

GRAHAM PTA NEWSLETTER

Oct 10, 2017

UPCOMING DATES

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 22-27

Red Ribbon Week

October 27

Harvest Party
2:15-3:15pm

Save the date!

Nov 13

Blessings In a Backpack
packing event

Nov 14

Skate Night

Nov 16

Boys Choice

Thanks to your generous donations, the Falcon FUNdraiser was able to exceed our goal and raise \$8,568.55 for the 2017-2018 school year! This money goes directly to school programs and extra-curricular activities funded by the PTA.

To conclude our fundraising celebration, the students will have a student only assembly to "pie" their teachers, Mrs. Witkowski, Mr. Cooper, and Ms. Walton on October 13th. And finally, a special thanks to the Falcon FUNdraiser committee, volunteers, and administrators who helped to facilitate the event. We couldn't have done it without you!

On Thursday 10/12 at 6:30pm is our *Bullying Prevention Presentation*. Our School Social Worker, Mrs. Christensen and our School Psychologist, Mrs. Shea 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.

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 with any questions. Rules can be found here: <http://www.grahampta.org/reflections.html>. Entries are due October 18.

As always, thanks for reading!

Emily Chen

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 students only. Event will be held at Graham Elementary School NOT at A Colorful Affair.

If you have an older sibling in Middle School or High School who would like to earn some volunteer hours, please let us know—we can use the help during the night of the event. Questions, please contact Noelle Klinko nklinko@hotmail.com

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

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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CLASSROOM PARTY VOLUNTEERS

Party helpers/donation Sign Ups are filling fast! Sign up Genius for classes are open to all families looking to be a part of our upcoming seasonal classroom parties.

We have filled many of our available spots already, and are grateful for those who have already signed up. **If you would like to add an additional spot for your family, today is the day.**

If you haven't signed up yet-don't wait! **These are first come first serve only. The 5 names listed for your class will be the only parents admitted on party days.** We don't want anyone to miss out and be disappointed.

Click thru the link for your class now to sign up. <http://www.grahampta.org/schedule---volunteers.html> Dates of the parties are 10/27, 12/22, and 2/14/18. For questions contact jenniferamato07@gmail.com

RESTAURANT NIGHT

Our next restaurant night is at Lou Malnati's!! It is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18th from 4:00-10:00pm at the 95th Street location. You must mention our fundraiser at the time of order and present the attached flyer when picking up or receiving delivery to ensure credit towards Graham's fundraiser.

IPSN PTA

(Indian Prairie Special Needs PTA)

Next Meeting: October 19 @7pm

Crouse Education Center (CEC) in Board Room B6
780 Shoreline Drive Aurora, IL 60504

If you would like more information, please contact our **IPSN Rep: Maja Lee** maja14vidic@hotmail.com and visit <http://ipsdweb.ipsd.org/ipsn/>

IPPA PTA NEWS

(Indian Prairie Project Arrow PTA)

The IPPA PTA is having a fundraiser at the Fox Valley Mall Chik-fil-a on Oct. 12 from 6am to 10pm.
Just mention IPPA PTA!

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 available on our websites. **Please submit your order by Oct 20 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

BOX TOPS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to all who donated Box Tops last week! **Volunteer sign up:** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48adab2ba13-boxtop> **Box top volunteers will need to pick up Box Tops from school this 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). Thank you in advance.

Indian Prairie Parents Council Winter Coat & BOOT Drive

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

STEM COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

Our STEM Committee has already begun planning for our 2 big STEM events: **Family Science Night** and our **STEM Fair** (aka. Science Fair). Many of our STEM Committee members will be moving onto Crone next year and **we are looking for some new members to join us this year to help with the planning and keep our STEM events going strong for years to come!** If you are interested, please contact Emily Chen at emilychen@gmail.com Thank you!

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