

The Graystone eLINK



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For the Week Ending : April 24th, 2015

APRIL

Apr. 27th - Spring
Concert - First &
Second grade

Apr. 29th - Spring
Concert - Kinder &
3rd grade

MAY

May 1st - Heritage
Day 4:30 - 7:30PM

May 1st - Recycling
Day

May 4th - 8th
Hicklebee's Bookfair

May 5th - Home &
School Club Meeting
at 9:00am

May 15th - Gold
Rush Day

Message from the Principal

Dear Graystone Community Members,

I hope you had an enjoyable Spring Break. It is hard to believe that we are quickly moving into May – the year has really flown by!

Next Monday and Wednesday will be the CSMA Spring Concerts for our primary grades. On Monday, April 27, 1st grade will perform at 9:00 a.m., and 2nd grade will perform at 10:30 a.m. On Wednesday, April 29, 3rd grade will perform at 9:00 a.m., and Kindergarten will perform at 10:30 a.m. The students have been working very hard on learning their music, and are excited to share it with you! If you plan on recording the performance on a camera or iPad, please be sure to remain in the back of the room to avoid obstructing the view of those in front of you.

We are already beginning to look at enrollment numbers for the 2015-2016 school year. Numbers of classes and teacher assignments have not been finalized, and will be reviewed during the summer. Should you know that your child(ren) will not be returning to Graystone for the next school year, please let our office staff know immediately.

I hope that many of you are planning to attend the Family Picnic Sunday hosted by the Home and School Club. Due to a previous commitment, I will unfortunately be unable to attend. Thank you to the H&SC for hosting these fantastic community-building events!

Have a GREAT Graystone week!

Allison Long

HOME & SCHOOL CLUB NEWS

Busy end of the year!!

Lots going on in the next few weeks:

Sunday April 26th is the first Annual Graystone Family picnic. Information has been sent home. Join us for an afternoon in the sun at Kirigins Winery from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Enter in the kick ball tournament or sit and enjoy your time with the Graystone community.

On Friday May 1st , we hope you will support our annual heritage day as we explore the diverse heritages which come together to make up the Graystone Community.

Then down to business: after drop off on May 5th and just before Open House on May 19th, we will hold our TWO May HSC meetings. Hopefully you will be able to attend one of them. At BOTH meetings you will be able to vote on the 2015/16 board. At the evening meeting only, we will be honoring some of our incredible volunteers.

May 22nd is sports day. More information to follow but we will need volunteers so please do mark your calendars.

Then June 2nd (after drop off) will be the last HSC meeting of the 2014/15 school year.

Hard to believe it is almost the end of the school year, and as we start to prepare for next year we are in need of many volunteers next year. If you are interested in helping out please let us know as soon as possible so you can have first choice at any of the many volunteer opportunities available.

Busy times indeed – and we hope we'll see a lot of you!!

Helen, Shari, Karen, Nikky, Steph and Trisha



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**PROJECT
CORNERSTONE**
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This month's Project Cornerstone book is *Sebastian's Roller Skates* by Joan de Déu Prats. You can view this book on-line, see, and hear the entire story at <http://www.storylineonline.net/sebastians-roller-skates/>

We encourage you to take a look at this great book about a shy little boy named Sebastian. Sebastian is so shy that he can barely whisper a word to his neighbors, his barber, or even his teacher. Inside his head, though, he has plenty to say. He finds a pair of abandoned roller skates in the park one day. He decides he wants to learn to skate. As he builds his skating skills, he also builds other personal success skills.

Just like Sebastian, all kids need encouragement to form a strong sense of their own power, purpose, and worth. Kids need to feel that they matter in the world and that they have some control over things that happen with them. At home, you can continue to build on these Positive Identity assets and help your child *bloom* by doing the following:

- ❖ Be a cheerleader for your child.
- ❖ Help them learn a new skill (i.e. cooking dessert, shooting hoops, knitting)
- ❖ Help them realize that they have the power to control themselves, not others.
- ❖ Let your child practice making decisions and choices at home.
- ❖ Tell and show your child you love him/her.
- ❖ Role-Play *standing tall*, making eye contact, and speak up when talking to people.
- ❖ Celebrate their uniqueness.
- ❖ Treat them with respect.
- ❖ Let them be a resource for you. Let them teach you.
- ❖ Be a *spark champion* and talk to them about their passions. Support their ideas.
- ❖ Help them plan how to achieve their goals.
- ❖ Model using *positive self-talk* and turn *mud thoughts* into *clear thoughts*.
 - "I hate spelling. I never will be able to spell."-*mud thought*
 - "Spelling is hard for me, but I can practice and work hard to do better."-*clear thought*

Parenting can be challenging at times. It takes hard work and determination to solve problems. As caring adults and cheerleaders in the lives of our children, it is important to never give up! By modeling and showing your love and support, your child will continue to thrive and bloom!

