

GRAHAM PTA NEWSLETTER

Jan 22, 2018

UPCOMING DATES

Jan 23

Restaurant night
Jet's Pizza

Jan 24

Family Science Night
6-8pm
Gym & MPR

Jan 29

Engage 204
<http://engage204.org/>

Feb 1

Science Fair
Applications Due

Feb 9

Girls Choice
7-9pm

Feb 11

Box Top Collection Week

Feb 14

Classroom Party
Valentine's Day
2:15-3:15p

Feb 28

Science Fair
6-7pm

Thank you to everyone who came out to our 2nd Blessings in a Backpack Packing event! We had a fantastic turnout and our students and families worked very hard (and very quickly!) to pack **600 bags of food for the students of Olney Allen Elementary**. Thank you **Sarah Anderson** for organizing such a wonderful event that allows our families to give back to our community.

Last Friday night was our **Graham Family Movie Night** – our gym was filled with Graham students and families enjoying a night out together. Thank you to everyone who came! We hope you enjoyed the evening. **We are excited to share that our concessions raised \$73.50 and we will be donating these proceeds to Blessings in a Backpack** to be used towards the purchase of additional food for the students in the program. Thank you for your support!

Please start collecting Box Top labels to send in for our second collection. Our second Box Tops **collection will begin the week of Feb 11**. Our first collection raised \$418.60! Let's try and beat that amount for our second collection!

Please remember to take the 5 Essentials Survey – we need 20% participation from Graham for our school to get the results of the survey. This is our opportunity to provide feedback directly to our school and district about Graham.

To take this short survey:

1. Visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/login/>.
2. Type and then select **Dupage** as District 204's County location. This is the county associated with the district, not the location of an individual school.
3. Type your school's name into the School field and then select your school.

As always, thanks for reading!
Emily

Family Science Night

Wednesday Jan. 24 6-8pm
MPR and Gym

Come visit with area organizations and their interactive activities to help spark your student's creativity and curiosity. We will have over 20 programs joining us for a night of exploration in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. **Please see the attached flyers for more details and a list of participating organizations!**

**This is a free event and open to all Graham students and their families.
We hope to see you there!**

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

Restaurant Night

On Tuesday, Jan 23, join up with Jet's Pizza, located at 95th and Route 59 in Naperville, to raise money for Graham's PTA. For every order, Jet's Pizza will donate a percentage of that sale back to Graham. **The benefit is good ALL DAY, for CARRY-OUT or DELIVERY!**

Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement Will be offered in all Graham classrooms this spring. **Classes start February-May depending on your teacher's request.** Parent Volunteers receive all the materials and lesson plans for each session. **Sessions are taught on weekly basis for 5-6 weeks, each class is 30-45 minutes long.** You arrange with the teacher when the sessions will be held, giving you the ability to find a time that works for your schedule. All volunteers receive a briefcase with age appropriate lessons for each week outlined along with all the materials you will need to present. You simply review it and then come in to present to the children. **Each class needs a minimum of 1 volunteer but more often 2 parents share the role.**

The following classes currently have no volunteers to present if you can help- KMC, 3T, 4V. All classes have room for additional volunteers so parents can share the role. This is a great way for dads to get involved at school as well! If you'd like to be in your child's class to help with the valuable program, please sign up through the link below. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090C4AAAA923A1FB6-junior

Yearbook Photo Submissions

If you were a photographer for a Classroom Party or a school event (walkathon, boys choice, etc.), **please remember to email your photos to Jen Malinowski grahamelementaryphotos@yahoo.com** Jen will be organizing all the pictures to submit to our yearbook publisher.

Please submit any pictures by March 1. When sending your pictures, **please put the name of the event and the class in the subject line**, i.e. Winter Party - 5T. Thank you for your help!

Valentines Day Party

Our final classroom celebrations will be held on 2/14/18 at 2:15-3:15 pm. Thank you to all of our volunteers and our room moms signed up to make these events fun for our students. While most classes are full at this point, we do have 3 classes still in need of parents volunteers to be in the classroom.

Please consider volunteering if you have a child in the following classes by signing up here- <http://www.grahampta.org/schedule---volunteers.html>

Kindergarten Clawson - 3 parents needed
1st grade Williams - 2 parents needed
1st grade-Creighton - 3 parents needed

Girls Choice Dance

Invitations were sent home last week with your daughter for our upcoming VIP Sweetheart Ball on Friday, February 9th from 7-9:30 pm. RSVP's are required for this event. Please send your reply in today with payment made payable to Graham PTA.

The ticket price includes: DJ, dancing, dessert bar, 5 x7 professional photo of your daughter and her VIP for the night. Our girls choice dance is a long term Graham tradition. Our daughters look forward to a magical night of dancing and treats with their VIP's (dad, grandpa, uncle, brother, even moms have been known to be their date for the night)

We could use your help to help plan, decorate, serve snacks/drinks at the dance, pass out favors, etc. Middle school and high school sibling girls are welcome to help as well. Please consider signing up for the areas you can help. Thanks so much for helping us make this night a great memory for our girls. Questions?? contact jenniferamato07@gmail.com

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4aaaa923a1fb6-dance>