

The Graystone eLINK



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Please visit our School Website:
<http://www.sjUSD.org/graystone>

For the Week Ending : September 5th, 2014

District Web Site

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 16th - Art Vista
Training: Kinder, 3rd
& 5th

Sept. 17th - Art Vista
Training: 1st, 2nd &
4th

Sept. 18th - Meet
Home & School Club
for coffee at drop off

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

Message from the Principal

The first few weeks of school have been fantastic! It has been a smooth transition as students, staff and parents get into the routine of another school year! We had a great turnout at Back to School night! Student success is dependent upon the partnership between home and school, and we thank you for your efforts in attending. We hope to see you at school often working in the classrooms, at special events or attending meetings. As always, we welcome your help and support.

Many questions have come up recently regarding field trips, specifically around the donation of funds towards these events. Changes related to the donation of these funds are directly related to state law AB 1575. Passed in 2012, Law AB 1575, Pupil Fees, restates existing law prohibiting a school from requiring a pupil to pay a fee, deposit or other charge not specifically authorized by law, for participation in an educational activity (such as a field trip). While schools can ask for a donation to cover the costs associated with field trips, a fee may not be mandatory, nor can a student be denied the opportunity to participate in an event for a failure to pay.

While teachers may ask for a "per child" donation, the donation is utilized for the entire class to attend the trip as opposed to individual students. Graystone ultimately holds the responsibility for paying the costs associated with the trip (busses, vendors, etc.). Therefore, if we don't collect sufficient donations to cover the costs for the field trip, we face the risk of cancellation. *When collecting monies for field trips, we will hold off on making any deposits until it is confirmed that enough money has been raised to cover the cost. This will then allow us to return any payments should a trip be cancelled due to lack of funding.*

Field trips enrich the academic experience of students, and we are fortunate to have a school community who recognizes this. Your continued support of these valuable experiences is recognized and appreciated – thank you for all that you do to make Graystone Great!

Have a GREAT Graystone week!

Best regards,
Allison Long

1- The Membership Drive is now three weeks in and currently only 20% of our Graystone kids have had donations made on their behalf.

Please, please do join us. Without your donations HSC cannot continue to fund the programs we currently do fund. Without donations from you, the parents, HSC has nothing. It costs HSC \$300 per child a year (\$1.65 a day, less than a Starbucks) to provide every one of our programs, to every kid. We do however appreciate that not everyone is able to donate to that level. Every dollar you can donate is really appreciated. If you would like to make your donation in installments please contact Nikky Arnold at treasure@graystonehsc.org. Please, please do sign up and donate what you can - lets give our kids the best enriched and expanded education we possibly can.....Go Graystone Go!!!

And remember the more money that is donated to HSC, the nearer we get to target, the more money YOUR kids teachers get directly into THEIR classrooms.

2 – We hope you enjoy Graystone Movie Night this evening. What a great opportunity to spend an evening under the stars with your family and to catch up with friends you haven't bumped into around school these last few weeks. Posh Bagel will be on site selling hotdogs and shaved ice. There will also be snacks and drinks on sale.

3 - We are still looking for volunteers. For those of you who filled in the volunteer forms with the membership pack - thanks so much - and we are sorting through them and will be in touch very soon! However we still have a few positions we need to fill. Our top 4 spots are:

Gift Card Sales Coordinator
Web Master/Graphic Designer
Sponsorship Coordinator
Teacher Appreciation Coordinator

If you want to step up to help us or find out more about the position please get in touch with Shari at sharipeck@comcast.net

4 - Thanks so much for coming to our first HSC meeting - it was great to see both familiar and new faces. So happy to get all your input especially the ideas and comments from our new parents - Thanks. It was also really interesting to hear Mrs Long and Mrs Jung expand on the instructional and classroom foci for the year ahead - thank you both for speaking to us.

If you didn't make it to our first HSC meeting or want to meet with us on a more informal basis do join us in the Superdome where we will be hanging out for a while after drop off on Thursday September 18th.

You will find the minutes and agendas of our meetings on the Home and School Website: (www.graystonehsc.org).

5 - If you would like to make your child's birthday even more special you can have a Happy Birthday message displayed on the Marquee at the front of the school. Just complete the form on the website and turn it in to the front office with \$15/child.

6- Another way of helping us earn money without costing you anything is Box Tops. In previous years we have earned over \$1,000 this way.

Here are some tips to help us earn this much again:

1. Clip and Submit – Clip the Box Tops from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Each one is worth 10 cents when we redeem them.
2. Collection sheets – These can be found on the Home and School Club's website and downloaded for easy collection. The Box Tops can be glued or taped to the sheet. Once filled, it can be turned into your student's teacher or dropped in the Box Tops box in the office.

Box Tops can be handed into the student's classroom or the school office. Don't hold onto your Box Tops! There are expiration dates on them, so we want to be sure to get them submitted in order to get credit for them.

Other Ways to Contribute:

There are many other ways to earn cash for Graystone through Box Tops, like bonus Box Tops and eBox Tops. To learn more, please consider registering at:

1. Boxtops4education.com
2. 2ways2earn.com

Monthly Contest!

Each month, the student who submits the most Box Tops for the month will win a gift certificate for Baskin Robbins! Be sure to include your child's name on any Box Tops submitted so they get credit.

