

GRAHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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www.graham.newarkunified.org



SCHOOLWIDE EXPECTATIONS:

BE RESPECTFUL
BE RESPONSIBLE!
BE SAFE

Principal's Message...

Dear Graham Families,

Welcome to the new 2019-2020 school year and a special welcome to all of our new families! We are again looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our students achieve at their highest potential. Please join us outside on Monday mornings for the "**Monday Morning Minute**." During this time we'll hold a special drawing for students who have earned a "*Pawsitive Praise Ticket*" for being respectful, responsible or safe.

We will continue our implementation of PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports), a schoolwide approach to make schools safe & promote positive behavior. The focus of PBIS is prevention, not punishment. It is a way for Graham to encourage good behavior. All students learn about behavior, just like any other subject, and they follow the same rules. Remind your student that "Pawsitive Praise" tickets do not expire, therefore, students are able to use their tickets from last year!

Remember to turn in your Summer Reading Logs by August 30th to earn your special prize! "Reading Log, Reading Log, Reading Log...YES!"

I am excited to announce that Graham was selected as a winner of the Safe Places to Play mini-pitch last school year and we are currently receiving a new state-of-the-art soccer field for our school! You can learn more about it here: <https://ussoccerfoundation.org/programs/safe-places-to-play>
NUSD has also provided Graham with new play structures too!

We currently have a Water Bottle Filling Station Campaign! Our goal is to raise \$1,750 online to promote the reuse of water bottles vs. throwing away disposable bottles, thus contributing more trash to our landfills. Our students learn about taking care of our environment and their bodies. We have \$566 donated thus far. Please consider sharing our link with friends and family:
<https://www.tapwaterwatch.com/campaigns/graham-elementary-school/>

For everyone's safety, all visitors must sign in with the main office. As always, please be patient and safe as you travel through the community. In helping the environment, walk or bike to school. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and patience as we ensure that all our students have a safe and successful school year.

Respectfully,

Akilah Byrd
Principal

Important Dates to Remember

- ★ Aug. 19 - Coffee with the Principal 8:20 a.m
- ★ Aug. 30 - Summer Reading Logs due to teachers
- ★ Sept. 2 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- ★ Sept. 4 - GPS 6:00- 7:30 p.m
- ★ Sept. 5 - Back to School Night K-6. Time 6:00-7:30 (Adults only)
- ★ Sept. 9 - Full Day Schedule for Kindergarten Students
- ★ Sept. 20 - Make & Take 1:30 p.m.
- ★ Sept. 21 - Newark Days Parade "It's a Wizard World"
- ★ Sept. 25 - Picture Day
- ★ Sept. 28 - Parent Math Event 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- ★ Oct. - Read-A-Thon Month TBD
- ★ Oct. 2 - GPS 6:00 p.m.
- ★ Oct. 7 - ELAC 8:15 a.m.
- ★ Oct. 15 - BBQ Day (Hot Dogs) during lunch time
- ★ Oct. 16 - SSC 3:00 p.m.
- ★ Oct. 18 - Parent Literacy Night (Adults only) 6:00-7:30 p.m
- ★ Oct. 25 - Harvest Festival 1:30-3:30
- ★ Oct. 31 - Halloween Parade at 8:15 a.m.
- ★ Nov. 5 - Make-Up Picture Day



SCHEDULE

Grades 1-6 **Monday-Thursday**

8:10am-2:32pm

Fridays

8:10am-1:05pm

Tardies are marked

at **8:11 a.m.**sharp!

Kindergarten Only

Monday-Friday Short Days

8:10 am-12:10pm

(Aug 15-Sept. 8th only)

then, Full Day Schedule
beginning September 9th.



Absences and Tardies

Whenever an absence occurs, parents have **three school days to excuse the absence**. No changes can be made in attendance records after three days pass, so your student will be permanently marked as absent on that day. We cannot go back and change it.

Note: Tardies of more than 30 minutes count as a SARB tardy.

The office number is 818-3300. This number has a voicemail so a message can be left at anytime day or night.

Absences should be called in each day as soon as possible but no later than 9:00 a.m.

