

GRAHAM PTA NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

UPCOMING DATES

September 12

LMC
Orientation
9:30
Curriculum
Night

September 13

PTA Welcome
Meeting &
Coffee MPR
9:30

September 14

Maker Space
Orientation
9:30

September 20

Watch D.O.G.S.
Dads Pizza &
Informational
Night 6:30

September 25

Fall Pictures
Restaurant
Night
Oberweis 4-8pm

We hope you enjoyed your long weekend and are ready for a busy September!

Today was the kick off to our **FALCON FUNdraiser!!** Our fundraiser chairs met with all Graham students to get them excited about our upcoming fundraising. Fundraiser forms and envelopes were sent home in backpacks, and your child is also wearing a lei to promote this year's LUAU theme! If you need a new copy, please check our websites or see the attached pdf. **Our goal this year is to reach \$8,000** so we can adequately support our PTA programs. We thank you in advance for your support!

Curriculum Night is on **9/12** and is a fantastic way to meet your students' teachers, learn about their curriculum, and hear about what is happening in the classroom. New this year, students in grades 2-5 will be receiving Chromebook training at 6:00 before classroom sessions. The PTA will be selling Chromebook *Graham Protective Neoprene Sleeves* for \$15 (cash/check) this evening before and after the informational sessions, while supplies last! We'll also be showcasing Spirit Wear products and sizes that night!

Please plan to join us at our first official PTA meeting at **9:30 on Thursday, September, 13th**. We will introduce the new board, review upcoming PTA events, and hopefully share a pastry and laugh together, too! Please enter through the office, drop off your license, and meet us in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) for this informal meeting. Come hungry!

Also, save the date for our **Watch D.O.G.S. Informational Night For Dads Only** on **Thursday, September 20th at 6:30!** We need father-figures to volunteer at school this year, and will tell you more about this great program during our pizza night!

Thank you for supporting Graham's PTA!

Kristin, Steph, Sarah, Brooke, & Suzie

FALCON "FUN"draiser

The Graham PTA is excited to be hosting our annual Falcon "FUN"draiser. This is our **main fundraiser** with **100% of money raised going directly to fund school programs that benefit all students at Graham throughout the year!**

Donations will be accepted through 9/28, and checks should be made payable to **GRAHAM PTA** or through the Graham PTA website Grahampta.org.

Please contact FUNdraiser co-chairs, **Karen Masters** (pellegrinokaren@hotmail.com) and **Corinne Dimmick** (corinne.don44@gmail.com) with any questions.

STAY CONNECTED!

Graham District Website:

<http://graham.ipisd.org/>

Graham PTA website:

<http://www.grahampta.org/>

PTA Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/grahampta/>

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ROOM PARTY VOLUNTEERS

We're still looking for a **5T & 5M** head room parent to fill the **co-lead role for all 3 holiday parties** (Harvest, Holiday, & Valentine's Day) Please consider signing up to help fill this important position at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044aabaa2b0-classroom>

RESTAURANT NIGHT

We are excited to announce our first Restaurant Night of the school year! It is scheduled at **Oberweis on September 25th at the 95th street location from 4-8pm**. Look for the flyer to come home soon and keep it to present the night of our fundraiser – Graham will receive 30% back on all purchases made. It's a great way to enjoy a treat out with friends and family while giving back to our school!

NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS

PTA Reflections is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. Students of all grades and abilities may participate and explore the arts based on the 50th anniversary theme: **HEROES AROUND ME**. The reflections team at Graham is looking forward to great participation this year from its art-loving students. More information will become available after the Sept. 11th kickoff meeting!

ART AWARENESS VOLUNTEERS

The PTA Art Awareness Program is a great way to spend 45 minutes: one, two, or several times a year in your child's classroom helping to create a long lasting appreciation of the arts. Art Awareness volunteers present an assigned art work once a month in each classroom and then engage the students in a planned activity. You and the teacher will determine the day and time that works for your schedule to go into the classroom on your chosen month. If you are limited to only a certain month; please note that in the comment section of the sign up. This program operates best when we are able to get 4-5 parents per classroom to share the responsibility. The number of opportunities you have to volunteer depends upon the number of parents who sign up.

Do you think you aren't artistic? **NO WORRIES!!!** You can build, tell stories, or play a game and have a fun time with your child and their classmates helping them appreciate a variety of visual arts.

Please consider signing up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094aacia2ca02-graham/18300340>

or contacting Heather High
at willow1222@hotmail.com for more information.

FALCON FUNDRAISER

Students are encouraged to get their donations in early to be eligible for all of our Friday raffles! **For every \$25 increment raised, your child will earn a raffle ticket to be entered into our weekly raffles.** We would like to thank the local businesses whose generous donations make this event successful – Your child could win a prize from any of the following sponsors, plus more exciting prizes to come:

- Barre 3
- Bowlero
- Costco
- Dupage Children's Museum
- Hollywood Palms
- Johnny Red Hots
- Lou Malnatis
- Midwest Fit Club
- Sky High
- Sky Zone
- Small Cakes
- Starbucks
- Steve's Car Wash
- Target
- Toot Toot
- Ultimate Ninjas
- Players
- Rocket Ice
- Eggcited

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