

# The Graystone eLINK



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

## For the Week Ending : February 13th, 2015

### Message from the Principal

#### FEBRUARY

Dear Graystone Community Members,

Feb. 16th - 20th  
Winter Break

It is hard to believe that we are almost through the month of February! As a holiday or a break from school approaches (and this week, we have both), we tend to see a rise in the number of behaviors that are not Graystone Great. When these behaviors occur, the term “bullying” is often used. SJUSD Student Services Department has developed a rubric to define the differences between being rude, being mean, and bullying:

Feb. 26th - Spring  
Pictures Kinder - 2

<b>Rude</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Bullying</b>
<b>Inadvertently saying or doing something that hurts someone else.</b>	<b>Purposefully saying or doing something to hurt someone once (or maybe twice). Spoken in anger to hurt or depreciate someone.</b>	<b>Intentionally aggressive behavior, repeated over time, that involves an imbalance of power.</b>

Feb. 27th - Spring  
Pictures grades 3-5

Feb. 27th - Father/  
Daughter Dance

#### MARCH

Our PBIS program is in place to reinforce and reward students for being respectful, responsible and safe, while extinguishing the above behaviors. We ask for your support by regularly discussing with your child(ren) what it means to be Graystone Great.

Mar. 3rd - Home &  
School Club Mtg. 9am  
in cafeteria

Enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year has opened! Parent tours for incoming Kindergarten students and new families to Graystone will be taking place on the following dates:

Mar. 6th - Recycling  
Day

Tuesday, Feb. 24 - Incoming Kinders@ 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 25 – Incoming Kinders @ 9:00 a.m.  
Friday, Feb. 27 – New Graystone Families Grades 1-5 @ 9:00 a.m.

Mar. 27th - SPRING  
CELEBRATION!!

Please call the office to register for a tour. I hope that you all enjoy next week’s Winter Break. We will see you back at school Monday, February 23rd.

Have a GREAT Graystone week!

Best regards,  
*Allison Long*

## HOME & SCHOOL CLUB NEWS

The Home and School Club has many exciting events coming up!!

Father- Daughter Dance (from our chair of the event Cyntia Apps)

“We are so excited that this year, we will have our very own Graystone First Annual Father-Daughter Dance, to take place Friday, February 27th from 6:30 PM to 9 PM. This event will be for father- figures and elementary school girls only. Tickets are \$20 per couple, and \$10 for each additional daughter. We have been busy planning an evening of fun activities for Fathers and Daughters alike. Your ticket will include a photo booth, craft station, and dessert. The doors will Open at 6:30 PM sharp. The formal start of the event will be at 7 PM. Please arrive on time! Getting ready for your winter break, and didn't get around to send in your form for the Father-Daughter Dance? Don't you worry!

For the first time ever at Graystone, and for your convenience, we will be offering tickets sales to this event via Eventbrite.

Purchase online at Eventbrite: <https://graystonefdd.eventbrite.com>

Password: GRAYSTONE (this is an unlisted, private event on Eventbrite)

We are also looking for volunteers for this event. Most of the help will be needed for the decoration of the superdome, and while the event takes place. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please sign in here: <http://graystonehsc.ivolunteer.com>

Heritage Day (from our event chairs Sheetal Patel and Prajakta Kumbhare)

“Calling all Graystone families! Let's tour countries around the world, right here, in our school backyard! Sample native delicacies, dabble at a few authentic arts 'n' crafts activities...try on some ethnic costumes...just like you were visiting that country!

So far we have proud representation from these countries - UK, IRAN, FRANCE, JAPAN, SWEDEN, GERMANY, PALESTINE, INDIA and MEXICO. Looking forward to more countries and cultures being represented at our cultural fair!

We will have high school volunteers who are willing to help out with the booth setup and cleanup and even tending to the booth, they just need a cultural booth coordinator to guide them accordingly.

So please join us in celebrating Graystone's spirit of Unity in Diversity - Friday, May 1st, 2015 from 4:30pm - 7:30pm!”

Volunteers

Whatever your skill set and time availability we can always find some way you can help us out but our current priority remains the following:

A treasurer for the 2015/16 school year – please contact Nikky Arnold or any of the current board for more information.

Enjoy your winter break! Whether you are heading for the white stuff, looking to find warmth and sunshine, or staying home to recharge, the board of the HSC hope you have a wonderful time!

Helen, Shari, Karen, Nikky, Steph and Trisha



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## Cornerstone Corner

This month's ABC book: **"Through My Eyes"** by Ruby Bridges is the true story of a six-year-old black girl who on November 14, 1960 walked through a mob of screaming segregationists escorted by Federal Marshals into her new school in New Orleans, Louisiana. Surrounded by racial turmoil, Ruby spent first grade learning to read with the help of one supportive teacher.

### **Goals of lesson:**

- Promote discussion about the importance of tolerance and acceptance of differences.
- Learn how it feels to walk in someone else's shoes.
- Practice techniques to promote a sense of belonging in our school communities by relying on personal power as UPstanders to include all students.

### **Questions to ask your child to reinforce this lesson at home:**

- How do you feel when you are treated unfairly by others? Why?
- Which injustices in the world bother you most?
- What can our family do about injustice, hunger, and poverty?

