

GREYSTONE ELEMENTARY LEARN. LEAD. LEAVE A LEGACY.

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February 12, 2018

Important Dates

February 13th - Hoover School Board Meeting -5:30 at Central Office

February 14th - Progress Reports Go Home

February 15th- Drama Club Presents *Cinderella* 6:00 p.m.

February 19th - YMCA Parent Information Opportunity - 4:00 - 6:00 pm - In the After School Care room

February 22nd - PTA Board Meeting 10:00 am

February 26th - PE Family Fun Night for K-2 - 6:00 pm

February 27th- P.E. Family Fun Night for 3-5 -6:00 pm

February 28th - Pink Shirt Day - WEAR PINK



#PinkShirtDay



Hoover Middle School Night Come and meet your upcoming middle school family!

> Hoover Middle School Parent Night at <u>YOUR</u> upcoming middle school Monday, March 19, 2018 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Berry Middle School 4500 Jaguar Drive Hoover, AL 35242 Simmons Middle School 1575 Patton Chapel Rd. Hoover, AL 35226 R.F. Bumpus Middle School 6055 Flemming Parkway Hoover, AL 35244

Parent and student activities will include: A welcome from your school's principal An overview of programs, clubs, activities, and opportunities An opportunity to meet your school's counselors, faculty, and staff An orientation meeting specifically designed for parents A tour of the school

Who should attend?

All parents and students who are <u>NEW</u> to their middle school for the 2018-2019 school year. This includes any rising 6th, 7th, or 8th graders who will be new to the school.



Menu:

https://schools.mealvi ewer.com/school/Grey stoneElementary

February Breakfast Menu

February Lunch Menu

People of Greystone-

Website http://www.peopleofgreyst one.com/ Facebook https://www.facebook.com /peopleofgreystone/ Instagram https://www.instagram.com /peopleofgreystone/



Check us out on Twitter! @greystoneelem

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

Congratulations to our January Core Value Award recipients. The Core Value for January was COMMITMENT!



Kindergarten: Not pictured - Lillie Ann Burnett



1st Grade: Not pictured - Will Fagan





4th Grade: Not pictured - John David Bonamy



5th Grade

Important Information on Erin's Law for Parents



Attention All Parents: To comply with Alabama's new <u>Erin's Law</u>, HCS school counselors and administrators have created a plan to provide basic child sexual abuse prevention lessons for students. We have prepared a brief <u>video</u>

that outlines plans for elementary, middle and high school levels. Please <u>click</u> 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 <u>here</u> for this information in Spanish.

PayPams- A Valuable Resource for You!

School Messenger was replaced with Blackboard in December. The low balance notifications were changed over; HOWEVER, the balance was not accurate to include the current day's payments/transactions. This caused much confusion and frustration for parents. In order to help you stay on top of your child's lunch balance, we encourage you to utilize the notification system in PayPams. We will soon be sending a phone bulletin of this feature in PayPams to help you learn more.

There is no charge to create and monitor an account. The only fee is if a payment is made online to your child's lunch account. Notifications levels can be set up at the parents preference: \$50.00, \$20.00, \$15.00, etc. This is a valuable tool and we hope you will take advantage of it to help you keep up with your child's balance.



Jump Rope for Heart Information

The Jump Rope for Heart collection day for all of the cash/checks collected during

February that were not donated online is Friday, March 2. Please send your cash/check donations in JRFH donation envelope on Friday, March 2. Coach Rand and I cannot accept any cash/checks for JRFH before this date. We are encouraging everyone to register online for participating in JRFH. Greystone off to an amazing start!



Thank you!! Leta Hoit and Coach Rand

Learn the Basics of Internet Safety

Children use a variety of online services, and each of these services can have different safety concerns. However, there are some basic tips which you can employ no matter how your children use the Internet.

- Keep the computer in a high-traffic area of your home.
- Establish limits for which online sites children may visit and for how long.
- Remember that Internet technology can be mobile, so make sure to monitor cell phones, gaming devices, and laptops.
- Surf the Internet with your children and let them show you what they like to do online.

- Know who is connecting with your children online and set rules for social networking, instant messaging, e-mailing, online gaming, and using webcams.
- Continually dialogue with your children about online safety.

Cox Communications Inc. National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® and John Walsh. *Teen Internet Safety Survey, Wave II*. Atlanta: Cox Communications Inc., 2007.

Update on the Flu in Hoover

While the State of Alabama is seeing widespread Flu activity, currently Hoover City Schools is seeing relatively low numbers of flu cases reported to us. We are monitoring numbers daily. Be assured that we are diligent in our efforts to prevent the spread of illness in our schools. The Alabama Department of Public Health urges the general public to follow these actions to avoid getting and spreading the flu:

- Consider getting the flu vaccine
- Stay at home if you have a fever, and for <u>at least 24 hours post fever</u> without fever-reducing medications
- Wash your hands often
- Cover your cough and sneeze
- Clean and disinfect your environment

Keeping Your Child Home Due to Illness or Injury

There are many minor illnesses or injuries that often occur that do not require your child to be absent from school. There are also many illnesses that do require your child to be absent from school, for your child's protection as well as the protection of the other students and staff members.



Such conditions would include, but are not limited to:

- Fever of 100 degrees or higher
- Vomiting
- Unexplained diarrhea
- Pink eye (untreated)
- Injury or illness requiring intensive medical services
- Adverse side effects from medication that need monitoring

• Head lice or continued presence of nits after treatment of head lice There are also some contagious conditions that carry special requirements about returning to school, such as strep throat, pink eye, chicken pox, flu, etc. If your student has a condition or illness that you are unsure about with regards to school attendance, please contact the nurse at your school to get information before sending your child back to school. We want to be a partner in promoting the very highest level of wellness for each student in our school environment.

MealViewer: Helping You Make Great Choices

Hoover City Schools has a new tool to help you see our menus, know the nutritional and allergen information of your child's meal choices, as well as let you rate your favorites. Check out Mealviewer to see the fantastic tool you now have available to help you make better breakfast and lunch choices! https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/GreystoneElementary





Spain Park High School Theatre presents Anne of Green Gables Thursday, February 15th, through Sunday, February 18th. We hope you'll join us for this imaginative retelling of the classic story of one young girl finding her place in the world.

Performances are: Thursday (2/15) and Friday (2/16) at 7:00; Saturday (2/17) at 2:00 and 7:00; and Sunday (2/18) at 2:00.

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for adults. As always, Hoover employees receive complimentary admission with ID.

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.

"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. http://www.boxtops4education.com/



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

(Board policy, 5.13.1) The Board is an equal opportunity employer. Personnel actions and decisions will be made without regard to factors or considerations prohibited by federal or state law (as such laws may from time to time be amended), including but not limited to race, gender, age, disability, national origin, citizenship, and religious preference. Subject to the limitations set forth in 4.6.2, the general complaint (grievance) policy (4.6.1) may be used to present any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination or harassment. Inquiries regarding compliance and complaint procedures can be directed to:

Mary Veal, Equal Opportunity Employment Coordinator Hoover City Schools 2810 Metropolitan Way Hoover, AL 35243 (205) 439-1000