

GREYSTONE ELEMENTARY

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March 16, 2018

Important Dates

March 19th-23rd- Spring Book Fair

March 19th - K to McWane Center

March 21st- Report Cards Go Home

March 22nd- Spring Pictures

March 22nd - Parent meeting for digital citizenship 9:15 am

March 22nd - PTA Board Meeting 10:00 am

March 22nd - Finley Recognition Ceremony 6:00 pm

March 26th-30th- Spring Break

April 2nd - Return from spring break

April 5th - PTA General Meeting 5:45 pm followed by the 2nd grade program 6:00 pm

Week of April 9th - 5th Grade state testing

Week of April 16th - 3rd and 4th grade state testing

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.

Safety and Communication

Parents, please know that we appreciate you contacting us with any concerns regarding your child's safety at school. The Community Safety Meetings were very informative and helped reinforce just how proactive our city and school district have been and will continue to be in regards to keeping your children safe. We can't do our jobs without you. If you see a concern or have a question, please contact Mrs. Stocks or Mrs. Williams. We can't address concerns if we aren't aware of them!

Smart Watches

We are seeing an increased number of Apple watches, Kidzoom, FiLIP, GizmoGadget, etc. We understand that these provide a way to keep track of your children and add a level of safety for you and your child. As long as these serve as watches ONLY during school, there is no reason to not allow these. However, our school rule regarding cell phone use during school does apply to these and does include texting. Cell phones, if brought to school, must remain turned OFF and in backpacks during the



school day. Students and parents should resist using these devices for communication during school. If students need to contact parents, they can come use a phone in the office when appropriate. Thanks for helping us with this.

Hoover Middle School Night RESCHEDULED!

You may have received notice from your child's school about Transition Nights scheduled for this coming Monday, March 19th and Thursday, April 12th. We are rescheduling those meetings for the month of May.

Confirmed dates and times for Hoover Transition Nights are as follows: Tuesday, May 1st - Elementary/Intermediate South Shades Crest- 5:25pm-6:30pm



Menu:

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

March Breakfast Menu

March Lunch Menu

Bluff Park- 5:30pm-6:30pm Deer Valley- 5:30pm-6:30pm Green Valley- 5:30pm-6:30pm Greystone- 5:30pm-6:30pm Riverchase- 5:30pm-6:30pm Rocky Ridge- 5:30pm-6:30pm Shades Mountain- 5:30pm-6:30pm Gwin- 6:00pm-7:00pm Trace Crossings- 6:00pm-7:00pm Brock's Gap- 6:30pm-7:30pm **Monday, May 7th - Middle School** Berry, Bumpus, and Simmons- 6:00pm-8:00pm **Tuesday, May 8th - High School** Hoover and Spain Park- 6:00pm-7:30pm



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

Book Fair is finally here! Shop March 19-22! Book Fair is our main fundraiser for the library - your purchases will help us buy new books for the library! Feel free to come and shop with

your child during their assigned time. Click <u>here</u> for schedule & hours. If you would like to volunteer, just click on the SignUpGenius link to see what shifts are available. <u>http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0548a8a72aa75-book3</u> If you are unable to attend, please send money in an envelope with your child's name, amount of money included, and **Book Fair** written on the envelope OR add money to their eWallet before their shopping time (new feature!). Want to add money to your child's eWallet for Book Fair so you don't have to send cash or check? Just go to

http://www.scholastic.com/bf/greystoneelementaryschool1 then scroll down to "Go Cash-Free," click "Get Started," then "Go to eWallet" to add funds. Only the actual amount spent will be charged to your credit card. Cash, credit cards, eWallet, and checks accepted - CHECKS MUST BE MADE TO <u>SCHOLASTIC.</u>

If sending a check, please leave the amount blank & write a "Do Not Exceed" amount on the envelope AND check. WE CAN NOT GIVE CHANGE FROM CHECKS!

Gift certificates will be available so that teachers can buy books for the classroom. If you would like your child to buy a gift certificate for their teacher, please write the approximate amount that your child should spend for this on the outside of the envelope.

