

GRAHAM PTA NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 7, 2018

UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 7-12

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

Nov. 7

Girls Choice Planning
Graham 2:00

Nov. 8

Girls Choice Planning
Graham 2:00

Nov. 9

STEAM Planning
Graham 9:15

Nov. 12

Blessings in a Backpack School Packing Event

Nov. 13

Veteran's Day Assembly

Skate Night
6:00-8:00

Nov. 14

Restaurant Night
Giordanos

District Safety Night
Waubonsie HS
7:00-8:00

Nov. 16

Butter Braid Orders Due

Girl's Choice Event @ Graham
7:00-9:30

A **BIG Thank You** to our wonderful families for providing the staff with snacks the evening of conferences, and for the catered Panera lunch on Monday! The staff was well-fed and appreciated all of the goodies during their long conference days! We couldn't offer the spread without your generosity, and we are lucky to have **Elena Dugger** helping guide the efforts!

RSVPs for the Girls Choice were due Friday, Nov. 2nd, and we're looking forward to the attendees enjoying this year's Candyland theme. Please make sure that the girls have finished their writing activity to be displayed the night of the dance - we don't want anyone to feel left out! Extra copies are available in the main office. **Girls choice volunteers will be meeting twice this week: Wednesday and Thursday at 2:00pm at Graham to work on decorations and party favors- Please join us, all our welcome!** We are less than two weeks away from the big event on November 16th! Any questions, contact Jennifer Amato at Jenniferamato07@gmail.com.

Butter Braid order forms are coming home today! We provided samples of the Butter Braid pastries, as well as the new frozen, ready-made Wooden Spoon Cookie Dough during Monday's conferences. All products come in a variety of flavors and are listed on the order form. **Please send in your orders and checks written to Graham PTA by November 16th.** Orders will be ready for pickup Friday, Dec. 7th from 2:30-5:00. Let's make holiday baking easy this season, while supporting Graham programming! Any questions, contact Stephanie Melone (stephaniemelone@gmail.com).

Finally, we hope that you've downloaded the 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).

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK CARE PACKAGE DRIVE – DONATIONS NEEDED!

C'mon Falcons – Blessing in a Backpack students at Allen Elementary in Aurora need our help! The PTA IS hosting a **Care Package Drive until Monday, Nov. 12th!** Donations are to be dropped in the bin in the school lobby.

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, along with food donations, during our school packing event Monday, November 12th! For more information, contact Emily Chen (emilychen@gmail.com).

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NOVEMBER RESTAURANT NIGHT

Save the date for our next Restaurant night at **GIORDANOS in South Naperville on Wednesday, November 14th**! Graham will earn 20% of the proceeds from every purchase ALL DAY from 11:00am-10:00pm! Please mention the flyer and plan to enjoy some pizza!

SKATE NIGHT

Please join the fun at the Aurora Skate Center on **Tuesday, November 13th 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.

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 and **will be meeting at Graham this FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH at 9:15 to begin the process!**

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> Please feel free to contact Emily Chen with any questions emilychen@gmail.com

TEAM IPEF

The IPEF runners at this year's Naperville half-marathon and 5K raised a total of \$198,000. Thank you to our runners and the amazing supporters who were out cheering on that cold morning! Graham was recognized for their efforts!

DISTRICT 204 SAFETY NIGHT

District 204 is partnering with local law enforcement agencies for a **School Safety Community Night presentation from 7 to 8 pm on Wednesday, November 14 at Waubonsie Valley High School.**

Safety topics include what parents should teach their younger children to help keep them safe, the district's partnership with police and how school resource officers work with staff and students, ALICE training in schools, a new program that involves a school safety dog, and how students and parents can report safety concerns. All District 204 parents are invited to attend this event. Children are encouraged to attend at their parents' discretion. An RSVP is appreciated, but not required at <http://ipsd.us/C8LMZ>.

BUTTER BRAID and WOODEN SPOON COOKIE DOUGH fundraising at 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. **Order forms are due November 16th. Breads and cookies will be ready for pickup at Graham MPR Friday, Dec. 7th from 2:30-5:00** (please note: they arrive frozen, so please make arrangements to pick orders up during this designated time frame).

Any questions, contact Stephanie Melone (stephaniemelone@gmail.com).

IPPC COAT DRIVE

Thank you to Annie Cole for organizing IPPC's District Coat Drive, and for heading up Graham's efforts! We are happy to announce that the district collected over 700 warm, new and gently used coats, over 150 pairs of boots and more hats, gloves, and scarves than we could count! Thank you to all who donated to help ensure that children in our district will have warm coats and outerwear this winter!

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