

GRAHAM PTA NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 9, 2018

UPCOMING

DATES

October 1-26

Coat Drive

October 10

Girls Choice

Planning Meeting
2:00

October 11

PTA MEETING

6:00

*On Balance
Parenting*

Presentation
6:30

October 16

Restaurant Night
McAlister's Deli
11:00-8:00pm

October 17

Nancy Goodfellow
School Assembly

October 22-26

Red Ribbon
Week

October 26

Classroom
Harvest Party
2:00-3:15

October 29-Nov.1

IPPC Coat Drive
Sorting @ Bulta

STAY CONNECTED!

Graham District Website:

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

Graham PTA website:

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

PTA Facebook page:

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

Our next PTA meeting will be held at 6:00 in the LMC this Thursday, October 11th and will be followed by a presentation featuring Dagmar Kauffman of On Balance Parenting (onbalanceparenting.org) at 6:30. Please plan on joining us to hear more about student stress, and to learn applicable strategies to help foster resilience in children. ***This is a Parents-Only Evening. Please plan accordingly.***

Thank you to Jennifer Amato for putting our room party plan in action – we're excited for our first party on October 26th! **Please consider volunteering for additional classroom parties at this time (you may book more than one now), as there are openings to fill:**

Harvest Party 2018 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044AABAA2B0-2018>

Winter Party 2018 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044AABAA2B0-20181>

Valentine Party 2019 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044AABAA2B0-2019>

Spirit Wear orders are due this Friday, 10/12 – we are only placing one bulk order, so don't be late! Additional order forms can be printed at home using the PDF attachments.

Please plan to **enjoy McAlister's Deli on Tuesday, October 16th**, as Graham PTA will earn 15% of all orders **11:00-8:00pm!** Please mention Graham when ordering, and present the flyer that will be sent home this week!

Thanks to all who came out to our first skate night – **save the date for the next on 11/13!**

Finally, please mark your calendars for **Graham's Girls Choice** event, a dance held at school on **November 16th from 7:00-9:30** for daughters and their date! It's a

SIGN UP CORNER

Looking for opportunities to get involved with Graham?

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

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

ART AWARENESS - Classroom Opportunity Monthly

It's not too late – See link for additional explanation of program and openings!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094aaciaa2ca02-graham/18300340>

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

(NEXT PLANNING MEETING 10/10 2:00)

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

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

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

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PROJECT ARROW NEWS

The Indian Prairie PA PTA provides information geared specifically for parents of students in the district's Project Arrow program. We encourage you to join the *Indian Prairie PA PTA* here:

<https://ippapta.memberhub.store>

For more information, including upcoming meeting dates, check out:

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

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

SPIRIT WEAR

Have you seen our new spirit wear designs?!! **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 for more information.

BOX TOPS

We're looking for volunteers to help us by trimming box tops this week: sorting them, counting them and sealing in Ziplock bags. *This is a great at-home volunteer opportunity!* More details will be provided to volunteers, including pick up and drop off arrangements – 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! We're excited to begin the program next week. Didn't get in? We have a Wait List, and will contact dads if slots become available. We also have additional opportunities for dads to volunteer at Graham– email StephanieMelone@gmail.com for more information!

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, 7:00-9:30 pm. This event needs your help – please join us at school this **Wednesday, October 10th at 2:00** to help us plan all of the fun details to making this a great night!

NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS

This year's PTA Reflections theme is **HEROES AROUND ME.** Co-chairs Sudha Murali (sudarshana.murali@gmail.com) and Catherine Smith (cathsmith3@gmail.com) presented this opportunity for the arts, and students are encouraged to participate (*paying close attention to requirements!*) All entries are due 10/18 and further details can be found at: <http://www.grahampta.org/reflections.html>

ART AWARENESS VOLUNTEERS

Art Awareness begins this month! Volunteers should have all materials by now, and rotating schedules should be decided amongst grade levels. We still have need for additional volunteers, and new parents to the program can shadow Art Awareness veterans! For more information or if you have questions, please contact: Heather High at willow1222@hotmail.com

HEAD ROOM PARENTS

Head room parents should be busy planning for the Harvest Party on 10/26! Please remember to email Jennifer and classroom teachers the party plans, and to reach out to confirm donations to parents who offered to help! Any questions please contact: Jenniferamato07@gmail.com

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.

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