Thanks for choosing to make a difference for our school with Box Tops! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Terri Gurahoo, our Box Tops Coordinator at tgurahoo@sbcglobal.net.

7. Almaden Valley Womens' Club grants a donation to HSC every year. Their main fundraiser is the Almaden Valley Art and Wine festival this Sunday. Please do go along if you can to support them.

7. Main thrust going forward —Membership, Membership, Membership - we need you!!!!

Thanks

Helen, Shari, Karen, Nikky, Stephanie and Trisha

High 5's September 2014

1. **Movie Night:** Movie Night is this Friday, September 5th at 7PM. The movie is Frozen. Everyone is welcome! Please remember to bring blankets, chairs, and flashlights. Posh Bagel will be there selling Hot Dogs and Shaved Ice.
2. **Membership Drive:** We have raised almost \$52,000 so far! We are only at 37% of our goal of \$140,000 representing 20% of families, so please keep turning in those blue forms. We also want to thank those families that have already turned them in! Remember Membership Drive ends September 19th. There are more forms in the office, or you can sign up online at www.graystonehsc.org.
3. **Pumpkin Bust:** Our annual fall, family event will be held on Friday, October 24th. Volunteers are needed to help put on this fun event! Please contact Shari Peck or Sandy Smith at pumpkinbust@graystonehsc.org if interested.
4. **Volunteer Positions:** Volunteers are needed to help run the many events that HSC host throughout the year. We especially need a volunteer to coordinate the sale of the cash cards. Please contact president@graystonehsc.org to find out how you can help.

5. Important Dates

Recycle Day	Friday, September 5th at drop off
Fall Movie Night	Friday, September 5th
Meet HSC	Thursday, September 18th at drop off
Membership Drive Ends	Friday, September 19th
Pumpkin Bust	Friday, October 24th
Next HSC Meeting	Tuesday, October 7th

IN OTHER NEWS...

School Site Council needs YOU!

Our Graystone School Site Council (SSC) oversees the use of our state funds. Five parents are elected to represent the community on this committee. It is a two year commitment. Meetings are held once a month during lunch time. There are two positions open. We also have one position open as a SELAC member. The School English Learner Advisory Committee (SELAC) members are Graystone parents and educators interested in improving the education of Graystone students who are English language learners (EL). The District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) members are representatives from each school's English Learner Advisory Committee (SELAC).

If you are interested in running for SSC for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years, please submit a brief bio for the school ballot on September 12th. Please send your bio to Rmaczka@sjusd.org. If you have any questions, please call our office at 408-535-6317.

Girls on the Run at Graystone Elementary Volunteer Coaches Needed!

Girls on the Run is a life-changing, after-school program for girls in the 3rd through 5th grade. 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 through the use of a fun, experience-based curriculum that creatively integrates running.

We are looking for volunteer coaches (male or female, 18 years and older) to keep the Girls on the Run program going at Graystone for the 2015 season (March-May 2015)!

You don't have to be a runner or athlete in order to be a coach—just someone who is interested in health and wellness and wants to make a difference in a girl's life!

Girls on the Run provides:

Coach training so you'll be confident leading the girls and teaching the lessons

Full lesson plans with all of the warm ups, activities, workouts, discussion topics and questions and instructions clearly written out in your Girls on the Run curriculum book

All of the materials needed for the entire season (from T-shirts to cones to handouts to medals)

Priority registration for coaches' daughters to guarantee them a spot in the program

(PLUS: 2nd grade girls are allowed in the program if—and only if—their parent is a coach)

Support from the Girls on the Run of Silicon Valley staff throughout the season

New coaches will need to:

Submit a coach application (available at www.gotrsv.org) on or before September 20, 2014

Complete coach training (1 hour online in October and a fun-filled half-day in-person on a Saturday or Sunday in early November when you get to work hands-on with the curriculum)

Commit to being at BOTH lessons EACH week during the season and at the Girls on the Run 5K (coaches are automatically signed up for the 5K when they become a coach)

The 2015 season will kick off the week of March 2, 2015, and continue through the third week of May.

The program is open to girls in 3rd through 5th grade and the team will meet twice a week after school for 90 minutes per lesson Tuesdays/Thursdays after school. The program culminates with all girls and coaches participating in the Girls on the Run 5K at Vasona Park in Los Gatos on Saturday, May 16, 2015.

If you are interested in becoming a coach: Please contact Kristina Bowler 408-234-0465 or Girls on the Run of Silicon Valley Program Director Miyoko Beetem at miyoko@gotrsv.org. For more information, visit www.gotrsv.org/become_a_coach

Leland Parent Club

Presents

Dandiya Raas Night

~~~An enchanting evening of ethnic folk dance~~~

*Live Music  
with Madhvi  
& Asim  
Mehta*



*Food &  
Beverages  
available for  
purchase*

**Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014, 7pm - 11pm**

**At Leland High School, 6677 Camden Ave, San Jose**

**Information: Call Ritu: 408-393-9121**

Tickets:

**\$15 - Early Bird before October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**\$18 - October 5 - October 17**

**\$20 - Limited tickets will be available at the door**

**Free - Children ages 4 and under**

**\$12 - Current Leland Students - Valid Student Id required**

*Dandiya Sticks  
for sale during  
the event*

**For Tickets contact:**

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**Manju: 408-394-5811 / [aussietwins@yahoo.com](mailto:aussietwins@yahoo.com)**

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