



# GREYSTONE ELEMENTARY

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**February 16, 2018**

## Important Dates

**February 19th**- School will be in session (Make Up Weather Day)

**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

**March 1st** - Dauphin Island Chaperone Meeting - 7:15 am OR 6:00 pm

## School WILL Be in Session on Monday, February 19th!

We will have our Weather MakeUp on February 19th. This day was previously scheduled as a student holiday. Please make sure that you mark your calendars and we will see you on Monday!



## Congratulations Mercedes Marathon Runners

This year was a special year for Greystone and the Kids Mercedes Marathon. Greystone celebrated 15 years of participating and 150 students running! Mrs. Stocks presented each runner with a unique jag paw sweat headband. Way to go Greystone!!





### Menu:

<https://schools.mealiver.com/school/GreystoneElementary>

February Breakfast [Menu](#)

February Lunch [Menu](#)

### People of Greystone-

Website -

<http://www.peopleofgreystone.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!

## Greystone GEMS Sparkled at Rocky Ridge Elementary



The Greystone Elementary Girls Engaged in Math and Science (GEMS) team recently shared their project at the Hoover GEMS expo the first Saturday of February. This team of seven 4th and 5th grade girls has worked from October to February to plan and develop this project.

Their project was titled "Stop That Plastic: Reduce, Reuse, Reinvent and Recycle for a Cleaner Earth." The project first focused on researching the math behind plastic water bottle usage and potential waste issues. The girls then researched ways to recycle and reuse plastic water bottles creatively. They determined that one team of builders in Panama is even using recycled water bottles as insulation in new homes. Next, the girls worked as a team to create water filters made of rocks, sand, and activated charcoal in order to better understand the filtration process and the clean water issues that exist around the world. Finally, the team will be moving on to challenge their peers, families, and community to make a difference in these areas of concern in the coming months.

GEMS is an educational program designed to actively involve girls in STEM related activities through formal and informal learning environments. This Hoover GEMS day provided the teams opportunities to present their projects and participate in science, technology, engineering, and math presentations and activities throughout the morning and afternoon. We are so thankful to the Hoover City Schools Foundation for sponsoring this engaging event for our teams!

### Way to go Drama Club!

Our 5th grade drama club, under the direction of Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Higginbotham, and Mrs. Carns, did a fabulous job with their production of Cinderella! They spent many, many hours practicing so that they were well prepared for their performance. Those hours paid off and they were awesome! Every role, from Cinderella to stage crew, played an important part in making this show a success. Thanks to each of you and Congratulations for a job well done!



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## Hoover Middle School Night

*Come and meet your upcoming middle school family!*

### Hoover Middle School Parent Night

at **YOUR** 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 **NEW** 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.

**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!



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Thank you!!  
Leta Hoit and Coach Rand

### Library News



Scholastic Book Fair coming to Greystone March 19-22! More details soon!

### Calling all Responsible Fourth Graders

#### Are you interested in joining Safety Patrol?

We are searching for students who are interested in serving on our Safety Patrol Team for the remainder of the school year and possibly next school year. You should only apply for this position if you want to help keep Greystone safe and can commit to keeping up with this responsibility.

Morning patrols must be at their post by 7:15 a.m. Afternoon patrols should plan to be on duty until 3:10 p.m. Parents need to be sure their child will be at school by their designated time. We do not want patrols arriving late for their post or leaving early.



Being a part of safety patrol is a position of honor and leadership. We appreciate the work that the patrols do and the time they give to the school. Safety patrol members must realize that this is a commitment and they will be expected to be on post at their scheduled time.

Students who serve on the safety patrol team during the 4th nine weeks will earn a special party at the end of the year. Students who serve 1st, 2nd, and 3rd nine weeks next year will have the opportunity to attend a special field trip at the end of the year.

If you would like to apply to be a part of safety patrol for the remainder of the year, please email me at [kcarns@hoover.k12.al.us](mailto:kcarns@hoover.k12.al.us) or submit an application through the following website:

<https://goo.gl/forms/1oUDzZ4R7fs9vRcY2>

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Carns

Questions? [kcarns@hoover.k12.al.us](mailto:kcarns@hoover.k12.al.us)

### 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.

### 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.

A dark blue rectangular graphic with a red border. At the top, there are two "paypams" logos in white boxes, one on the left and one on the right. In the center is a circular orange icon containing a white silhouette of a spoon and a fork. Below the icons, the text "MANAGE CAFETERIA BALANCES!" is written in large, bold, red capital letters. Underneath this, there is a list of four bullet points, each starting with a white checkmark in a blue square. At the bottom of the graphic, the text "Set up today: <https://www.paypams.com/>" is written in white. In the bottom right corner, there is a small logo for Hoover City Schools, which consists of a stylized "H" and the text "HOVER CITY SCHOOLS" below it.

**MANAGE CAFETERIA BALANCES!**

- ✓ Set up a PayPams account & pay for your child's meals 24/7!
- ✓ Schedule automatic payments based on account balance!
- ✓ View your child's cafeteria purchases online!
- ✓ Receive e-mail notifications when balances get low!

Set up today: <https://www.paypams.com/>

The logo for Hoover City Schools, featuring a stylized "H" and the text "HOVER CITY SCHOOLS" below it.

## 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.

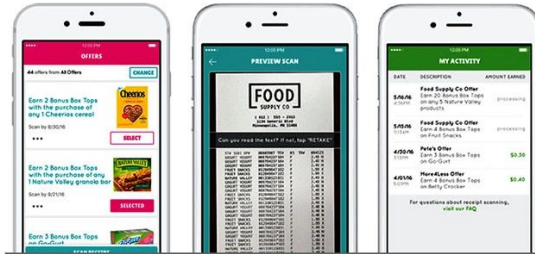
<http://www.boxtops4education.com/>



# NEW BOX TOPS BONUS APP

Earn even more cash to help your school get what it needs through the Box Tops for Education® Bonus App. Turn your everyday receipts into cash for your school. It's free and as easy as 1-2-3. **Here's how it works:**

- BUY.** FIND OFFERS. BUY PRODUCTS.
- SCAN.** SCAN YOUR RECEIPT.
- EARN.** WATCH EARNINGS STACK UP.



You can earn Bonus Box Tops in the Box Tops Bonus App in combination with the on-pack Box Tops clip and any other coupon, discount, store program or promotion.

### DOWNLOAD THE APP TODAY!



**AmazonSmile:** Please use this link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/63-1145375> when you shop at Amazon.com. Amazon donates 0.5% of the sale to Greystone Elementary when using this link. Please bookmark this and pass this on to friends and family. When you use this link, it will look the same as Amazon.com has always looked to you. Please be sure to use this link every time you shop at Amazon.

#### 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  
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