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Graystone Great News

December 18th, 2015



Dear Graystone Community Members,

It's hard to believe how quickly the last two weeks have flown by! We have had some wonderful holiday events recently, including the Polar Express Movie Night (a big thank you to Ella Leonard for coordinating) and the fantastic winter music performances from our kindergarten, first, second and third grade classes. Excitement is in the air as students and staff eagerly await the upcoming New Year Recess.

This time of year provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the blessings we have in our lives, and to be grateful for all that we have. I am so fortunate to spend every day with 651 amazing students, who are undoubtedly the BEST part of my job. I am lucky to work with dedicated, intelligent, dynamic colleagues who put all that they have into our school every day. I couldn't ask for a better community of families who care so much about our students and staff, dedicating both time and money to provide a wonderful learning environment at Graystone. We are all so very lucky to be a part of this school community!

Happiest of Holidays! I hope you will be able to relax and enjoy your families during this time. 2015 has been a great year for Graystone, and I'm confident 2016 will be even better! We will see you back at school Tuesday, January 5th.

Have a GREAT Graystone break!

Best regards,

Allison Long



Graystone Home & School Club

We hope everyone is excited for a much needed New Year Recess! We would like to share some HSC updates and reminders before the break.

We would like to thank the Graystone community for all their help with the Adopt-a- Family program. We appreciate all the support, generosity and commitment to such a great cause. Once again Graystone families went above and beyond to provide not only warm clothes and requested necessities, such as diapers, but also toys and gift cards. We were able to bring a little faith and hope to those families in need.

The Winter Movie Night was an amazing success! It was great to see all the Graystone families come out and enjoy themselves. We would like to thank Ella Leonard for doing such a fantastic job coordinating this event!

Yearbook order forms are available! If you order your full-color, 60 page laminated school yearbook by this Friday, December 18th you can get FREE personalization. Cost is \$30 each with checks made out to Graystone Elementary. Order forms can be found in the office.

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 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

Important Dates

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

January CRV Recycle Day - Friday, January 8th at drop-off

January HSC Meeting - Tuesday, January 12th at 7 PM

Thank you! HSC Board

Adopt-A-Family

During the holiday season we often find ourselves caught up with hectic days filled with holiday shopping and social events, on top of the regular school and work commitments. In this fast paced world, it's easy to become absorbed in our day to day lives and forget to look around. We realize, though, that an important part of living a happy and fulfilling life includes being part of a community. When we take time to pause, we see not only friends but we see strangers. These strangers, whose stories we've heard this holiday season, range from recently reconnected families and lost jobs to a family who is currently homeless. With your help with the "Adopt-a-Family for the Holidays Program", we were able to help 15 families consisting of 56 individuals this year. Once again the Graystone community went above and beyond to provide all of our families with not only warm clothes and requested necessities, such as diapers, but also toys and gift cards. We were able to bring a little faith and hope, that while things may seem overwhelming at the moment, the surrounding community is here to help in a time of need. It is this great kindness and empathy that makes all of us at Graystone....Great!!

Thank you for your contributions and dedication to this program.

Sheri Meeks, Nikky Arnold and Stefanie Bellucci

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 8th through Thursday, January 7th**.

Thank you, in advance, for your participation!

Attention 5th Grade Parents,

We are creating a priceless memory for your 5th grader to remember all of their great years at Graystone! It's the 5th 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 5th graders from Kindergarten to 5th 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 5th graders Friday folder as well. We need the orders by December 30th to finalize our count for the books. If you do order by December 30th 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 5th 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

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.

Spelling Bee Coordinator Needed

I have registered Graystone in the 2016 Santa Clara County Spelling Bee. We are looking for a parent to coordinate the school wide bee. Duties would include distributing word lists to classes and coordinating the after school spelling bee in January. Please email me if you are interested! Along@sjUSD.org

San Jose Unified Middle School Information Night – Wednesday January 13, 2016 at 6:30 at Hoover Middle Media Center. <http://www.sjUSD.org/pdf/districtinformation/16-17-Middle-School-Night-English.pdf>

2016 SPRING SERIES

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Office of Family Engagement



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A six session parenting program designed by the Love and Logic Institute.

Learn how to:

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 - ◆ Stay calm when your kids do incredibly upsetting things
 - ◆ Set enforceable limits
 - ◆ Avoid enabling and begin empowering
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 - ◆ Raise kids who are family members rather than dictators
- And much more!

**This parenting program is designed to give you practical skills
that can be used immediately!**

Dates: Fridays: March 11, 18, April 8, 22, 29; and May 6

Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Location: San José Unified District Office, 855 Lenzen Ave., San Jose, CA 95126

Childcare provided

Joan Okun - Facilitator

English Only Presentation

Please return this bottom portion to your school office by March 1, 2016 or call Martha Pinedo at 535-6000 ext. 14324

Parenting the Love and Logic Way

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Location: San José Unified District Office, 855 Lenzen Ave., San Jose, CA 95126

School Name _____ Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Babysitting services are available for toilet-trained children ages 3–10.

If you need babysitting services, please indicate the number of children _____

What are their ages? _____

Graystone School Important Dates to Remember

NEW YEAR RECESS - Dec.21st - Jan. 4th
Students return to school on Jan. 5th

Friday, Jan. 8th Recycling Day

Tuesday, Jan. 12th at 7pm HSC Meeting

Monday, Jan 18th No School



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