



GREYSTONE ELEMENTARY

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March 1, 2018

Important Dates

March 4th - 7th - 5th Grade travels to Dauphin Island

March 6th- Community Safety Meeting @ SPHS Auditorium 6-8 p.m.

March 8th- Community Safety Meeting @ HHS Auditorium 6-8 p.m.

March 12th- K-2 Chick fil A Spirit Night 5:00-7:00 pm.

March 13th- 3rd-5th grade Chick fil A Spirit Night 5:00-7:00 pm.

March 14th - Vision Research for K, 2nd, and 4th Grades - rescheduled from January

March 19th-23rd- Spring Book Fair

March 19th- Middle School Transition Night 6-8:00 p.m. Berry Middle

March 21st- Report Cards Go Home

March 22nd- Spring Pictures

March 26th-30th- Spring Break

What a Great Week of Kindness!

What a great week of reminding each other to choose kindness each and every day! Thank you to all the students and teachers for showing such amazing kindness this week. Let's continue and make each and every day !



School Safety Meetings to Be Held in March

Dear HCS Families,
Hoover City Schools will host two School Safety Community Meetings in March. The first one is March 6, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at Spain Park High School. The second meeting is Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at Hoover High School. Both meetings are identical in format.

Hoover City Schools Superintendent Dr. Kathy Murphy, Hoover Board of Education members, Police Chief Nick Derzis, Fire Chief Clay Bentley, City Education Liaison Derrick Murphy, Mayor Frank Brocato, and other school district and city leaders will be present for the discussion.

The meeting will allow the school district an opportunity to discuss safety efforts, at least to the extent that such discussion does not

See Something...
Say Something.

205-670-6847

Help keep our school safe! If you know that someone is in danger, something might happen, or something has already happened -

REPORT IT!

Anonymous and Confidentially Report:

COMPACTED



- Bullying
- Threats
- Fighting
- Weapons
- Drugs
- Crime

Submit tips online:
<http://bit.ly/2020tips>

Please remember, if it's an emergency - **DIAL 911!**

Tips monitored by Compact 2020



Menu:

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

March Breakfast [Menu](#)

March Lunch [Menu](#)

People of Greystone-

Website -

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

Facebook -

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

Instagram -

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



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compromise the safety of children. In addition, this is a forum for the community to share thoughts and ideas.

The first priority of our school district and our city is the protection of its citizens. Therefore, we invite you to attend one or both meetings to share in thoughtful dialogue and to present ideas and strategies as we all seek to ensure school safety. Please visit our website to see more on "[Safety in Our Schools.](#)"

March 22nd- Parent Meeting- How to Navigate Your Child's Technology Use

Greystone is excited to announce that we will host a parent meeting on March 22nd at 9:15 a.m. in the conference room. This meeting will go over the ways that we can protect our child's digital well being. It is hard to know how to navigate this digital world with so many children having constant access to technology. Come and hear ways you can help your child use technology without worry.

A Note from Common Sense Media on Protecting Your Child's Digital Well-Being

Common Sense has always focused on helping families embrace the positive aspects of media and technology while learning to navigate its potential downsides. More and more, though, it's the negatives that seem to dominate our conversations about tech. Whether it's devices that are designed to monopolize our kids' attention, streaming services that encourage hours-long bingeing, or media platforms that show us only what we want to see (or, worse, information that's made up altogether), many families feel like tech is closing in on them rather than opening up new possibilities. We're big believers in the positive power of technology, and this concerns us. So in partnership with the Center for Humane Technology, a new organization founded by former Google design ethicist Tristan Harris, we're committing to reversing the potentially negative impacts of tech on our kids' social, emotional, and cognitive well-being.



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To learn more about what you can do, click [here](#).

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Is Your Child Protecting Their Chromebook

Please help us keep your child's Chromebook safe. We have seen more students with accidental breakage and would like remind everyone that all Chromebooks must have a case in order to take it home. Also, all Chromebooks need to be carried in that case

during times at the bus stops or walking around. This helps keep our students from losing valuable instruction time while their Chromebook is being repaired. Thank you for helping us with this!



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.



Library News- Book Fair Is Coming and There Are Easier Ways to Pay!

