



GREYSTONE ELEMENTARY

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December 19, 2017

Important Dates

**Dec. 20 - EARLY
DISMISSAL - School gets
out at 11:00 am**

**School starts back
Friday, January 5, 2018**



Menu:

In January, we will have new menu viewing software available. Please check the following [website](#) for the first week's breakfast and lunch choices.

People of Greystone-

Website -

<http://www.peopleofgreystone.com/>

Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/peopleofgreystone/>

Instagram -

<https://www.instagram.com/peopleofgreystone/>

Parents,

Thanks so much for all you have done to support our teachers and students this semester. It is hard to believe that we are already at the midpoint of the year. I hope each of you enjoy the next couple of weeks with your family and make many memories. The school will be closed until January 3rd. If you have not had a chance to check the lost and found, please do so before Wednesday. All remaining items will be donated to charity. Please remember to put your child's name or at least your family's last name inside jackets and other items that are easy to lose so we can minimize our lost items.

****Remember, school starts back Friday, January 5th.**

We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and will see you in 2018!

Mrs. Stocks and Mrs. Williams

Congratulations to Carol McLaughlin- HCS Elementary Teacher of the Year

Greystone Elementary School second grade teacher Mrs. Carol McLaughlin has been named the 2017-2018 Elementary Teacher of the Year for Hoover City Schools.

Her students know her as "Miss Mac" - and she hails from a family of teachers (both parents, a grandmother, three aunts, and an uncle).

McLaughlin proves a digital innovator in and out of the classroom. She maintains a Twitter presence for her classroom (@missmacowls) and herself (@missmac100). Embracing social media has helped McLaughlin engage students, differentiate instruction, and connect with parents. Additionally, McLaughlin leverages Twitter to lead





Check us out on
Twitter!
@greystoneelem

You will find lots of
pictures from
Creativity Week and
other events on
Twitter!

the national [#2ndChat](#) as a means of connecting teachers and inspiring innovative teaching practices through global projects.

McLaughlin has won numerous awards including PBS Digital Innovator (2016); Air Force Association Chapter 100 Teacher of the Year (2016); and Greystone PTA Teacher of the Year (2015). She has been teaching at Greystone Elementary since 2005 and held teaching roles in other school systems/states dating back to 1991.

A National Board Certified Teacher, McLaughlin earned a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, along with a Masters in Elementary Education - all from the University of Alabama.

Soup and Salad Teacher Luncheon- Help Needed

The PTA needs your help for our annual back to school soup and salad luncheon for the teachers. This is held the first day back to school after the holiday break and the teachers GREATLY appreciate it. Please consider helping by supplying items needed or helping with set up or cleanup. Thanks in advance. Click here for the Sign Up Genius [link](#).

Parent Reminder

Please remember that your child must be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school. Thank you for your help in keeping our school community well.

School Spirit Night at La Paz Mt. Laurel

Mark your calendar for January 11th which will be our spirit night at La Paz in Mount Laurel!

Many Thanks to Representative Dickie Drake!

A big thank you goes out to State Representative Dickie Drake for his donation of \$2,000 to our school. This money will be used to help improve and support our Maker Space which all the students use and love! Thank you Representative Drake for supporting our school!



Important Information on Erin's Law for Parents



Attention All Parents: To comply with Alabama's new [Erin's Law](#), HCS school counselors and administrators have created a plan to provide basic child sexual abuse prevention lessons for students. We have prepared a brief [video](#) that outlines plans for elementary, middle and high school

levels. Please [click](#) here for more detailed information on HCS's plan to implement Erin's Law, including the option for your child to opt out of these lessons if you so choose. Click [here](#) for this information in Spanish.

Precious Reading Moments from Our Reading Kickoff PJ Day

Do you want to see some of our precious moments from today's reading kick off pj day? Click here to see all the fun places and ways we read today!

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/U Ae6quTnY0oSLzyj2>

Don't forget to complete your winter reading challenge over the break!!!

Chromebook News

Students in grades 3-5 whose Chromebooks have not been returned from technology will not be available until after the holidays. Our technology department is moving locations and is unable to process any more repairs until they are settled.

Lost and Found

As the weather changes, our lost and found grows and grows. Please stop by and check for any missing items. We always donate these to a charity after each semester. To see pictures of some of the items, please click [here](#) to view a slideshow created by one of our 5th graders.

"Everyday" Fundraisers for Our School

"Everyday" fundraisers are EASY. There is something for everyone! Like most schools, Greystone Elementary not only relies on state and district funds, but also on other fundraising events to help meet our children's needs. You can help support the school with a variety of "everyday" fundraisers — fundraisers that do not cost parents extra dollars. Here are a few easy ways you can help our school meet its goals!



Publix partners: Scan your Publix card every time you shop at Publix before the end of the sale. (Note: Cards cannot be accepted after totaling the order.) Publix credits Greystone Elementary's account with every dollar our participants spend. At the end of each quarter, Publix will donate \$250 for every \$37,500 spent. New cards are available at the front office.



Box Tops: Please save your box tops. Each unexpired box top is worth 10 cents for our school. This may not seem like much, but they add up quickly. They do not need to be cut out neatly. Just send them to school in a Ziploc bag.

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EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

(Board policy, 6.6) No student will be unlawfully excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in any program or activity offered or sponsored by the Board on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, disability, creed, national origin, sex, immigrant or migrant status, non-English speaking ability, or homeless status. All career and technical education opportunities are offered to all students regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability. The district also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Mrs. Claire Moore, IDEA Coordinator Mrs. Marley Stephens, Section 504 Coordinator Dr. Debra Smith, Title I Coordinator Dr. Cindy Adams, Title II Coordinator Mrs. Claire Moore, Title III Coordinator Dr. Tera Simmons, Title IX Coordinator

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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Mary Veal, Equal Opportunity Employment Coordinator
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