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

**LAST CHANCE TO ORDER 5TH GRADE MEMORY BOOKS – FEBRUARY 25TH! ONLY 50% OF THE 5TH GRADE CLASS HAS ORDERED! If you DO NOT ORDER BY FEB. 25TH, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET ONE. THERE WILL BE NO EXTRAS PRINTED OR AVAILABLE TO BUY AFTER THIS DEADLINE!**

Note to all that this link posted below does go directly to the memory book and not the yearbook! Although it comes up as yearbook that is only because Josten's cannot change the name on the link. Please order on line with this link and know it is for the 5th grade memory book.

We are creating a priceless memory for your 5th grader to remember all of their great years at Graystone! It's the 5th Grade Memory book and it contains many of the treasured memories from your students time at Graystone. This is totally separate from the Yearbook as it contains memories from our 5th graders from Kindergarten to 5th grade! As stated in my last email, we will not be making extra's...if you don't order one you will not get one. If you would like to purchase one you can click on this link and order conveniently online <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01110510>. There will also be a paper order form in your 5th graders Friday folder as well. These Memory books are \$30.

Please check out one of our past years memory books in the office to see what is included in them. They are full of treasured memories for your 5th grader! You will not want to miss out on this!

Included in the Memory Books are:

- Hand drawn self portraits of your 5th graders
- When I grow up.... & If I had one wish....written by your 5th grader
- Guess Who – Baby pics
- Photo Memories from all 6 years at Graystone – Kinder through 5th
- Gold Rush from 4th grade
- Science camp pics form 5th grade

We do need your help in getting pictures for the memory book. We need the following pictures:

- Baby pictures for every 5th grader – please label the picture with you childs name – if you do not have a digital copy or can not scan it, please turn into your teacher with your childs name on it and they can place in my box in the copier room.
- Kinder buddy pictures
- Kinder through 5th grade pics – please label with the grade when uploading
- Art Vista and Science pics from 5th grade
- Science camp pics
- 4th grade Gold Rush pics
- Spirit Day pics from all 6 years – please label with year taken
- Halloween pics from K through 6th grade
- Pumpkin Bust, Spring Celebration and Heritage day pics with your 5th graders

Please follow up directions below to upload much needed pictures.

Replayit Photo Submission:

Step 1: go to [replayit.com](http://replayit.com) Step 2: Select Register Step 3: Find Your School -select "Graystone Fifth Grade"

-NOT Graystone elementary school.

Step 4: Create a replayit account

To submit pictures you just select the "submit pictures" button from your schools replayit home page and upload photos.

You can also download the App ReplayIt and go through the same process as above.

Our final deadline is February 25th for Memory Book orders! There will be no extra's made so please order yours today.

## IN OTHER NEWS....

### **School Wide Yearbooks**

Yearbooks are still on sale! Purchase yours by filling out a form in the office or by going on line and ordering from Jostens. Books are \$30 each and we have a limited supply. Please make checks payable to Graystone.

[www.JostenYearbooks.com](http://www.JostenYearbooks.com)

### **We would like your opinion!**

Parents, we want to hear from you! As part of SJUSD's commitment to eliminate the opportunity gap and provide every student with the finest 21st Century education, the school district encourages your opinion about our schools and your child's education experience. You can provide your input by filling out the survey that should have arrived at your home the last week of February.

You can also fill out the survey online. To take the survey online, please visit: [bit.do/SJUSD2015](http://bit.do/SJUSD2015) and enter the following password: [parentsurvey2015](http://parentsurvey2015). Please fill out this survey for your youngest student that attends San José Unified.

If you complete a paper survey, please return it by mail using the postage-paid envelope that we've provided to you. Please complete the online or paper version of the survey by Friday, March 16th. Your participation is anonymous and your individual answers will not be shared. We value your opinion and encourage you to participate.



# TOBY TALK

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## Question of the month:

*Hi Toby, My dog just had to have surgery. My Dad said she got fixed. I didn't even know she was broken. What did they do to her? – Delia age 7*

Delia, it might not seem like it right now, but your parents did a very responsible thing by getting your dog fixed. And no, she wasn't broken. The doctors that did her surgery made it so that she can't have puppies anymore. That is what "fixed" means. Another way of saying it is she got spayed. When it is a boy dog or cat that gets "fixed", it is called neutered. I got neutered when I was really little so I don't remember it at all!

There are a lot of benefits of getting spayed. The first and foremost is that there will not be any unwanted puppies that end up not having a home. Sometimes when dogs and cats are not spayed or neutered, they get out of their houses or yards and wander around looking for love. Then 2 months later, they have a bunch of puppies or kittens. The owners then have to find homes for the babies, which is hard to do sometimes!



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

Another reason to spay or neuter your pet is for their health! Puppies and kittens that are "fixed" at an early age have less of a chance of getting cancer as they get older. That is a really good thing because that means they will be with you longer!

Some dogs and cats can act out and turn mean if they don't get "fixed". Dogs can get aggressive and start biting if they aren't neutered. And no one wants a dog that bites! Cats can develop some bad habits too. I would never do this, but SOME cats will go to the bathroom on things to try to mark them as their own. Then your whole house ends up smelling like pee! Ewww!

So you see, it really is a good thing that your dog got "fixed". She will be with you for a long time because she won't wander looking for love. She won't have any puppies that you would have to take care of and find homes for. She will live a long and healthy life because she will have less of a chance of getting cancer. And she will always be the loveable puppy you remember because she won't have any changes in her behavior.

Maybe if everyone else was as responsible as your parents, there wouldn't be as many dogs and cats in the shelter! That is a great dream!

Thanks for asking!!

Your Friend, Toby



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