Thank you!
Jennise Towle and Hilary Thompson
Project Cornerstone Coordinators

HICKLEBEE'S

Come to our book fair

May 5 - 8

Stock up on books for summer reading.
Think of all the hours to fill: in the car, on the plane,
and those long, hot afternoons at home.

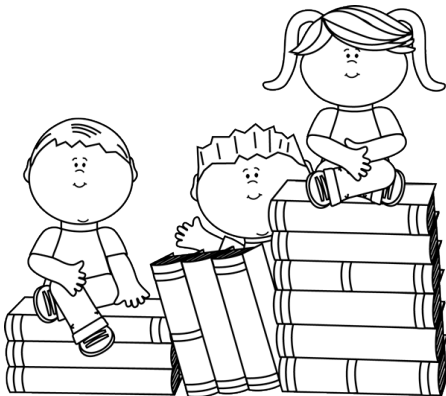
We will have teacher wish lists for anyone wanting to make
a gift of a book to their classroom.

Hicklebee's and Graystone's long partnership has brought
the following authors to our school:

JK Rowling, *Harry Potter*, 1998
Megan McDonald, *Judy Moody and Stink*
Marc Brown, *Arthur the aardvark*
Peter Lerangis, *The Seven Wonders*
Katherine Roy, *Neighborhood Sharks*
Lisa McMann, *The Unwanteds*
Ridley Pearson, *Kingdom Keepers*
Katherine Hannigan, *Emmaline and the Bunny*
Mark Pett, *The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes*
Jimmy Gownley, *Amelia Rules*

Sara Pennypacker, *Clementine* and *Flat Stanley*
Katherine Applegate, *The One and Only Ivan*
Margaret Peterson Haddix, *39 Clues*
Jake Tashjian, *My Life as a Stuntboy*
Peter Brown, *Creepy Carrots*
Eric Litwin, *Pete the Cat*
Andrew Jacobson, *The Familiars*
Matt Tavares, *Oliver's Game* and *Mudball*
Lauren Myracle, *Flower Power* books
Jon Scieszka, *Stinky Cheese Man* and *Guys Read*

Please support our book fair. All sales benefit Graystone.
To volunteer, log onto <http://graystonehsc.ivolunteer.com> to sign up.



In the Superdome

Tuesday 8:30 - 2:00
Wednesday 8:30 - 4:00
Thursday 8:30 - 4:00
Friday 8:30 - 1:00

HERITAGE DAY

HERITAGE DAY - MAY 1st 2015

Heritage day is coming up on May 1st from 4.30 to 7.30 pm. This year's theme is "Cultural Attires Around the Globe"

Come in traditional wear and enjoy a fun filled evening with family & friends. Kids have been working hard on their performances, and the volunteers have been trying to get everything come together.

We have 17 countries participating and most of them have a booth so please stop by their booth - Assyria, China, France, Germany, India, Iran, Israel, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Palestine, Sweden, United Kingdom, USA, Vietnam, Bangladesh and Taiwan.

PARADE

Parade will start at sharp 4:30. By 4:15 the kids will line up near the basket ball Court. Kids will be dressed up in traditional costumes. Kids participating in parade and/or performance will get a participation certificate.

PERFORMANCES

We have about 12 performances from around the world. Come cheer them and enjoy the show.

PASSPORT

We have passports for kids to travel around the world. Each country has a question in the passport, you will need to visit that countries booth to get the answer. Once the passport is completed please return to the registration booth and earn a "ONE DAY HOME WORK PASS."

FOOD

There will be food sampling available at most of the booths. Please stop by to try authentic delicacies.

Food Tombola:

Few countries are offering to cook homemade food. More details will be available at the registration booth. Please sign up for raffle when you walk in.

Poster Contest

Congratulations to the poster contest winners. Your posters will be displayed throughout the school during the Heritage Day week. Please come and collect your prize on Heritage day. We will have a brief prize distribution ceremony.

Volunteers

We need your help to make this free and fun event successful. For those who have already signed up to help out thank you, we really appreciate it.

If you have any questions please contact heritageday@graystonehsc.org.

Many more volunteers will be needed to help

If you would like to help out, please sign up on graystonehsc.ivolunteer.com/heritage2015

Thank you,

Sheetal Patel and Prajakta Kumbhare

Heritage Day Coordinators

MEDIA CENTER

950 books in a week.

Did you know that in a month, our students check out at least 3800 books? We average 950 books a week. Those books are checked out, checked back in, and volunteers then placed back on the shelves in the correct places. That's amazing. Thanks.

