

# GRAHAM PTA NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 29, 2018

## UPCOMING DATES

### **Oct.29-Nov. 9**

Blessings in a Backpack Collection Drive  
*new hats, gloves, and scarves*

### **October 30**

Girls Choice Planning @ Graham 2:00

### **October 31**

Jessie White Tumbling Team 2:00

### **Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**

P/T Conferences  
Food for Teachers provided by the PTA  
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Butter Braid & Wooden Spoon Cookie Dough Sampling Nov. 5

### **Nov. 13**

Veteran's Day Assembly  
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Skate Night  
6:00-8:00

### **Nov. 14**

Restaurant Night  
Giordanos

### **Nov. 16**

Butter Braid Orders Due  
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Girl's Choice Event @ Graham  
7:00-9:30

A **BIG Thank You** to all of our **wonderful parent volunteers** that put on enthusiastic Harvest Parties on Friday! Graham was filled with smiling, laughing students, and it was clear that they appreciated all the extraordinary efforts made that day! We hope that everyone celebrating has a safe Halloween Wednesday – but please remember that no costumes are to be worn or brought to school.

Graham PTA is proud to welcome the **Jessie White Tumbling Team** on Wednesday for a school-wide assembly! We look forward to seeing our Falcons cheering on some amazing talent!

**RSVPs for the Girls Choice are due this week Friday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>!** Graham Girls will each be given a note for their VIP they are bringing to the dance. It is to be colored, filled out, and returned to school. They will be on display the night of the dance and we don't want anyone left out. Extra copies are available in the main office as well. Please send them back to school this week! Girl choice volunteers will be meeting Tuesday at 2:00pm at Graham to work on decorations and party favors- Please join us, all our welcome! We are just a few weeks away from the big event on November 16<sup>th</sup>! Any questions, contact Jennifer Amato at [Jenniferamato07@gmail.com](mailto:Jenniferamato07@gmail.com).

The PTA would like to thank you for providing the staff with snacks for the evening of Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and lunch on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. If you signed up to donate a Panera gift card, please do so by Thursday 11/1 so we can place the order. Please drop the items off in the teacher's lounge on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> by 3:30 pm, and Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> by 10am. Thank you for your support – the staff will be well fed during their long conference days!

Finally, please check your email for information regarding our new **DirectorySpot App** for PTA members! We're thrilled to offer a mobile version this year, and hope you find it helpful. Not a current PTA member? You can still join and be eligible for the school directory for \$20 – please contact our membership chair Annie Cole to find out more ([cole.annie8015@gmail.com](mailto:cole.annie8015@gmail.com)).

## **BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK CARE PACKAGE DRIVE – DONATIONS NEEDED!**

We will be continuing our partnership with Blessing in a Backpack students at Allen Elementary in Aurora by hosting a **Care Package Drive Oct. 29-Nov.9th!**

We'd like to meet our goal of collecting:

- 300 new hats
- 300 New Mittens/Gloves
- 300 New Scarves

**WE WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTING GIFT CARDS TO DOLLAR TREE** to purchase remaining items. Once our collection is complete, Graham students will have the opportunity to assemble and package these items for each of the students of Allen Elementary who are a part of the program! For more information, contact Emily Chen ([emilychen@gmail.com](mailto:emilychen@gmail.com)).

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## NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS

Thank you to the 15 Graham Falcons who participated in this year's PTA Reflections competition! Students submitted wonderful entries around this year's theme **HEROES AROUND ME**, and we look forward to seeing how they do in this year's competition!

Special kudos to both **Sudha Murali** ([sudarshana.murali@gmail.com](mailto:sudarshana.murali@gmail.com)) and **Catherine Smith** ([cathsmith3@gmail.com](mailto:cathsmith3@gmail.com)) for helping the PTA offer this opportunity for students!

## FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT & SCIENCE FAIR

We are looking for some volunteers to join our STEAM Committee this year. The STEAM Committee is in charge of planning two events at Graham:

**FEB 13, 5:30pm Family Science Night:** an evening of area vendors providing hands on STEAM related activities to share with our students and families. We need assistance in contacting and compiling a list of organizations willing to participate.

**MARCH 13, 5:30pm Science Fair:** students will be displaying and presenting their Science Projects at this event - it is not a judged event, but we will have Science Fair "judges" walking around to listen to all of the presentations. We need assistance in distributing and reading applications as well as set up the night of the event.

Please sign up to help us with one or both events!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA8AB2FA2FA7-family>

Thank you in advance for helping us create another successful year of STEAM events for our school! Please feel free to contact Emily Chen with any questions [emilychen@gmail.com](mailto:emilychen@gmail.com)

## BUTTER BRAID and WOODEN SPOON COOKIE DOUGH coming to Graham!

Like premade, ready-to-bake products for the holiday season? Graham is making things easy by providing the opportunity to purchase Butter Braid pastries, along with NEW ready-to-bake Wooden Spoon Cookie Dough products in time for the December holiday season. Both goodies will be sampled during Monday's Parent/Teacher Conferences near the main office – stop by to try it before you buy it! Order forms will be coming home with students next week and are due November 16<sup>th</sup>. Breads and cookies will be ready for pickup Friday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-5:00!

Any questions, contact Stephanie Melone ([stephaniemelone@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniemelone@gmail.com)).

## NOVEMBER RESTAURANT NIGHT

Save the date for our next Restaurant night at **GIORDANOS** in South Naperville! On Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, Graham will earn proceeds from every purchase – please plan to enjoy some pizza then!

## SKATE NIGHT

Please join the fun at the Aurora Skate Center on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00! It's Favorite Sports Team night – wear your jerseys and come check it out! Waivers will be sent home next week.

## RED RIBBON WEEK

Thank you to **Jennifer Amato** for another great **Red Ribbon Week!** Graham's spirited week is something students look forward to every year, and the messaging of taking care of our bodies is a great foundation for life-long health!

## IPPC COAT DRIVE

**Thank you to Annie Cole** for organizing IPPC's District Coat Drive, and for heading up Graham's efforts! It is nice to know that our donations help keep students and families of our district warm this season!

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