

# The Graystone eLINK



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<http://www.sjUSD.org/graystone>

**For the Week Ending : November 7th, 2014**

## NOVEMBER

Nov. 12th - Diners  
Night at California  
Pizza Kitchen

Nov 20th - Fall Picture  
Make-up

Nov. 20th - Meet HSC  
at drop off

Nov. 26th - Minimum  
Day

Nov. 27th - 28th  
NO SCHOOL

HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING

## Message from the Principal

Dear Graystone Community Members,

Happy November!

This week was busy with parent/teacher conferences. The minimum days and adjusted lunch schedules (1st – 5th) had quite an unfortunate impact on our Graystone Great behavior during recess. There were many reminders about appropriate playground behavior, including after school play. You can support responsible and safe behaviors on the playground by ensuring students are making good choices. Please be sure students are not sitting on top of monkey bars, climbing up slides, climbing on play structure components that are not intended for climbing, or running on the blacktop.

With this being only our second year of report cards aligned to the Common Core standards, questions still arise around the standards for each grade level. I encourage you to visit the “Report Card Resources” page on the Graystone web page (under the “Important Links” section on the home page) to find information on the standards. Toward the bottom of the page there are resources listed by grade level, as well as a link to “Common Core Math K-5.” These links provide information specific to SJUSD, and are easier to navigate. Should you have questions that arise after conferences, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

We return to our regular bell schedule next week. Don’t forget that Tuesday, November 11th is Veterans’ Day, and there is no school. We DO have school on Monday, November 10th.

Have a GREAT Graystone week!

Best regards,  
*Allison Long*

Only six weeks of school left in 2014! Lots of activities and lots of fun are still to come: Scholastic Book Fair, Polar Express Movie evening, Hosted Vendor Holiday Shopping Event (Adults), HSC Potluck Holiday meeting, Annual Cornerstone Holiday Boutique, Sprit Shop open every Friday after school.....Please do support these events – GO Graystone GO!!!!

The wonderful people who have stepped up to chair these events would really like your help to make the 2014 Graystone run up to the Holidays – truly Graystone Great!!

### EVENTS

This school year HSC will be hosting a series of small community building social functions, instead of holding one big GGG adult event. We are kicking off the season with a hosted shopping evening for parents and friends.

How better to start your Holiday shopping than over a glass of wine, nibbling appetizers and desserts with your friends, in a home ambience, with some of your favorite vendors present (Origami Owls, 31 bags and Pampered Chef –and that’s just for starters!!). Save December 4th from 6.00pm on your calendar. Tickets for this inaugural 2014-15 season community event will be on sale from next Friday (Nov 14th) for \$20. Details will be in next Friday’s white envelopes and circulated by your classroom HSC rep.

There are plans in the making for this to be followed by an event at Unwined, the first Graystone ‘Dads, Daughters and Dessert Dance’ a family picnic and also a Graystone Art event. Please do watch for more details and support the Home and School Club in these community fundraisers.

Our HSC members leading these events are committee members – Cyntia Apps, Teresa Carr, Meera Desai, Helen Towers & Shari Peck. Arianna Wassenburger is chairing the hosted shopping event and the Art Vista team is brainstorming the Graystone Art Event. They would all love your help!!!!

### PUMPKIN BUST

Pumpkin Bust was well attended and a great community event. Huge thanks again to the chairs of the event, Sandy Smith and Shari Peck, and everyone who helped them. All your time and effort was really appreciated by staff, parents and especially the kids!!

We would like to give a special thanks to the Star Wars Team! The 501st Legion is an all-volunteer organization formed for the express purpose of bringing together costume enthusiasts under a collective identity within which to operate. They make contributions to the local community through costumed charity and volunteer work. If you have any event you’d like them to make an appearance at please contact them at

<http://www.goldengategarrison.com/main.php>

### BOX TOPS

This month we have a special BoxTop\$ Class Competition with prizes from our BoxTop\$ coordinator – Terri Gura-hoo:

November Class Competition for BoxTop

Send in your BoxTop\$ in November. We are having a Class Competition and the class that submits the most Box Top\$ through the month of November will enjoy a special treat delivery. Be sure to include the Student's name and Teacher's name in your submissions so your class gets credit!

### Thanksgiving Break Clipping

Did you know you can find BoxTop\$ on many of the brands you use to make Thanksgiving dinner, from potatoes to crescent rolls? Remember to clip those Box Tops and turn them in to school. They really add up! Thanksgiving is also a great time to collect extra Box Tops from family and friends as you gather for the holiday weekend. For a list of participating products, go to [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com). Have a great break

### THANKS

HSC would like to give a special thanks to Mr. Andre for all his incredible help and support to HSC, Graystone, and the community at large. He was a big ray of sunshine on a daily basis and we will miss him.

