

GRAHAM PTA NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

UPCOMING DATES

September 25

Fall Pictures

Restaurant Night
Oberweis 4-8pm

September 28

Falcon

FUNdraiser

(10/1 Rain Date)

October 1-5

Box Top

Collection Week

October 2

Head Room

Parent Mtg. 2:00

October 3

Art Awareness

Orientation 9:30

Skate Night:

Crazy Hair Night

6-8pm

October 11

PTA MEETING

6:30

On Balance

Our Falcon FUNdraiser is entering its final week \$1500 shy of our goal! Thank you to the 144 students who have donated – your donations make it possible for us to fund all the events and programs we have planned for this year. It's not too late to donate and show your support for our PTA.

Once we hit our goal of \$8000, Ms. Walton and Mrs. Stone have agreed to roller skate through the halls and have a school-wide luau themed dance party! To date, 1W leads in class participation! We have a slew of amazing prizes remaining, including 5 grand prizes valued over \$100! Please sign up to join us celebrating on Friday – we are still in need of volunteers! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054eacaf28a6fd0-falcon>

Thank you to all of the dads that came out to learn more about **Graham's Watch D.O.G.S.** program! We had enthusiastic dads in attendance enjoying JETS pizza, and we were thrilled to see so many fathers willing to help out! The Watch D.O.G.S. sign up will be coming out in a separate email. Dads are asked to volunteer during specific **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:40-1:35**, and are invited to sign up for *one date only*. Registration will be first-come, first-serve.

Similarly, we will be sending a signup email for **Room Party Volunteers on 10-2**. These positions fill up quickly, and we ask that families only sign up for one of the three parties (**10/26, 12/21, or 2/14**) *please note: if you have multiples or multiple kids you can sign up once for each child*. Volunteers need to be available from 2:00-3:15 on the date of the party, and also need to help facilitate activities which may include picking up supplies, taking photos, running stations, etc. You may be asked to help prep for the party prior if needed. We also need **donation volunteers** for each class's party. More information will be available on October 2nd!

ON BALANCE PARENTING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

6:30 pm Graham LMC

Supporting parents in raising joyful, competent & resilient people who lead fulfilling & balanced lives.

Our next PTA meeting will feature Dagmar Kauffman of On Balance (onbalanceparenting.org). Please plan on joining us for a presentation describing the stress that Naperville students are experiencing (with data & student comments), and to learn applicable strategies to help foster resilience in children. We look forward to seeing you there!

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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BOX TOPS

Box Top Collection begins next week Oct.1-5!

Available to help with sorting and counting Oct.10-15?

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ADAB2BA13-boxtops>

IPPC DISTRICT COAT DRIVE

Graham will be collecting new or gently used, clean coats of all sizes (infant through adult), in addition to other winter accessories (boots, hats, coats, scarves, snow pants, etc.) from OCTOBER 1ST - 26TH. Please drop off your items in the collection bins inside the front entrance of Graham. The coats will be distributed to families in need within our district in early November.

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.** Graham will receive 30% back on all purchases made! Download the flyer here: [Graham 2018 coupon.doc.pdf](#)

NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS

This year's PTA Reflections theme is

HEROES AROUND ME. Information can be found at

<https://illinoispta.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/04.-Student-Packetprograms.pdf> or by emailing co-chairs **Sudha Murali** (sudarshana.murali@gmail.com) and **Catherine Smith** (cathsmith3@gmail.com).

SPIRIT WEAR

Our new clothing designs are available for pre-order and order forms will be coming home soon! Didn't get a protective Graham Chromebook sleeve? They're available for \$15 with a check made to Graham PTA! Email snicolson224@gmail.com for more information.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

We still need a **JA volunteer in 3K!** Can we count on you? Email Jenniferamato07@gmail.com.

ART AWARENESS VOLUNTEERS

Help! We are still in need of volunteers, especially in KMC, 1C, 2K, 5M, and 5T. Orientation will be October 3rd! Please consider signing up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094aaca2ca02-graham/18300340> or contact Heather High at willow1222@hotmail.com for more information.

HEAD ROOM PARENTS

Thank you to all who volunteered to help your child's class this year! ***We still need one parent to partner up in 1W and KM.*** We will be holding our training meeting on **Tuesday, October 2nd at 2:00.** Please plan to attend to pick up your materials and information needed to plan your year. For questions please contact: Jenniferamato07@gmail.com

JOIN THE GIRLS CHOICE PLANNING COMMITTEE!

This November, the Graham PTA will be hosting our annual dance at school for all Graham girls and their chosen guest on **November 16th.** Join the planning committee:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044AABAA2B0-graham1> or email jenniferamato07@gmail.com.

PROJECT ARROW NEWS

Indian Prairie PA PTA is hosting their first meeting on **10/4 from 7:00-8:30 in Room B6 at the Crouse Education Center.**

More information available here:

<http://ipsdweb.ipsd.org/IPPC/Default.aspx/ProjectArrowPTA>

Any questions, email ippa.pta@gmail.com or our school rep **Kelly Moscickis** (kellym1018@yahoo.com)

PDAC NEWS

Join in District #204's **World Café 9/27 6:30 Matea Valley High School**

For more info and to RSVP, email:

PDACinfo@gmail.com

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