

# GRAHAM PTA NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1, 2018

## UPCOMING

### DATES

#### October 1-26

Coat Drive

#### October 1-5

Box Top  
Collection Week

#### October 2

Head Room  
Parent Mtg. 2:00

#### October 3

Art Awareness  
Orientation 9:30  
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Skate Night:  
Crazy Hair Night  
6-8pm

#### October 11

PTA MEETING  
6:30

#### October 16

Restaurant Night  
McAlister's Deli

#### October 17

Nancy Goodfellow  
School Assembly

#### October 22-26

Red Ribbon Week

#### October 26

Classroom Harvest  
Party 2:00-3:15

## STAY CONNECTED!

### Graham District Website:

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

### Graham PTA website:

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

### PTA Facebook page:

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

Happy October! A **HUGE THANK YOU** to our Falcon Fundraiser committee and all the parent volunteers for making our annual Fundraiser such a success! We're thrilled to announce that with the support of our generous families, we were able to hit our goal of \$8000! We're holding our grand prize and remaining raffles today, and all students will be treated to a school-wide dance party with special guest roller skaters, Ms. Walton and Mrs. Stone, on Tuesday afternoon. **Thank you Karen Masters and Corinne Dimmick for chairing and organizing our biggest fundraiser – it was definitely appreciated!**

We are excited for our first **Graham Skate Night on Wednesday, 10/3 from 6-8pm at Aurora Skate Center**. All families are welcome and Graham school receives a portion back for everyone who attends. Please look for the waiver in backpacks Tuesday. Any questions, contact Elena Dugger ([elena.dugger@gmail.com](mailto:elena.dugger@gmail.com)).

**Our next PTA meeting will be held at 6:30 in the LMC Thursday, October 11th** and will feature Dagmar Kauffman of On Balance ([onbalanceparenting.org](http://onbalanceparenting.org)). Please plan on joining us for a presentation on student stress, and to learn applicable strategies to help foster resilience in children. ***This is a Parents-Only Evening. Please plan accordingly.***

Lastly, please remember to **check your email October 2<sup>nd</sup> for your chance to be a Room Party Parent Volunteer!** *Please be considerate and only sign up once for each child's class.*

## SIGN UP CORNER

*Looking for opportunities to get involved with Graham? We need your help and will provide sign up links here! Additional details available by clicking individual links.*

### BOX TOP CLIPPING AND COUNTING - 10/10-10/15

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

### ART AWARENESS - Classroom Opportunity Monthly

**\*\*\* URGENT – HELP NEEDED IN KMC, 1C, 1W, 3K, 5M, 5T \*\*\***

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

### IPPC COAT DRIVE SORTING - 10/29-11/1 (@ Bulta Elementary)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B45AAAB2CA6FB6-coat>

### GIRLS CHOICE PLANNING COMMITTEE - OCT/NOV – Event 11/16

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044AABAA2B0-graham1>

### WATCH DOG WAIT LIST - 2018-19

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4FAAAB2AA3FA7-watch1>

### IPSD #204'S YOUNG HEARTS FOR LIFE: High School Screening - JAN/FEB

<http://www.ipspd.org/news.aspx?id=100472>

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## SPIRIT WEAR

Have you seen our new spirit wear designs?! Order forms are coming home this week and you'll want to check them out! **We are only placing one order this fall – so be sure to turn your order forms in by 10/12 with checks payable to Graham PTA!**

Still need a protective Graham Chromebook sleeve? They're available for \$15 cash/check paid to Graham PTA. Email [snicolson224@gmail.com](mailto:snicolson224@gmail.com) for more information.

## BOX TOPS

**Box Top Collection is this week Oct.1-5!** Please send in neatly trimmed box tops to your child's teacher. All money earned goes directly back to Graham!

We're looking for volunteers to help us by trimming box tops, sorting them, and then counting them and sealing in Ziplock bags. More details will be provided to volunteers – please sign up in the Sign Up Corner!

## WATCH D.O.G.S

Thank you to all of the eager dads that were able to sign up to be a Watch D.O.G. this year! Didn't get in?

We have a Wait List, and will contact dads if slots become available. We also are brainstorming additional ways to get Dads into volunteer roles at Graham – check out the Sign Up Corner and stay tuned for additional opportunities to help!

## 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 **10/1-10/26**. Please drop off your items in the collection bins inside the front entrance of Graham.

## NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS

This year's PTA Reflections theme is **HEROES AROUND ME**. Co-chairs **Sudha Murali**

([sudarshana.murali@gmail.com](mailto:sudarshana.murali@gmail.com)) and **Catherine Smith** ([cathsmith3@gmail.com](mailto:cathsmith3@gmail.com)) will be introducing the program to students during lunch time next week, and further information will be coming home!

## ART AWARENESS VOLUNTEERS

We will be holding our training meeting on **Wednesday, October 3rd at 9:30**. Please plan to attend to pick up your materials and information needed to plan your project. For questions please contact: Heather High at [willlow1222@hotmail.com](mailto:willlow1222@hotmail.com)

## HEAD ROOM PARENTS

Thank you to all who volunteered to help your child's class this year! 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](mailto: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 in the Sign Up Corner of the newsletter!

## 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 [jppa.pta@gmail.com](mailto:jppa.pta@gmail.com) or our school rep **Kelly Moscickis** ([kellym1018@yahoo.com](mailto:kellym1018@yahoo.com))

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## PDAC NEWS

The District's World Café was held on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those that were able to attend. We look forward to meeting with our PDAC reps to further our planning and development of initiatives that are pertinent to Graham school.

Any questions, or to weigh in, please contact Kristin Kircher ([kirchnercrew@gmail.com](mailto:kirchnercrew@gmail.com)) or Manu Khurana ([monagaks@gmail.com](mailto:monagaks@gmail.com)).

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