The evening HSC meeting was well attended and appreciated by the parents who cannot attend the usual morning after drop off meetings. We look forward to seeing you all again at our next evening meeting in January. Thanks to you and all the teachers who came back to school in the evening to support us. The minutes will be posted to the [HSC website](#) soon and the high fives circulated via your classroom reps.

Hope to see lots of you in the run up to the Holidays,

Helen, Shari, Karen, Nikky, Stephanie, and Trisha.

### November High 5's

1. Pumpkin Bust was a great success!

Arianna Wasserburger will chair the event next year but we are looking for volunteers to help run this very enjoyable family event. Please contact ([pumpkinbust@graystonehsc.org](mailto:pumpkinbust@graystonehsc.org)) if interested.

2. Upcoming Events;

Scholastic Book Fair: The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Superdome from December 1st – 5th during the day time. Volunteers are needed to help run this event. iVolunteer link will be online where parents can sign up to help.

Graystone adult gathering; Shari Peck is hosting an event December 4th, 6pm-9pm. Vendors are lined up for this event and it will be a perfect opportunity to do some holiday shopping. Graystone will earn commission from all sales. Ticket availability will be limited and more information will follow on this fun event.

Diners nights;

We have two diners nights to look forward to;

Wednesday, November 12th at California Pizza Kitchen, Blossom Hill Road (all day)

Tuesday, December 9th at Armadillo Willy's, Blossom Hill Road (5-9pm)

Remember to bring the flyers and 20% of your purchase will be donated to Graystone.

3. Graystone Spirit Shop has launched! T shirts and hoodies are now available in children and adults sizes. Girls t shirts can be "blinged" if requested, for an additional \$5.00.

The HSC will be selling the spirit wear on Fridays 2.30pm-3.30pm.

#### 4. Volunteers Opportunities

The HSC needs a volunteer with experience in graphic design. This is not a big time commitment. If you have some time to spare, we would love to hear from you!

A Teacher Appreciation co-ordinator is required. This is a great opportunity to show our teachers how much parents and students appreciate their hard work.

A Polar Express Movie Night volunteer is needed to run this event on December 12th.

Holiday Boutique - The vendor information is already available. A volunteer co-ordinator is needed to run this annual event.

Volunteers are needed to run these events or they cannot be held. Please contact the [board@graystonehsc.org](mailto:board@graystonehsc.org) for further information on any of the above items.

5. Cash cards - Arianna Wasserburger is coordinating the sale of cash cards. This is the perfect gift for Thanksgiving or the Holiday season. For any questions contact [giftcards@graystonehsc.org](mailto:giftcards@graystonehsc.org) or (415) 420-9277. We keep in stock gift cards from over 50 local and internet businesses and can special order hundreds more. The Graystone H&SC earns between 1% and 15% of the face value from each gift card you purchase. Before you go gift card shopping at the store, come check us out and see if we have or can get what you need.

#### Important Dates

- Box Tops class contest

- November 1st - 30th

- Diners nights

November 12th, California Pizza Kitchen

December 9th, Armadillo Willy's

- Scholastic Book Fair

December 1st - 5th (Mon - Fri )

- Next HSC meeting

(potluck - bring a dish to share) Tuesday Dec 2nd, After drop-off

- Polar Express Movie Night

Friday, December 12th

#### HANDY WEB SITES/BOOKMARKS:

H&SC web site - <http://www.graystonehsc.org/>

Google calendar - <http://www.graystonehsc.org/about/calendar/>

Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/GraystoneHsc>

Amazon shopping - <http://www.amazon.com/?&tag=grahomschclu-20&linkCode=wsw&>

Register your Target RedCard (Graystone receives 1% back) - <https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home>

Box Tops – [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and [www.2ways2earn.com](http://www.2ways2earn.com)

Escrip – [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Mark your calenders!

The Graystone Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon!!

We invite you to visit this year's Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held Monday, December 1 through Friday, December 5 in the Graystone Superdome. The book fair is open to everyone on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:15am to 4pm, Tuesday from 8:15am to 2pm and 8:15am to 10:30am on Friday.

Please stop by and shop a broad range of new and exciting books for all grade levels, and remember, your purchases benefit our school! Book fair sales help the Graystone Home and School club to buy new books for our school library.

If you are available to volunteer during these dates, we need your help! To sign up for a volunteer shift, please email us at [wrenwick@gmail.com](mailto:wrenwick@gmail.com) or, beginning November 8th, please go directly to <http://graystonehsc.ivolunteer.com>. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Thank you for supporting this wonderful event!