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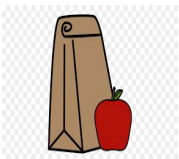


CELEBRATING YOUR CHILD'S BIRTHDAY.....

It is always a special occasion when your child has a birthday. To minimize disruption of our learning time, cupcakes, balloons and food are not allowed in class for school day celebrations.

Feel free to distribute treats in the courtyard after school only.

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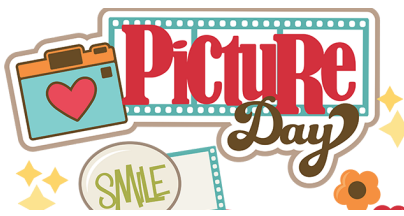


FORGOTTEN LUNCH?

Sometimes lunches get left behind in the morning rush to get to school on time.

Just bring the lunch to the school office, label it with his/her name. Please do not wait by the cafeteria to deliver food to your students.

To minimize interruptions to learning, Classes are not called for deliveries. Students know to pick up their meals on the way to the cafeteria.



PICTURE DAY

Smile! Picture Day is on **Wednesday, September 25th**. If you want to purchase your child's school picture, money must be brought to school on the morning of September 25th and given to your child's teacher before your child has his/her picture taken. No change is available at the school - Please send the exact amount only.

Picture money **cannot** be accepted after the picture has been taken.

For more information go to: www.lifetouch.com

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Medication/Allergies Forms

If your child needs to take medications, please remember that you need to fill out **a new form every year**.

Any student with a FOOD ALLERGY should have a signed doctor's form on file. **This needs to be done every year. Please stop by the office to pick up a form.**



Notes from our GPS Parents Club

Please come and join our GPS Team. We need parents, Students and staff volunteers to help make every school year a success!

We plan school-wide fun events and fundraisers for student enrichment. The success of GPS is reliant upon dedicated parents, students and staff!

We highly encourage parents, students and staff to attend our monthly meetings to discuss the needs of our Graham community.

We meet on the First Wednesday of every month from 6pm - 7pm. The first two meetings are scheduled for September 4th, and October 2nd..

Thank you for your support!

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GRAHAM SCHOOL'S NEWSLETTER IS GOING "PAPERLESS"

This means that - all Graham School newsletters will be posted on the school website instead of being sent home with your children.

This will allow school monies to be used in other areas, and also helps save our environment.

For families without computer access, you are welcome to use the computers in the Parent Center. Just sign in to the office for a badge.

We will have a few paper copies of each month's newsletter available in the school office.

Our website:

www.graham.newarkunified.org



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Friday, October 25th. We will have games, food and prizes.

HALLOWEEN PARADE:

Wednesday, October 31st, 8:15 a.m.

Please have your child come to our school in costume.

Students are not to bring any imitation or replica weapon such as Ninja swords, toy guns, knives, axes, etc., and should not have liquid simulated blood. Let's keep things positive! Families are invited to attend the parade.

Children will change into school attire after the parade is over, so please send along a change of clothes.

Please check to GPS members about how you can volunteer to help make this wonderful event a reality.



Back to School Night
This event is for parents only.

Grades K-6

Thursday

September 5th

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Start in the
Multi-Use Room



We need Basketball and Soccer Coaches:

*For Soccer, we need:
Coach for Girls*

*For Basketball, we need:
Basketball for the Girls Team
and for the Boy's Team.*

*If you are interested, please
call Mrs. Lopez at
(510)818-3302*



Lunch Applications for 2019-2020

If your family was approved for free or reduced lunch during the 2018-2019 school year, your children's status will be the same ONLY for the first 30 days of the new school year.

Please make sure you fill out completely the new application online. List all children and their schools on one (1) application. To avoid any delays in processing, please remember the following:

- List ALL children living in the household (in school or not).
- You do NOT have to fill out another application if you have children at different schools.
- List ALL adults living in the home and their GROSS monthly income per individual. Income shown must be from August, 2019 or later.
- If you qualify based on any assistance you receive you MUST provide the CASE #. (Simply writing, "YES" will delay processing.)

		<p><i>If you have questions, just ask us in the office. Thank you!</i></p>
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