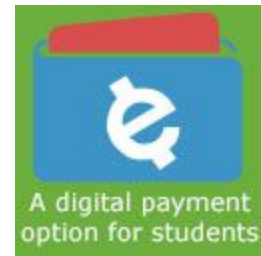
Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Greystone March 19-22! If you would like to volunteer, just click on the SignUpGenius link below to see the shifts available. Click [here](#) to see the book

fair schedule in case you want to volunteer when your child shops. Email Mrs. Richey at jrichey@hoover.k12.al.us if have any questions.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0548a8a72aa75-book3>

NEW this year! Add money to your child's eWallet for Book Fair! You can put money into your child's account beginning March 5 and the funds will be available when they shop! Any funds not used will be refunded to you. No more sending cash or check with your child for Book Fair! It's so easy! Check it out at

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/greystoneelementaryschool1>



State Testing Days Announced

Parents, please be aware that our state testing days have been scheduled for the following dates: 5th grade- week of April 9th and 3rd & 4th grades- week of April 16th. Students need to be in attendance during this time so please make sure you do not schedule any morning appointments or pre-planned absences during this time.

Oak Mountain Missions Food Drive

Please participate in our food drive for Oak Mountain Missions. Our food drive starts March 5th and continues until March 20th. We are collecting food for Oak Mountain Missions to feed families in the Jefferson and Shelby County communities. People at OMM depend on the community to donate food and supplies. Place donated items in the boxes in the lobby. Items needed include:



- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Meats
- Breakfast Foods
(cereals, oatmeal, grits, breakfast bars)
- Soups of all kinds
- Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotions
- Toothpaste, Toothbrushes

Did you know around 5,030 pounds of deer meat was collected and given to the clients of Oak Mountain Missions by local hunters?

Did you know OMM has many local referring agencies? Many churches, veteran organizations, and community action groups refer clients to OMM.

Did you know the mission collects furniture and clothing items too? Whenever you clean out items, make a call and OMM will schedule pick up! 205-685-5757
Oakmountainmissions.com for more details on this non-profit organization or
Email oakmountainmissions@yahoo.com

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.



MANAGE CAFETERIA BALANCES!

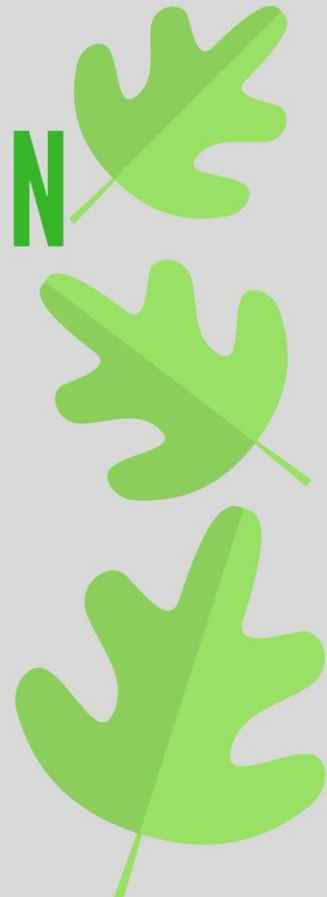
- Set up a PayPams account & pay for your child's meals 24/7!
- Schedule automatic payments based on account balance!
- View your child's cafeteria purchases online!
- Receive e-mail notifications when balances get low!

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



CITY OF HOOVER
20TH ANNUAL

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION



MARCH 3, 2018
9:30-11:30AM
ALDRIDGE GARDENS

Event includes FREE TREES for Hoover residents, a formal Arbor Day ceremony, recognition of Hoover Schools' 4th Grade Arbor Day Essay Contest winners, and a ceremonial tree planting.

Presented by Hoover Beautification Board

“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:**

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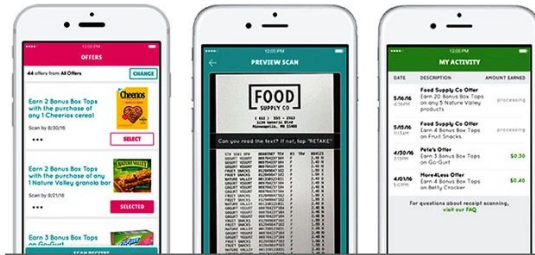
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BUY PRODUCTS.

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SCAN YOUR
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EARN.

WATCH EARNINGS
STACK UP.



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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

(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