Winter Renwick and Rae Minvielle, co-chairs

## CORNERSTONE CORNER

This month's ABC book: "**Big**" by Coleen Paratore encourages students to become BIG people. The author defines BIG as being bright, imaginative, healthy, helpful, and valuable members of society.

### Goals of lesson:

- \*Encourage students to take small steps to achieve BIG outcomes at home, school and community.
- \*Internalize intrinsic rewards of doing things for the right reasons-Being an UPstander.
- \*Perform intentional acts of caring for others.
- \*Understand that everyone can be BIG in their own way.

### To reinforce this lesson at home:

- \*Discuss ways your family contributes individually and together to making a difference in the world.
- \*Ask your child
  - How can I be BIG in my family?
  - What do we do to be BIG toward our planet?
  - How can we be kind to each other in a BIG way?
  - How can we be BIG in our community?
  - Name people who are BIG (famous, friends, family, in the news) and explain why.

Parents can consider reading the book: *The World Needs Your Kid: Raising Children Who Care and Contribute* by Craig & Marc Kielburger.

This book focuses on simple everyday actions that can have a lasting influence on your child's life and the lives of those around us.

When you “catch” kids modeling positive behaviors...  
Notice, Name it, and Celebrate it!

## IN OTHER NEWS....

### **YEARBOOK TIME**

It's that time of year again! Yearbooks are for sale now and they will be sold at a pre-sale price of \$25 per book until November 26th. After November 26th, prices go up to \$30 each. So pre-order your yearbook now and don't worry about it later. Orders may be made on-line using the link below or you can pay by cash or check in the office. Please make checks payable to Graystone.

<http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A00808960>

### **Girls on the Run Program Registration Opening Soon!**

Girls on the Run is a fun, life-changing, after-school program for 3rd-5th grade girls. The 10-week program teaches girls life skills such as confidence, how to be a good friend and how to stand up for themselves and others while inspiring them to be joyful, healthy and confident by using a fun, experience-based curriculum that creatively integrates running.

Every aspect of this program is geared toward helping girls feel good about who they are—physically, emotionally and socially. Girls leave the program saying “I am strong!”, “I am amazing!”, “I can change the world!”, “I am beautiful, just the way I am!” and more!

Girls on the Run begins the week of March 2, 2015, and concludes the week of May 18, 2015. The Graystone Elementary School team will meet on Tuesdays 1:15-2:45 & Thursdays 3:00-4:30. There will be no lessons the week of spring break. The culminating event of the season is the Girls on the Run 5K, on Saturday, May 16, 2015, at Vasona Park in Los Gatos, where program participants and community members come together for this celebratory fun run/walk.

The program fee is \$210, which includes 20 lessons led by trained Girls on the Run 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 (which includes an official 5K T-shirt, a customized race bib and more!). Scholarships are available.

Program registration is online only at [www.gotrsv.org](http://www.gotrsv.org) and will open at 8:00 am on Saturday, December 13, 2014. Space is limited and girls will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. Once a program is full, please sign

up for the waiting list as spots may open and will be offered starting at the top of the waiting list. Registration information is available on the Girls on the Run of Silicon Valley website at [www.gotrsv.org](http://www.gotrsv.org).

For more information, please visit [www.gotrsv.org](http://www.gotrsv.org) or contact Winter Renwick, the head coach at Graystone Elementary School at (650) 346-5960 or [wrenwick@gmail.com](mailto:wrenwick@gmail.com).

We hope to have your girls in Girls on the Run this spring!



Graystone and Second Harvest Food Bank are helping to spread holiday cheer to needy families this season. Please help us by bringing in food items during the next two weeks. Your child/children can help choose the food and feel good about helping others! Please bring your food donations to the designated, by grade level, bins located in the Super Dome anytime between November 10 and November 21. Please no glass items. The following items are what they need the most

- Meals in a can (stew, chili, soup)
- Tuna/Canned Meat
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Foods (with pop-top lids)
- Low-sugar Cereal
- 100% Fruit Juices (single serving boxes)
- Canned Fruit (packed in juice)
- Canned Vegetables (low salt)
- Prefer cans with pop-top lids

Thank you for your generous support!

# Pizza with a purpose.

**Bring in this flyer**, present it to your server, and we'll donate **20%** of your check to the organization listed below. Purchases include dine in, take out, catering and all beverages.

**FUNdraiser in support of:**

**GRAYSTONE**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2014**

(All Day / Includes Take-Out Orders)

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**Oakridge Mall**

**925 Blossom Hill RD.**

**(Near Movie Theater)**

**408.225.7188**

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