If you do **<u>not</u>** want your child to buy a poster, please write that on the envelope.

Extended hours Wednesday, 3/21 from 7:15 a.m. to 4:00.

If you have any questions, email Mrs. Richey at jrichey@hoover.k12.al.us

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.

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 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 <u>oakmountainmissions@yahoo.com</u>

Mark Your Calendars for Celebrate Hoover Day Come see our Jumpin' Jags perform, too!

2018 Celebrate Hoover Day Veterans Park on Valleydale Road April 28, 2018 11 am – 3 pm (Rain Date: April 29, 2018)

Planet Fundraiser is Live- Download the App and Support Our School

Planet Fundraiser is making it easier than ever to give back to your school or non-profit organization. Download the App, select your cause or school, then just...



Greystone Elementary is now signed up to raise funds through Planet fundraiser. We are so excited at the ease of use and how many places we normally visit that will be able to donate to our school through this app. To help us get up and going, please do the following things:

1. Download the app and submit your receipts! You can find out more about how the app works <u>here</u>.

2. Use Facebook and Instagram to tag Planet Fundraiser for support of our school.

3. Open the app on your phone frequently to check out merchants near your current location (in case you are in different parts of town or traveling out of town), and look for new merchants regularly as we add new ones often. In your phone settings, set location services and notifications for the Planet Fundraiser app to "on" to make this information easy to access.

4. Remember that online delivery service from Shipt is a great way to collect funds on large ticket purchases with the convenience of delivery to your door.. Right now, Shipt will deliver from Target, Publix, Costco (no membership required), Whole Foods, Western, and the Piggly Wiggly. Supporters in other areas of the country can give to Greystone through Shipt as well so please spread the word to family and friends!

If you want to learn more about Planet Fundraiser, click <u>here</u> and learn how Hewitt Trussville High School Band just raised over \$15,000 using this amazing tool.

A Thank You from the American Heart Association









SHAPE America and the American Heart Association collaborate on the Jump Rope For Heart and Hoops For Heart programs.

March 16, 2018

Dear Leta Hoit:

On behalf of the American Heart Association and the millions of Americans we serve, thank you very much for your school's donation of *\$13,098.00. Families and schools are critical links in providing the foundation for cardiovascular wellness in our country. By holding this event at your school each year, you raise awareness about heart-healthy living. And you help us fund more lifesaving scientific research and critically needed education efforts. *Thank you*.

Almost every family in America is touched by heart disease or stroke, and your school's contribution will significantly impact our fight against these devastating illnesses. We hope that you, your faculty and your students found this life-saving effort rewarding and enjoyable. You are touching so many lives — and life is why we exist as an organization. Your help and support are greatly appreciated, and we look forward to partnering again with you next year!

Warm regards,

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Nancy Brown Chief Executive Officer, American Heart Association

Congratulations to Our February Kindness Award Recipients



Kindergarten



First Grade



Second Grade



Third Grade



Fourth Grade



Fifth Grade

Denim and Dining

Please consider attending to help support the Hoover City Schools Foundation! This foundation funded the start of our Maker Space!



Fun for a Cause! The Hoover City Schools Foundation is hosting its 3rd annual Denim & Dining event at the Met on April 7. In addition to outstanding BBQ and local craft drinks, we're excited that Robert Abernathy will be with us again and our silent auction will have great items! The proceeds raised from this wonderful event enable the Foundation to provide grants to Hoover City Schools teachers and schools. The Foundation granted over \$50,000 in 2017. Together, we can improve the educational offerings for our students, and enable teachers to find new and innovative ways to help our students learn. Attire: Jeans (yes, really!) Tickets available on Eventbrite at

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/denim-dining-tickets-43288601372. Early bird tickets \$50 until March 27.

Thanks to Mayor Brocato for coming by for a visit. We appreciate the partnership that the school district has with the city. Together we will continue to do great things and have the best city in Alabama!



"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/



(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

