

# The Graystone eLINK



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**For the Week Ending : May 22nd, 2015**

**District Web Site**

## MAY

### Message from the Principal

Dear Graystone Community Members,

It's hard to believe that this is the last eLink of the school year. It is always amazing how quickly the year comes to an end! We have just eight days of school left, and I know they will pass just as fast as the last few weeks have.

I want to give a BIG thank you to each and every parent of Graystone. Thank you for all that you do to make Graystone great! Whether it is volunteering, donating, attending events, supporting students and staff....you make this school the special place it is. Our students are so fortunate to have such an amazing place to learn and grow!

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.

On the last week of school, Tuesday (June 2) is a full day of school, with dismissal times at 2:20 (K), 2:45 (1-3) and 2:50 (4-5). Thursday, (June 4) is a minimum day, with dismissal times at 12:50 (K), 1:15 (1-3) and 1:20 (4-5).

Please be sure to have your children read consistently over the summer, as well as working on Lexia, Dreambox and Achieve 3000, so they are maintaining the academic growth made this year. Use our PBIS language of being respectful, responsible and safe throughout the summer months. Have a safe, fun & relaxing summer! We will see you for the 2015-2016 school year, which begins on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>!

Have a GREAT Graystone summer!

*Allison Long*

May 25th - Memorial Day - No School

May 27th - Safety Patrol to Raging Waters

## JUNE

June 2nd - Home & School Club Mtg.

June 2nd - Full Day of School

June 3rd - 5th grade End of Year Party

June 4th - Last Day of School  
Minimum Day

**HAVE  
A GREAT  
SUMMER BREAK**

Last E-Link message from the 2014/15 HSC Board.

We would firstly like to thank all the volunteers (and there are many), the teachers and staff who have supported us throughout, and the entire Graystone community for helping to make this year truly Graystone Great!!

The 2015/16 HSC Board are now in place and ready to take the helm. I will leave them to introduce themselves. They essentially take over at our next and final 2014/15 HSC meeting on Tuesday June 2nd after drop off, where they will host a potluck breakfast. Do come and meet them.

At our last meeting the 2014/15 HSC Board presented the following two awards:

Volunteer of the year – Dean Nesson. The different ways Dean has volunteered to help the Graystone community this year are far too numerous to list here without turning this note into a novel, but at every event Dean is the first to arrive for set up and the last to leave after tear down. He also has headed up recycling – and has been there sifting through the plastic every last Friday of the month. Thanks so much Dean. And of course today is Sports Day, another event Dean heads up for us.

Remember one last recycling day on May 29th (next Friday), a chance to bring in your recyclables and to thank Dean personally for all his hard work.

Our second annual volunteer award for the out going 5th grade volunteer went to Pam Doherty. Pam has served the HSC and the Graystone community for many, many years: on the board as secretary, as a classroom Art Vista docent, and most recently as heading up our directory team. What a job that is!! So, huge thanks and a fond farewell to Pam!!

Turning our minds to next school year – we need YOU! We want 2015/16 to be Graystone Great, Great, Great. We can't do it without you. Please do come along aside and help us.

For the last time, signing off as the 2014/15 HSC board

Helen, Shari, Karen, Nikky, Steph and Trisha



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**Are you and your kid(s) saying good-bye to Graystone? Moving on to Middle School? Leaving the area?** Regardless of the reason, change can be hard. The ABC readers want to help you and your child through this time of change. We recommend the book *Who Moved My Cheese? for Kids* by Spencer Johnson, M.D. and Christian Johnson. You may have heard of the adult version of this book, which offers a positive way to view and adapt to changes in our lives. The children's version of this book is an excellent resource to help young kids deal with a move and help fifth-graders develop a positive approach to the changes they face as they prepare to move to middle school.

*Who Moved the Cheese? For Kids* is a simple story of four mouse friends named Sniff, Scurry, Hem and Haw. They live in a big maze looking for the thing that makes them happy—magical cheese. Once they find the cheese, it seems like it will last forever. But one morning, the cheese is gone and everything changes.

Who moved the cheese? Will it ever come back? Will the mice have to look for new cheese on unfamiliar paths and around corners they've never explored? The story helps children begin to view change as a good thing that leads to new opportunities.

Most fifth-graders are already thinking about going to middle school next year. Many kids are anxious about middle school, since its structure is so different from elementary school. For example, they will probably attend a larger school with many more students, and they'll change to different classrooms and teachers several times a day. These changes can be intimidating for even the most confident student.

Your child's fifth grade ABC reader may read this book to your child in class, but we would also recommend reading it with your child if you are facing any type of big change in the near future. Then, talk to your child about what they learned about handling change from Sniff, Scurry, Hem and Haw. Throughout the summer, keep talking about the important change coming up in their lives. Remind them that even though change can be unsettling (like it was for the mice), it can also be a good thing that opens the door to new and exciting opportunities. We highly recommend adding *Who Moved the Cheese? For Kids* to your home library so you can enjoy reading with your child.

