

The Graystone eLINK



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For the Week Ending : September 19th, 2014

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 23rd - 26th - 5th
grade to Science Camp

Sept. 29th - Oct. 3rd
FALL BREAK

OCTOBER

Oct. 7th - Home &
School Club Mtg. at
9:00am in Cafe

Oct. 8th - Fall Picture
Kinder, 1st & 2nd

Oct. 9th - Fall Picture
3rd, 4th & 5th

Oct. 10th - Recycle
Day

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

Message from the Principal

It's hard to believe that we have already been in school for five weeks, and we have only one more week before the Fall Break! As I have been in classrooms during the last few weeks, I am so impressed with the hard work I am seeing from students! This is also the case on the playground, where students are being respectful, responsible and safe. As a result, we will enjoy our first "Rockin' Recess" Friday during lunch.

In honor of Constitution Day, which was on September 17th, Superior Court Judge (and former Graystone parent) Julia Alloggiamento gave a presentation about the Constitution to our fifth grade classes. The students had the opportunity to learn about the document's history and importance, played Constitution Jeopardy and got to ask Judge Alloggiamento questions about her job. Thank you, Julia, for dedicating your time and expertise to enriching the education of our students!

Thank you to everyone who has joined our Home and School Club! It is only with your support that the students of Graystone are offered the wonderful enrichment programs of Science Lab, Recess 101, CSMA Music, Art Vista and Cornerstone, not to mention the technology, library and classroom support. Mr. Andre and I are hoping we reach the goal of 50 additional donations by Friday, so that we can take the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge in a special assembly when we return from the Fall break!

Please join us Wednesday, September 24th at 12:10 p.m. for our first School Site Council Meeting of the school year, taking place in room G-33. The topic for this month's meeting is the Measure H bonds. We will be reviewing last year's input from Graystone's staff and parents, and will be discussing how these funds will be applied district-wide.

I hope you enjoy the Fall break, which takes place during the week of September 29th - October 3rd. We will see you back at school on Monday, October 6th.

Have a GREAT Graystone week!

Best regards,

Very last call for HSC membership drive.

This could be your kids' chance to see Mrs. Long and Mr. Andre take the ALS ice bucket challenge. If another 50 families have signed up between Mrs. Long's announcement and by Monday the challenge is on!! Classes where more than 60% of families have joined HSC will be there to witness this memorable event!! Remember every donation for any amount counts!!

Watch next weeks Friday envelopes for the Pumpkin Bust packet – yes Halloween will soon be upon us.

In this Friday's white envelopes will be the forms for the Graystone Directory – HSC members who donated over \$100 get a complimentary copy.

Movie night was a great success with many families enjoying *Frozen* under the stars. Thanks to Mr Posh Bagel for his pizza, hotdogs and shaved ice and to everyone who helped make this event such a great evening.

Our next HSC meeting will be on Tuesday October 7th, after drop off, in the cafeteria. Last months minutes will be on the website by the end of the weekend. Please do have a look at them so we can move swiftly on to new business at the meeting.

We hope to see you there,

Helen, Shari, Karen, Nikky, Stephanie & Trisha

CORNERSTONE CORNER

This month's ABC book: "Friends to the End for Kids: The True Value of Friendship" by Bradley Trevor Greive uses engaging photos of animals to illustrate how to make friends, keep friends, and the importance of friends.

Goals of lesson:

To help all students learn how to respect each other and to develop stronger interpersonal skills.

To have students explore ways to be UPstanders both online and in our face-to-face world.

To reinforce this lesson at home:

Share some stories about your own friendships.

Here are some questions you can discuss with your child:

What do you like most about your friends?

Do they bring out the best in you?
Do you bring out the best in them?
How do you show your friends that you care about them?
How do your friends handle conflict when it arises?

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

LIBRARY NEWS

This week you will see new books from Hicklebee’s to check out. The books were chosen by Holly Case after the book fair at the end of the year. The books have now been added to the library database, wrapped, barcoded and labeled.

Magic Tree House. There is a new display location for this ever so popular series. Find the books on a shelf along the wall between D-13 and D-16.

First graders are studying Mammals and we have reserved the lower AR leveled books for these classes to use.

Great Illustrated Classics: New labeling has been added to each book to show the correct AR level and quiz number, and the name of the author who adapted the story. (Thanks for the help, Arriana J.) Original Classics are wonderful, but often too difficult for elementary students to read. We want students to take the correct quiz if they read the easier adapted story.

Policy changes: Lost books. Ms. Long has changed our lost book policy. The office will not be able to issue refunds for found lost books. SO, be extra careful and responsible with Graystone library books. Please do not return our books to the San Jose Public Library. In the past, it has taken a year for a book to be returned to us. The barcodes on the back of the books are in the same place and our school name is in tiny print. Double check before dropping books in the return slot.

Soon, in Graystones library, we will also only renew books when the books are present, and brought to the library. Also, students will not be able to check out a second book if they have a book overdue.

I enjoyed meeting some of the new library parent volunteers at the Library procedures introduction sessions last Tuesday. Any parents who have questions can drop in to see me in the library on Monday or Tuesday when I am working at Graystone.

I hope you find something fun to read during our fall break. Ah, it will be so nice to have the time to read and read and read.

Your library specialist,
Diana Dahlin

IN OTHER NEWS....

Safety Patrol Corner

As we are now in the school routine, here are some reminders to keep in mind

- Drive slowly as you near the school—especially at drop off and pick up times
- No cell phones while driving
- Please do not U-turn on Shearwater Drive
- In the afternoon, do not park or wait in the Bus Zone. Buses ONLY
- Please do not park in the Staff Lot to drop off or pick your child!! Very dangerous!!!

Special Shout-outs:

Razan Khayo who volunteers each morning to help keep our kids safe by helping us at the far crosswalk!!!
Razan- YOU ARE AMAZING!!!! Thank you!!!!

Chad Erickson got us a great deal on cones and signs!! Thank you Chad!!

THANK YOU FOR BEING GRAYSTONE GREAT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Prepare your child for kindergarten at Graystone CDC's Preschool!

Graystone CDC's Preschool is still enrolling for the 2014-2015 school year! Our program is a play-based, school readiness program led by our wonderful Master Teacher, Kathy Krenzel. Enroll now to prepare your child for kindergarten, right here on the Graystone Elementary School campus! Our program runs from 9 am-12 pm Monday through Friday, and we offer flexible schedule options for your preschool child to learn and grow, anywhere from two to five days per week. We serve children aged 2 years, 9 months to 5 years of age.

Contact the site supervisor, Maggie Lougaris, to learn more or to schedule a tour! You can reach her at the center via phone at 408-997-1980 or by emailing center111@cdicdc.org

What is your child doing for Fall Break? Join us for Sports Camp @ Graystone CDC!

From September 29th through October 3rd Graystone CDC will be hosting Sports Camp! CDC's Sports Camp will be a week of fun that will include traditional and non-traditional sports! The center will be open from 6:30 am-6:00 pm and you can choose a schedule of any or all of the days during Fall Break for your child. Contact Graystone CDC for more details and for enrollment information either by calling 408-997-1980, or emailing center111@cdicdc.org