

# GRAHAM PTA NEWSLETTER

Oct 2, 2017

## UPCOMING DATES

### October 3-6

Bullying Prevention Week

### October 3

Skate Night  
Aurora Skate Center  
6-8pm

### October 5

Room Parent Meeting  
MPR 2:30pm

### October 12

Bullying Prevention  
PTA Meeting  
LMC, 6:30pm

### October 18

Reflections Entries due

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Restaurant Night  
Lou Malnati's @95th  
4-10pm

### October 20

Spirit wear Orders due

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Mother/Daughter  
Mosaic Night  
MPR 5:30-8pm

### October 27

Harvest Party  
2:15-3:15pm

Happy October everyone!

A HUGE ~~THANK YOU~~ to our Falcon FUNdraiser committee and all the parent volunteers for a making our annual Fundraiser such a fun success!! We are excited to hear our final total – we are so close to our goal of \$8500. The winner of our mini iPad and other raffle prizes will be announced soon, as well as the names of which lucky teachers will be “pied” for hitting the goal of 50% classroom participation! **Thank you Brooke Murphy and Jenn Buedel for chairing and organizing – it was a fabulous event!**

We are excited to kick off this month with our **Bullying Prevention Week**. This week we will shine a spotlight on bullying and encourage all children to take action against bullying throughout the year. We have sent home special cut-outs for our students to write and decorate what makes them special. **Please return completed cut-outs to school** so we can hang them in our walls as we celebrate what makes us unique. On Friday, **American Ninja Warrior contestant: Charles Kim**, will be coming to Graham to talk with our students about Bullying, Diversity and overcoming obstacles in life.

Lastly, if your child is submitting an entry for this year's Reflections competition, please be sure to adhere to the submission guidelines for their categories. Please email Sudha Murali [sudarshana.murali@gmail.com](mailto:sudarshana.murali@gmail.com) with any questions. **Rules can be found here: <http://www.grahampta.org/reflections.html>. Entries are due October 18.**

As always, thanks for reading!

## BULLYING PREVENTION PRESENTATION

Strategies to help your child to succeed

**When:** Thursday 10/12 6:30pm

**Where:** Graham LMC

**Topic:** Bullying Prevention & Positive Behavior Supports

Our next PTA meeting will be featuring **School Social Worker, Mrs. Christensen and our School Psychologist, Mrs. Shea**. They will be presenting information on how to **help your child deal with stress, pressure to be perfect, healthy friendships and being resilient in any situation**. Additional topics such as bully prevention and positive behavior supports will be addressed as well.

This is a **brand new presentation**, so even if you have attended in the past, we hope you will join us again! Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

## 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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## SKATE NIGHT

We are excited for our first Graham Skate Night on **Tuesday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8pm at Aurora Skate Center!** To kick off our first skate night, we will be having an **80's Theme** for the evening. Don't miss it! All families are welcome and Graham school receives a portion back for everyone who attends. Please look for a waiver in your student's backpack. Questions, please contact Michelle Coles [saenzmi@aol.com](mailto:saenzmi@aol.com)

## ROOM PARENTS MEETING

**Thank you** to all the parents who have stepped up to serve as the Classroom Parents for PTA this year. There is an informational meeting planned for Thursday, 10/5 at 2:30pm in the MPR. There will be new information and procedures shared during this meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact **Jennifer Amato** [jenniferamato@comcast.net](mailto:jenniferamato@comcast.net).

*\*\*for parents who would like to volunteer at the classroom parties, please stay tuned: an email with signups and information will be going out soon.*

## BOX TOPS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Box tops collection 10/2-10/6

*(please send in trimmed and in bags of 50 if applicable).*

We are looking for volunteers to help us by trimming box tops, sorting by the different amounts, and then counting them up and sealing them in Ziplock bags. We will be running a class contest so each volunteer will trim, sort, and count all the Box Tops for one or more classrooms and will need to keep track of each classroom's totals for the contest. Instructions and details will be provided

Volunteers are needed to help pick up Box Tops from school on Wednesday 10/11 and return trimmed/counted Box Tops to school by Monday 10/16. **If you have any questions, feel free to contact either Kristin Kirchner at [630-687-0616](tel:630-687-0616) or Karin Huffine at [704-658-5282](tel:704-658-5282).** If you are able to help, please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48adab2ba13-boxtop>

## MOTHER/DAUGHTER NIGHT OUT!

Join us at Graham Elementary Mosaic Marvel Mother & Daughter Event! **\$5 from ticket price will be donated to Graham PTA to support our community service project with Blessings in a Backpack.** This event is for Graham families only. *Event will be held at Graham Elementary School NOT at A Colorful Affair.*

**Purchase your tickets online by 10/11/2017, no door sales. Limited tickets available for event. Once all tickets are sold out, event is closed for registration.** Tickets available here: <https://colorfulaffair.com/products/graham-mother-daughter-event> Questions, please contact **Noelle Klinko** [nklinko@hotmail.com](mailto:nklinko@hotmail.com)

## Indian Prairie Parents Council Winter Coat & Boot Drive

Fall is the time of year to clean out our closets, and during the month of October, we are holding a **district-wide winter coat and boot collection.** Due to the growing need in our district we 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.). The coats will be distributed to families in need within our district in early November.

**Graham Elementary School will be collecting clean, gently worn coats and boots from Monday Oct. 2nd through Friday Oct, 27th.** Please drop off your items in the collection bins inside the front entrance of Graham. If you have any questions about the coat drive, please contact Sarah Anderson [sarah.anderson05@yahoo.com](mailto:sarah.anderson05@yahoo.com)

## SPIRIT WEAR

Spirit wear forms will be going home in backpacks shortly – please keep an eye out for them. **We will be only placing one order this year-** so don't miss your chance to order! The form is also attached to this email **Please submit your order by Sept 26 with checks payable to Graham PTA.** Show your Falcon Pride and be sure to wear your spirit wear on **Falcon Fridays!** Questions, please contact **Becky Steimer** [steimer\\_rebecca@yahoo.com](mailto:steimer_rebecca@yahoo.com)

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