

# GRAHAM PTA NEWSLETTER

Sept 11, 2017

## UPCOMING DATES

### **September 13**

Curriculum Night

### **September 14**

PTA Welcome Back

Coffee

MPR 9:30 am

### **September 14**

WatchDOGS Info Night

LMC 6:30pm

### **September 15**

Maker Space Orientation

LMC 9:15am

### **September 19**

PDAC Mtg

Crouse Education Center

7pm

### **September 27**

Restaurant Night

Oberweis

4pm-10pm

### **September 29**

Falcon

FUNdraiser

We invite all Graham families to join us at our **first PTA meeting on Sept 14, 9:30am in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)**. Coffee and refreshments will be served as we introduce the 2017-18 PTA Board. This is also a great way to meet other parents while hearing about all that we have planned for this school year. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

We have revamped our classroom parent role at Graham to create **2 co-led lead positions for each classroom**. Thank you to those who already signed up at our activities fair at our meet and greet. **There are still a few classrooms in need of room parents**. For details on this position and to sign up today please visit: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4aaaa923a1fb6-classroom/49797193>

It's not too late to **sign up to volunteer in the LMC**, if you can commit to a two hour shift every week or every other week, **please email Kristin Kirchner [kirchnercrew@gmail.com](mailto:kirchnercrew@gmail.com) with your day and time preference** (9:15-11:15, 11:15-1:15, or 1:15-3:15). It is a wonderful way to be part of your student's education and our children love to see us working at their school!

As always, thanks for reading!

Emily Chen

## WATCH D.O.G.S.

### Attention All "DADS" of Graham Students!

On September 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 we will be hosting our first Dads pizza night at our school in the LMC. You will meet in the school cafeteria at 6:30 for **FREE pizza and drinks**. At 7:00 we will have a presentation about our WATCH D.O.G.S (Dads of Great Students) Program.

If you would like to participate, **please RSVP here:** <https://goo.gl/forms/U11vgOfLzqEfSKGj1> so we can have an accurate head count for the event. We look forward to seeing you at the WATCH D.O.G.S. event!

Please contact our chairs with any questions:  
**Michele Kapinus**, WATCH D.O.G.S. Coordinator  
**Rachel Witkowski**, WATCH D.O.G.S. Liaison

## 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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# FALCON "FUN"draiser

The Falcon FUNdraiser is off to a great start, but we still need your help to reach **our goal of \$8500!** Please submit your donation form and cash/check by Friday, September 29th. **Checks should be made payable to Graham PTA.** You may also **submit your donation online** here: <http://www.grahampta.org/falcon-fundraiser.html>

We have three more weeks until the end of our fundraiser and plenty of raffle prizes left to give away! Please contact our Falcon FUNdraiser co-chairs, **Jenn Buedel** at [jebuedel@gmail.com](mailto:jebuedel@gmail.com) or **Brooke Murphy** at [brookemurphy2@yahoo.com](mailto:brookemurphy2@yahoo.com) with any questions.

We would like to take this opportunity to **thank the local businesses** whose generous donations make this event possible.

Airtastic	Naperville Yard
Anderson's Bookshop	Players Indoor Sport Center
Angelo Caputo's Italian Market	Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory
Bowlero	Sharko's
Chick Fil A	Sky High Sports
Chuck E Cheeses	Target
Color Me Mine	Top Golf
MOD Pizza	

## Restaurant Night

We are excited to announce our first **Restaurant Night** of the school year! It is scheduled at **Oberweis on 9/27** the 95<sup>th</sup> street location from 4p-10pm. Please present the attached flyer and Graham will receive 30% back on all purchases made. It's a great way to enjoy a treat out with friends and family while giving back to the school!

## NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS

**PTA Reflections** is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. Students of all grades and abilities may participate and explore the arts based on the **2017-2018 theme: Within Reach.**

The Reflections team at Graham is looking forward to a great participation this year from its art loving students. For more information, contact **Sudha Murali** at [sudarshana.murali@gmail.com](mailto:sudarshana.murali@gmail.com) or visit our website <http://www.grahampta.org/reflections.html>.

## ART AWARENESS

**We are actively seeking parents to volunteer for the PTA Art Awareness Program!!!**

Art Awareness is a great way to spend time in your child's classroom helping to create a long lasting appreciation for the arts. Do you think you're not artistic? No worries, you'll still have so much fun! Each grade has a predetermined work of art, guided questions/ information to present and suggestions of activities, crafts, games or projects to extend the experience. **This program operates best when we are able to get 4 or more parents per classroom.** The timing and scheduling of your participation is highly flexible.

**Please consider signing up using the following signupgenius.com link:**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094aacia2ca02-2017> or contact **Paula Mintchell** [pmintchell@gmail.com](mailto:pmintchell@gmail.com) or **Heather High** [willow1222@hotmail.com](mailto:willow1222@hotmail.com) for more information.

## IPPA PTA NEWS

(Indian Prairie Project Arrow PTA)

Indian Prairie Project Arrow PTA membership dues for 2017-2018 have been set at \$10. Please complete the attached form and return it with your dues to the address provided.

Upcoming meetings will be announced shortly. For any additional questions, please contact Miriam Mburu at [miriammburu.grahampta@gmail.com](mailto:miriammburu.grahampta@gmail.com)

[IPPA PTA Membership Form](#)

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## PDAC NEWS

(Parent Diversity Advisory Council)

**September 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**

Crouse Education Center

780 Shoreline Dr, Aurora

**TOPIC: "Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack"**

Discussions will focus on implicit bias and the advantages and disadvantages our students face. Please come join the conversation at this meeting!

If you would like more information, please contact our **PDAC Rep: Manu Khurana** [monagaks@gmail.com](mailto:monagaks@gmail.com) and visit <http://www.ipdsd.org/Subpage.aspx/PDAC>

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