

GRAHAM PTA NEWSLETTER

Oct 30, 2017

UPCOMING DATES

Nov 9 & 13

Parent/Teacher Conferences
Teacher Snacks/Lunch provided by PTA

Nov 13

Blessings in A Backpack Packing Event
9am MPR

Nov 15

Skate Night
Favorite Sports Team
6p-8p

Nov 16

Boys Choice Main Event
28248 W. Diehl Road
6-8pm

Nov 30

Chipotle Restaurant Night

Save the Date:

Internet Safety Presentation
Dec 14 6:30pm

A huge **THANK YOU** to all our head room parents, party volunteers, and everyone who made donations for making our Harvest Parties a success! Your time and efforts do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated by the school and students. Also, a **big thank you to Jennifer Amato** for guiding our Room Parents & volunteers through the first party of the year while also planning a fun and meaningful Red Ribbon Week!

On **Monday Nov 13**, we will be hosting this year's first food packing event for Blessings in a Backpack. **The new hats/gloves that were collected during our Harvest Parties will also be packed along with the food during this event.** We are happy to accept any new hats/gloves that didn't make it into our donation bags last Friday (it happens!). Please send them in so we can include them at the packing event.

Thank you to all the families who donated to the District 204's Coat Drive – our collection is headed to the district today to be sorted and distributed to our community. **Thank you to our Community Service chair, Sarah Anderson**, for organizing both our coat drive and our Blessings in a Backpack packing event. It is wonderful to see our Graham community have opportunities to give back as a school!

As always, thanks for reading!
Emily

Parent/Teacher Conferences Staff Snack and Lunch

It's time for parent teacher conferences and the PTA would like your generous help in donating some food items to provide the staff with snacks for the evening of Thurs, November 9th and lunch on Monday, November 13th. **Please sign up and drop the items off in the teachers' lounge on Thursday, November 9th by 3:30pm and Monday, November 13th by 10am.** Thank you for your support!

Please sign up here if you would like to donate a food item:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4eabae2fa0fd0-parentteacher>

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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BLESSINGS in a BACKPACK PACKING EVENT

NOV 13 9am

This year we are again partnering with Onley Allen Elementary School in Aurora, IL to help provide food over the weekends for the students on the Federal Free & Reduced Meal Program at their school.

We will have our first food packing event of the year on November 13th at Graham at 9:00am. We need your help packing the food in shopping bags and then they will be delivered to Onley Allen Elementary by the PTA.

You do not need to bring anything, just yourself! This is a nice way to help the community and participate in a fun event with your child! **Please sign up below** if you can make it and help out! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545aaaa22a6f94-blessings>

BOYS CHOICE: THUR'S NOV 16 6P-8P

We are looking forward to our **Boys Choice at Main Event**. This is our annual Mother/Son event and today is the last day to send in your RSVPs. **Please return the RSVP slip and your payment (check payable to Graham PTA) by the end of the day: Monday October 30.**

**Late registrations cannot be guaranteed a party favor.*

New this year! selfie station and all pictures from this station are included in our ticket price!

Questions, please contact Kristin Kirchner kirchnercrew@gmail.com

SKATE NIGHT NOV 15 6-8P

Our first skate night had a great turnout and a fun time was had by all! We hope you can make our next **Skate Night on 11/15 6p-8p – be sure to wear your favorite sports team's shirts and/or accessories!** Please don't forget to print out, sign, and bring our skate night waiver with you: <http://www.grahampta.org/family-events.html>

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!

B2B Parent volunteers Needed

We still have some space for anyone who would like to help 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.

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

If you are interested, please contact **Mandy Traynor** mandytraynor@hotmail.com or **Margie Polycn** marpolc3@gmail.com

IPSN PTA

(Indian Prairie Special Needs PTA)

We will be continually updating our websites with resources, events, and flyers from the IPSN PTA. Please be sure to take a look <http://www.grahampta.org/ipsn-pta.html> or email our IPSN PTA Rep Maja Vidic maja13vidic@hotmail.com

PDAC

(Parents Diversity Advisory Council)

Next Meeting: Nov 7th @7pm

Crouse Education Center

Topic: Implicit Bias: Advantages Due to Race

Questions, please contact our **PDAC Rep: Manu Khurana** monagaks@gmail.com and visit <http://www.ipspd.org/Subpage.aspx/PDAC>

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