" event in conjunction with *Superbowl 50*. Our donations will benefit low income and needy students throughout our district.

This is what we are collecting:

- Gently used or new books
- Sports equipment
- School supplies
- Cell phones no longer being used or needed (to benefit domestic violence victims)

Supplies should be sent with you child to their own classrooms. Your teacher will deliver the supplies to the bins in Room C-9 and C-11.

The collections will begin **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you, in advance, for your participation!

REGISTRATION OPENS SOON for Girls on the Run at Graystone!

WHAT IS GIRLS ON THE RUN? Girls on the Run is a life-changing, after-school program for girls in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Girls learn life skills such as healthy decision-making, teamwork and confidence while training to complete a 5K!

WHEN IS GIRLS ON THE RUN? The season starts the week of February 29 and culminates in the end-of-season Girls on the Run 5K on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at Vasona Park in Los Gatos. Our team will meet on Wednesday/Friday 3:00 to 4:30pm (lessons take place on campus).

WHAT DOES IT COST? The cost of the program is \$210, which includes 20 lessons led by trained coaches, an official program T-shirt and water bottle, all lesson materials, a healthy snack at each lesson, and registration into the Girls on the Run 5K (including a T-shirt, award and more).

HOW DO I REGISTER MY DAUGHTER? This year Girls on the Run has moved to a lottery registration system. Registration is online only at [www.gotrsv.org/program-registration](http://www.gotrsv.org/program-registration).

- Lottery Registration Period: Saturday, December 5-Monday, December 7, at 11:59 pm
- The computer-generated lottery will be run on Tuesday, December 8. Those selected will be notified by email, and their credit cards will be charged. Those NOT selected will be notified by email, and their cards will NOT be charged.
- Registration will reopen at 9:00 am on Wednesday, December 9, on a first-come, first-served basis at sites with spots available and for the waiting list at sites that filled.

ARE NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE Yes! Scholarships MUST be applied for and approved BEFORE registering your daughter for the program.

- Scholarship applications will be reviewed and approved in an ongoing manner, however, you MUST apply by Tuesday, December 1, in order to receive a scholarship code in time to use and register during the lottery registration period.
- The scholarship application and instructions are available at [www.gotrsv.org/scholarships](http://www.gotrsv.org/scholarships).

QUESTIONS? Contact Head Coach Shanna Greer at 408-781-7292 or [thegreers@comcast.net](mailto:thegreers@comcast.net). You can also contact Girls on the Run Program Director Miyoko Beetem at [miyoko@gotrsv.org](mailto:miyoko@gotrsv.org) or visit [www.gotrsv.org](http://www.gotrsv.org).

## **Attention 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,**

We are creating a priceless memory for your 5<sup>th</sup> grader to remember all of their great years at Graystone! It's the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Memory book and it contains many of the treasured memories from your students time at Graystone. This is totally separate from the Yearbook as it contains memories from our 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade! We need to pre-sell these Memory books as we only make the amount that we sell. If you would like to purchase one you can click on this link and order conveniently online <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01110510>. There will also be a paper order form in your 5<sup>th</sup> graders Friday folder as well. We need the orders by December 30<sup>th</sup> to finalize our count for the books. If you do order by December 30<sup>th</sup> Jostens is offering to have your memory book engraved with your students name for free! The price for the memory book is \$32.

We are also looking for 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent volunteers who are interested in helping with the creation of the memory book. If you are interested please email Sandy Smith at [sandraasmith29@yahoo.com](mailto:sandraasmith29@yahoo.com)

## **Attention: RN & LVN Parents**

Attention all parents with a RN or LVN license. Would you be interested in serving as a substitute in the health office? Please email Mrs. Long if you would like more information on being trained to become an SJUSD health office sub at Graystone.



community school of music and arts

December 1, 2015

Dear Parents,

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

**Kindergarten:** The Kindergarten children enter class quietly, with big smiles. We begin class with our *Do Re Mi* song, followed by another song or two to increase their repertoire and practice singing in tune. We turn our singing voices off and then recite a rhythm chant or poem, such as 2,4,6,8. This is typically followed by a dance with simple but rhythmic choreography, which the children really enjoy. We also play rhythm games, and will soon be adding tonal games as well.

**1st Grade:** First Graders have learned to sing and use their hand symbols for "so & mi," and just became comfortable with "la." They have learned the difference between rhythm and beat, and can recite, tap and clap the different rhythms, ta and ti ti. Students can clap in parts as well - one side of the class tapping the beat and the other clapping the rhythm! This is the most basic introduction to creating harmony. They enjoy singing games, such as *Leaves are Falling*, and catch on to choreographed dance steps for songs such as *This is the Way We Willaby*, with enthusiasm.

**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:** After having exposure to our musical training over the two years, I notice that the 3rd graders pick up musical concepts quite quickly! They are able to identify the order of pitches, after being given a starting pitch, for up to 5 different notes. Students work on incorporating harmony by singing the canon, *Peace on Earth*. They are doing well with more complicated rhythms and corresponding rests, and with practice will be able to identify and play these rhythms on Orff instruments, which we look forward to beginning soon.

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).

Best,

Leah Lader  
Program Manager, Music4Schools

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# Please Join Round Table's Fundraising Event for

## Graystone Elementary School

Invite all of your friends and family to dine with us and Round Table will donate **20%** of the proceeds to our fundraising partner!



*It's Just our way of  
giving back to our community!*

Join us at Round Table Pizza  
on **Thursday, Dec 10 - All day**

**Round Table Pizza**  
**1159 Redmond Ave, San Jose**

Please call for a reservation to guarantee a seat!

**(408) 997-2313**

## Graystone School Important Dates to Remember

Monday, Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Play Auditions
Thursday, Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Diner's Night - Round Table Pizza
Friday, Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Polar Express Night (more details to follow)
Monday, Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Concert 2 <sup>nd</sup> gr. - 9:00am Kinder - 10:30am
Wednesday, Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Concert 1 <sup>st</sup> gr. - 9:00am 3 <sup>rd</sup> gr. - 10:30am
NEW YEAR RECESS - Dec.21 <sup>st</sup> - Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>	
Friday, Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Recycling Day
Tuesday, Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup>	HSC Meeting
Monday, Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	No School - MLK, Jr. Holiday



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)