Sincerely,  
Jennise Towle and Hilary Thompson  
Project Cornerstone Coordinators

IN OTHER NEWS....

**Attention 5th Grade Parents!**

If you did not order a 5th grade memory book....you have one last chance. We have a limited number of extras that we will be selling and they will go fast!

If you are interested please get an order form in the office. Cost is \$30.

They will be delivered the week of May 25th.

**School Wide Yearbooks for sale - \$30.00 Cash only**

We have a limited quantity of school wide year books left to sell after school on Thursday, May 28th and Friday, May 29th (or until they run out.) Yearbooks will be sold outside the front office. The cost is \$30.00 - cash only please.

**Skip's Tires** generously sponsored our 5th graders' end-of-year party this year at the Almaden Cabana Club. We are so grateful to Skip Lightfoot for his willingness to provide this wonderful gift to our graduating 5th graders. Coupons toward auto services at Skip's Tires went home in your student's Friday folder. We encourage all Graystone families to show our gratitude by frequenting Skip's Tires for your auto-servicing needs.

**\*\*TUESDAY, JUNE 2nd, 2015\*\***

**NOT an early out day**

**Dismissal Times**

**Kinder - 2:20**

**1, 2 & 3 - 2:45**

**4 & 5 - 2:50**

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**JUNE 4TH, 2015  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
DISMISSAL SCHEDULE**

**KINDER  
12:50**

**Gr. 1, 2 & 3  
1:15**

**Gr. 4 & 5  
1:20**



# TOBY TALK

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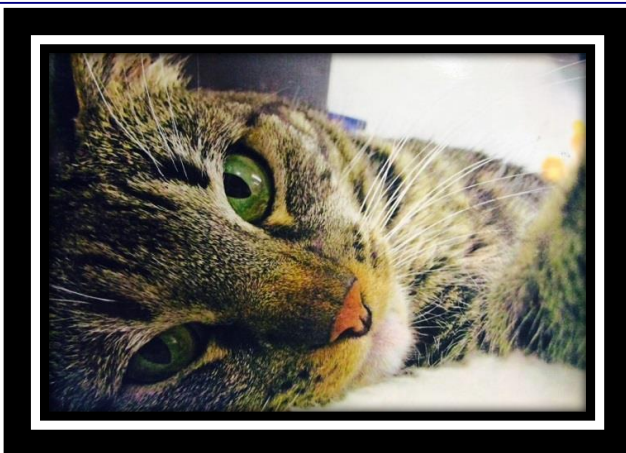
May 2015

*Hello friends,*

First, I must apologize for my lack of communication in the past month. With the K9 Cancer walk and how busy the hospital has been, I haven't had time to nap! Let alone write! But I am here for you now, and I would love to talk to you about Summer!!! It is just around the corner and there is so much to do! The beach, parks, camping, hiking and lots of sleeping! (I myself will just be enjoying the sleeping portion) For those of you with dogs, I am sure you will be doing all of those other things I listed.

With Summertime comes hot days. Hot days lead to hot animals, especially if they are outdoors. Always make sure that your pet has water available to drink and shade to get out of the sun. Pets can get over heated pretty easily if you aren't careful.

If you like to go on hikes or runs with your dog, try to make it in the morning time when the ground is not hot. That asphalt can get really hot on their feet and cause burns.



If you have a question for Toby please email us at:  
[Au207@vcahospitals.com](mailto:Au207@vcahospitals.com)

When you are hiking, your dog might pick up something called a foxtail. This is a weed that grows pretty much anywhere. When the weed dries up, part of the plant easily falls off whenever the wind blows or an animal walks by. These little buggers can get caught in toes, noses, ears and lots of other places. When they burrow in, it is hard to get them out. You would not believe how many of them I have seen being pulled out of the animals that come in here! So, after you get home from a hike or walk, do a quick check of your dog to make sure they didn't bring anything home with them. They will appreciate the massage.

While you are giving your pet a massage, you can also look for other hitchhikers, such as ticks! Ticks are gross little bugs that will jump on your dog and latch on. Some ticks can carry bad diseases that can make your pet really sick. There are lots of good flea and tick protection products out there. You can ask one of my ladies at the front desk here and they can point you in the right direction for your pet. I make sure I get my monthly Paradyne to keep those bugs off me!

And last, but certainly not least, **PLEASE** do not leave your pet in the car. Even if it is for a short period of time, it can get very hot, very fast and it can prove deadly for your pet.

Have a safe and fun Summer!!

Your Friend, Toby



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