

GRAHAM PTA NEWSLETTER

Oct 16, 2017

UPCOMING DATES

October 18

Reflections Entries due

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

October 20

Spirit wear Orders due

October 20

PINK OUT for Sue!

October 20

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

The PTA would like to thank School Social Worker, **Mrs. Christensen** and School Psychologist, **Mrs. Shea** for presenting information at last Thursday's PTA meeting. The topic was how to **help your child deal with stress, pressure to be perfect, healthy friendships and being resilient in any situation.** A big thank you to the parents who joined us as well! If you were unable to attend our meeting and would like to review the information presented, **a link to the presentation was included in Ms. Walton's *News from the Nest* email on Friday.**

Last Friday was also our first day of WatchD.O.G.S.! It was a huge success and thank you to the dads who came to spend the day at Graham. **If you are signed up to participate in WatchD.O.G.S and would like to order a t-shirt to wear during your visit, please visit www.fathers.com/dogstore!** (These shirts are **not** mandatory, just a fun way to support the program!)

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.

We will be wrapping up this week with our **Mother/Daughter Mosaic Night on Friday October 20.** The doors open at 5:30pm – please dress for a mess! This Friday is also the **last day to submit your order for Spirit Wear** – we are only submitting one order this year, so be sure to get your order in!

As always, thanks for reading!

Emily Chen

Reflections Entries DUE Wed, Oct 18th

Before you turn in your entries, please...

- **Read through the rules for your category** carefully to make sure your child's work meets the eligibility requirements.
- Make sure **your child fills out the Artist's Statement** section in the entry form. (The artist statement communicates what inspired the work, how it relates to the theme, and the content of the work. The statement must include at least one sentence, but may not exceed 100 words.)
- **Make sure the work is titled.**

Did you know? There also is a special artist division option for students with disabilities to ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate in the program. Please look for the link "Special Artist" on our Reflections Page.

REFLECTIONS THEME ENTRY OPTION - CHANCE TO WIN \$100! If your child is interested in submitting an idea for the **Reflections Theme entry option**, download [this form](#) and mail or email it directly to the contact information provided on the form. The deadline is November 3, 2017.

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/>

2017-2018 PTA BOARD

President: Emily Chen

Vice Presidents: Tiffany Treacy & Stephanie Melone

Treasurer: Suzie Perkins

Secretary: Brooke Murphy

SPIRIT WEAR

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

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 committee 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!

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

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is coming: October 23-27, 2017

The 2017 theme is: Respect yourself, be drug free

The Graham PTA has planned special activities to honor this initiative and raise awareness. Grade level handout will be provided to all students: coloring sheets, word searches, mazes, writing prompts throughout the week. **Please see the attached information sheet for our week's activities.**

Buddy 2 Buddy

Playground Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers who would be helping our B2B Playground Buddies. The volunteers would ideally go to the playground at recess a couple of times, and be on hand to help the Buddies see how they can reach out to friends who may be looking for someone to play with. The recess times are as follows:

- 5th: 11:55-12:10
- 4th: 12:20-12:35
- 2nd/3rd: 12:45-1:00
- K/1st: 1:10-1:25

If any of these options sound like something you would be interested in, please contact **Mandy Traynor** mandytraynor@hotmail.com or **Margie Polycn** marpolc3@gmail.com

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/>

PDAC

(Parents Diversity Advisory Council)

Next Meeting: Nov 7th @7pm

Crouse Education Center (CEC)
780 Shoreline Drive Aurora, IL 60504

Topic: Implicit Bias: Advantages Due to Race

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