Overdue books and notices.

Presently, our policy is that if a child has an overdue book on their account, they are not allowed to check out another book. Renew books by bringing them into the library. You can look up what books your child has checked out by going to the school website/ student links/ to Follett ebooks destiny (that is the name of our program.) / Choose Graystone, then login using the student's id.

If you receive an overdue notice, check the date on the letter. I print out notices on Tuesdays when I work at Graystone. Some classes visit the library on Wednesday, Thursdays or Fridays. The teachers send notes home later in the week in the envelopes, so there may be an overlap and they may have already returned the book.

Read anywhere.

Where do you read? Try changing it up. If you always read before sleep, try a 10 minute session at a different time. Try outside under a tree. The weather is pleasant and the trees are bursting with new leaves. Have you tried reading in a different room? Try reading while you have to wait in line, wait for your ride, or while you are in the car. Try reading where it is quiet, or where it is noisy if you are able to block out the sounds and focus on the story. Read anywhere.

Mrs. Diana Dahlin, LMCT

Library Media Center Technician

“Reading is escape and the opposite of escape.” - Nora Ephron

IN OTHER NEWS....

Summer Camp @ Graystone CDC: A MONSTROUS Adventure!

Summer is right around the corner, so stop by Graystone CDC today to learn about our summer camp program! A variety of weekly camps are being offered right here on the Graystone Elementary School Campus from June 8th-August 7th!

Graystone CDC Summer Camp offers flexible schedules, from part day to full day, and from 2-3 days or 4-5 days per week, in order to best suit your family's needs! Each week children will participate in different camp activities and attend at least one field trip per week. Our camps include children who will be entering kindergarten this fall, all the way to age 12. If you register before the end of April, you can take advantage of the Summer 2015 promo in which you can receive up to \$100 of your first week!

Contact the center today to learn more about our summer camps and the adventure that lies ahead for Summer 2015! Call us at 408-997-1980 or email us at center111@cdicdc.org

BRET HARTE COMMUNITY CLUB

Bret Harte Community Club

The BHCC is looking for excited incoming 6th grade parents that are interest in being in the know! Below are committee openings.

8th Grade Promotion Dance - shall work with a team of parent volunteers to plan and organize all aspects of the 8th Grade Promotion Dance. This will include coordinating volunteers to chaperone the dance, etc.

Cultural Fair Chair - is responsible for organizing the overseeing of all aspects of the BH Cultural Fair. The Chair is also responsible for making sure that a Cultural Fair Committee is put into place and that positions within the committee are filled. The Chair will also work closely with and inform the BHCC President(s) and/or Vice President and School Administration of developments within the Cultural Fair.

Cultural Fair Booth Coordinator - works closely with the Cultural Fair Chair. The coordinator is responsible for all communication and coordination with the Country Booth Leaders.

Library Volunteers Coordinator - works with the School Librarian to organize and schedule parent volunteer opportunities for the school library.

Parent Speaker Chair - arrange for speakers to come in during the course of the school year to speak with the parents and/or students. Some topics from the past: My Digital TAT2, Conflict - The unexpected Gift, Bullying, etc. The Chair will work closely with and inform BHCC President(s) and/or Vice President and School Administration of speaker possibilities.

SNAC Volunteers Organizer - coordinates the activities of the SNAC volunteers. In the spring creates a schedule with returning and new volunteers. Ensures all volunteers are volunteer approved by the district. In the fall works with the other two SNAC Organizers to ensure all new volunteers are trained.

Staff Appreciation Chair - coordinate staff appreciation events throughout the school year. Organize and coordinate volunteers for a welcome event for the staff at the start of the academic year. Coordinate parents to bring items (salads, desserts, etc) for the luncheons.

If you do not feel you have the time to dedicate to one of these positions, but would still like to be involved, please email Holly Case at the_cases@yahoo.com to explore a shift in the SNAC store.

Please feel free to attend our next BHCC meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 in the Staff Dining Room. We will be happy to answer any and all questions you may have about being involved at Bret Harte.

Thanks,

Katrina Healy & Sandi Geringer

BHCC Co-Presidents

Come see your child perform! 2015

Spring Concert

Graystone Elementary School
Superdome

Kindergarten

Wednesday, April 29th @ 10:30am

1st Grade

Monday, April 27th @ 9:00am

2nd Grade

Monday, April 27th @ 10:30am

3rd Grade

Wednesday, April 29th @ 9:00am

Directed by Ms. Devin Ligtelyn, CSMA Music4Schools Teacher

Leah Lader, CSMA Music4Schools Program Manager



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.

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