



# GREYSTONE ELEMENTARY

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**March 9, 2018**

## Important Dates

**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



**Menu:**

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

March Breakfast [Menu](#)

## March 12th and 13th Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

Having trouble coming up with dinner plans? You are in luck! Next week it is time for another Greystone Spirit Night! So, join us at Chick-fil-A Greystone on March 12th (kindergarten through second grade) and on March 13th (third through fifth grade) and don't worry about the planning! You will be supporting our school and getting a night off from the kitchen all at the same time! We will see you there.



## 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.

## Congratulations to our Finley Character Education Homeroom Representatives!



**Kindergarten**

March Lunch [Menu](#)

**People of Greystone-**

Website -

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**1st Grade**



**2nd Grade**



**3rd Grade**



**4th Grade**



## 5th Grade

### 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!

### 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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### 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.



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:oakmountainmissions@yahoo.com)

### **Mark Your Calendars for Celebrate Hoover Day**

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

### **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/>



### “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/>

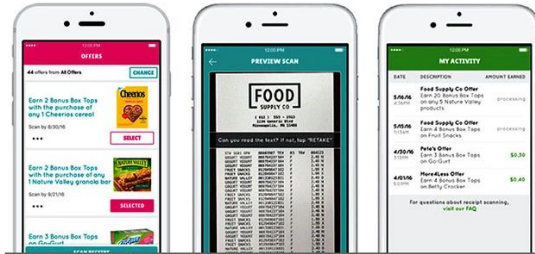




# NEW BOX TOPS BONUS APP

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!



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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

