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# GRAHAM PTA NEWSLETTER

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May 30, 2018

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We have made it... it's the last few days of school and the last PTA newsletter of this school year!

**Thank you to Sue Duncan and all the volunteers that came out to help during Field Day.** It was a beautiful day and it was fantastic to see our Graham Falcons enjoy such a fun event – it couldn't have run without the support of our volunteers!

We have one final shout out for this year. On behalf of the PTA board, I would like to **thank and recognize every volunteer that has given time, donated an item, or offered support in anyway this year-** it does not go unnoticed and you are appreciated! We would also like to **thank our Committee Chairs** for their time and dedication in all our PTA events (and we have so many!) - we realize nothing would be possible without you. **Lastly, I would personally like thank our PTA Board** – you have all made this last year so successful and fun and I am forever grateful to have worked with so many committed and talented individuals on the PTA Board these past few years. **Thank you to the Graham staff for always supporting our PTA in all we do** – as we say over and over: our school may be small, but when we all work together, we sure are mighty.

Have a wonderful summer everyone! 😊

Emily

## A FEW END OF YEAR UPDATES –

*Just a few final things we have accomplished with YOUR help and support!*

### PTA TEACHER GRANTS

With your support through fundraisers such as the Falcon Fundraiser, restaurant nights, skate nights, school kits order, and butter braid orders, we were able to fund over \$4500 worth of grants to our teachers and benefitting all Graham Students:

- 10 iPad minis
- Flexible seating arrangements for school wide use
- Portable speakers for LMC & PE
- Additional instructional aides and materials for classrooms and Speech/Language
- Hands on manipulatives for Maker Space

**Thank you for supporting our PTA so we can continue to give back to Graham!**

### BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

With your participation in our Family Fun Nights (movie night, Mother/Daughter and Father/Son nights out), **our PTA was able to raise \$700 to support our Community Service Project, Blessings in a Backpack this year!**

This \$700 will allow us to sponsor 7 students to be a part of the Blessings in a Backpack program next year which provides food every weekend during the school year. **Thank you to Sarah Anderson, Brooke Murphy, and Catherine Whicker from BIB** for organizing our community service events.

We have also donated our remaining plants from our Plant Sale to the families of the students in this program. **Please see the attached update for pictures and more information and photos!**

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# **THANK YOU TO OUR COMMITTEE CHAIRS!**

*And a very special thank you to all our 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent volunteers that will be sharing their time and talents with Crone next year. We will miss you!*

5th Grade Farewell	Jen Malinowski	Webmaster	Sudha Murali
	Jeanne Puacz	Community Service	Sarah Anderson
LMC Volunteer Coordinator	Kristen Kirchner	Earth Week	Stephanie Melone
Maker Space Coordinator	Brooke Murphy	Field Day	Sue Duncan
Room Parent Coordinator	Jennifer Amato	Jump Rope For Heart	Sue Duncan
School Supply Kits	Noelle Klinko	Red Ribbon Week	Jennifer Amato
Art Awareness	Heather High	Nutrition & Wellness	Beth Miller
	Paula Mintchell	Sunshine	Margie Polcyn
Buddy 2 Buddy	Margie Polcyn	Staff Back to School Luncheon	Kristin DeGuiseppe
	Mandy Traynor	Back to School Welcome Coffee	Amy Mahalla
Bullying Prevention (PBIS)	Noelle Klinko	New Family Welcome Committee	Carolyn Talbott
Reflections	Sudha Murali	Staff Appreciation Week	Erica Boose Stephanie Melone
STEM Science Fair	Emily Chen	Parent/Teacher Conferences	Elena Duggar
Junior Achievement	Jennifer Amato	Box Tops/Soup Labels	Kristin Kirchner Karin Huffine
Meet & Greet Social	Mindy Kyle	Walkathon	Jenn Buedel Brooke Murphy
WatchD.O.G.S.	Michele Kapinus	Butter Braids Fundraiser	Sarah Anderson
Girls' Choice Event	Jennifer Amato	Spring Plant Sale	Tammi Anderson Patrycja Dolega
	Mindy Kyle	Restaurant Nights	Beth Miller Kristin DeGuiseppe
Boys' Choice Event	Kristin Kirchner		
Family Fun Nights	Noelle Klinko		
Skating Parties	Michelle Coles		
Membership/Directory	Noelle Klinko		
IPPC Rep.	Emily Chen		
	Stephanie Melone		
Special Needs PTA Rep.	Maja Lee		
Project Arrow PTA Rep.	Miriam Mburu		
PDAC Rep.	Manu Kharana		
Yearbook Liaison	Jennifer Malinowski		

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