

The Graystone eLINK



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For the Week Ending : October 10th, 2014

OCTOBER

Oct 15th - 4th Grade
Sacramento Trip

Oct. 16th - Home &
School Club Mtg. at
9:00am in Cafe

Oct. 24th - 31st Annual
Pumpkin Bust
5:00pm - 8:30pm

Oct 31st - Halloween
Parade 9:00am on
black top

NOVEMBER

Nov 7th - Recycle Day

Nov 4th - Home &
School Club Mtg. at
9:00am in Cafe

Nov 20th - Fall Picture
Make-up

Message from the Principal

Dear Graystone Community Members,

I hope you had an enjoyable Fall Break! The students have done a great job returning to school and resuming their Graystone Great behavior! Mr. Andre and I had such a great time participating in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge Friday afternoon (although I know the students were far more excited than we were). Graystone's former librarian, Doris Dillon (for whom the library and memorial garden at the front of the school are named), suffered from Lou Gehrig's disease. Doris was a beloved member of the Graystone staff for many years, and it was powerful to be able to connect the challenge to our school community. Thank you again to everyone that donated to the Home and School Club!

As mentioned earlier in the year, campus safety is of utmost importance to Graystone. One important component of this is to be sure that any adult who comes onto the campus first signs in at the office and puts on a name badge. This not only allows us to identify safe adults at school, but also provides us with a record of who is on campus should there be an emergency. Please be sure that you are always signing in at the office before you make your way onto campus.

The month of October is in full swing, which means both the Pumpkin Bust and Halloween are quickly approaching! While the Pumpkin Bust takes place on Friday, October 24, we will have our annual Halloween Parade on Friday, October 31 at 9:00am on the blacktop. Parents and family members are invited to come in their best costume and watch our classes participate in the parade.

Have a GREAT Graystone week!

Best regards,

Allison Long

Congrats Graystone - you pulled it over the line and Mrs Long and Mr Andre are doing the ALS bucket challenge today!!

Membership drive has already achieved 79% of target and with corporate matches yet to come in – that is great news.

We are re - launching the spirit shop in a few weeks – opportunities for your whole family to buy their new Graystone T-shirts and hoodies! Keep your eyes open you don't want to miss it.

You should have received your Pumpkin Bust packets – information to help you buy t-shirts, tickets and details of all the volunteer opportunities – again we can't do this without your help!! We have extended the date for t-shirt orders until Monday October 13th but that is the last day we are able to take orders. If you have a kindergartner or 1st grader please do donate a cake or cupcakes for the cake walk, and if you have a 2nd or 3rd grader please donate baked goods for the bake sale (we have several people bringing cookies so if you can bring cupcakes, brownies or pastries that would be great). If you could also fill out and return the forms advising that you will be donating, that would help us. It promises to be a great event. Huge thanks to our Pumpkin Bust chairs Shari Peck and Sandy Smith, feel free to contact either of them or the office with any questions.

Reminder that our next HSC meeting will be held on November 4th at 7.00pm, yes in the EVENING. We want all parents to have the opportunity to come to our meetings so are experimenting with a few evening meetings. Please note that for the evening meetings we are not allowed to have children present. Please do come along and support this new venture.

Although our wonderful band of volunteers is growing we have a couple of holes we'd really like to fill. We REALLY need someone with graphic design experience. Our t-shirts for spirit shop, pumpkin bust and spring celebration have plenty of room for creativity and then there are the directory and brochures for different events. If you could help us out here we'd love to meet you – president@graystonehsc.com There are always opportunities for anyone who wants to step up and support our kids and school.

Thanks again to everyone who donated and joined HSC.

Helen, Shari, Karen, Steph, Nikky and Trisha

OCTOBER - HIGH FIVES

1. Membership Drive: Membership drive officially ended September 19th. Thank you to everyone who donated! We have raised \$110,939, not including corporate matches, which is 79% of goal. Our membership drive goal for this year is \$140,000. Remember, it is never too late to donate to the home and school club.
2. Pumpkin Bust: Pumpkin Bust will be held on Friday, October 24th. Volunteers are still needed to help work the event. You can sign up through ivolunteer at <http://graystonehsc.ivolunteer.com/>

Also, Pumpkin Bust t-shirt orders and ticket forms are due THIS FRIDAY 10/10/14. Please look for the order form that was sent home. . You can drop your order form with payment off in the office or you can send it with your child to their class.

Kindergarten and First grade families - we need store bought cake donations for the popular "Cake Walk" event at Pumpkin Bust. Please see the form in the packet sent home.

Second and Third Grade families - we need store bought pastries/cookies/muffins for the bake sale. Please see the form in the packet sent home.

3. Volunteers Opportunities - If you have experience in graphic design and have time to spare, we would love to hear from you!

The H&SC also needs a volunteer to coordinate Teacher Appreciation.

If you are able to help with these volunteer positions, please contact president@graystonehsc.org

4. Cash cards - Arianna Wasserburger is coordinating the sale of cash cards. For any questions contact 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.

4. Recycling Day: Please save your plastic bottles, glass and cans that are marked CA CRV (California Cash Redemption Value) for HSC's upcoming recycling event on Friday, October 10th. Please drop off your aluminum cans and glass or plastic containers at the dumpster in the morning before school begins on those days as your student will be awarded a Graystone Greatness Slip at each drop-off. Please remember to rinse your containers and separate your glass, plastic and aluminum containers. Volunteers are always welcomed and very appreciated! Please contact recycling@graystonehsc.org to find out how you can help.

5. Important Dates

- Recycle Day Friday, October 10th at drop-off.
- Pumpkin Bust Friday, October 24th
- Next HSC meeting Tuesday night, November 4th at 7pm

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 and www.2ways2earn.com

Escrip – www.escrip.com

CORNERSTONE CORNER

This month's ABC book: "Giraffes Can't Dance" by Giles Andreae tells the story of Gerald the giraffe who is able to dance to his own tune when he gets some encouraging words from an unlikely friend.

Goals of lesson:

Students learn about personal power and practice using their positive personal power to benefit both themselves and others.

Students learn that making other people feel good is a great way to fill their own buckets, too!

To reinforce this lesson at home:

Create opportunities to encourage your child to try new things.

Offer praise for their willingness to try and practice.

Whenever they're in a negative situation, help your child "switch the channel" to reframe their inner dialogue to create an "I can do it!" attitude.

Remind your child: Don't focus on the black dot. Focus on the white page.

Involve children of all ages in family decision making.

*Quick Tip: Teach your child practical skills such as how to change a tire, cook a couple of meals, or sew on a button. Well-prepared young people are more likely to feel a sense of personal power.

When you "catch" kids modeling positive behaviors...

Notice, Name it, and Celebrate it!

IN OTHER NEWS....

Gently Used Books and Gently Used Stuffed Animals Needed!

Clean out your bookshelves and help us pump up the prizes at pumpkin bust! We need your donations of books for all ages and stuffed animals in great condition. Please bring your donations to Graystone and place them in the marked bins located in the library or in the front office.

Please contact Winter Renwick with any questions 650.346.5960 or wrenwick@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!