GRAHAM NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER, 2018

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Social and Emotional Learning

At the start of every month staff and students come together for our town hall meeting. Grade level teams rotate and lead the assembly with the review of our school wide expectations and our social and emotional learning focus for the month. For the month of October we focused on Self-Awareness. The third grade team taught us how to recognize how we are feeling and to belly breathe in difficult situations. This month our fourth grade team led the assembly. For the month of November we will focus on Self Management. The fourth grade team taught us to use positive self-talk to help persevere and to stay in control of ourselves.

Positive Behavior Interventions

Friday during our town hall meeting we celebrated 155 students that stayed on green all month with no color zone changes during the month of October. While all students may not remain on green, we are taking a restorative approach when addressing student behavior. Conversations are not only about what happened but what the student needs to do to turn their day around. Here are some common questions used that you may find helpful when discussing color zone changes with your children. What Happened? What were you thinking at the time? What have you thought about since? Who has been affected by what you did? What do you think you need to do to make things right? These are all restorative questions that will help students take ownership

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and turn their day around.

Grand Opening of the Husky Den

This past week we opened our school store for all of our students to shop. Some students chose to spend their paw points while others chose to save them for bigger ticket items. Rewarding paw points to students is one way we recognize students positively. Students typically earn paw points for making good choices or going above and beyond.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

- Students should arrive no earlier than 8:55 a.m unless they serve on the safety and service squad.
- Students arriving after 9:00 a.m. must be signed in at the main office. After receiving a tardy pass, they will be escorted to class by a staff member.
- In order to provide optimum safety for all children, we ask that you do not walk your children to their classroom in the morning. Staff is stationed throughout the hallways to assist any child. If there is a special circumstance that requires you walking your child to class please sign in at the main office before proceeding to the classroom.
- The front loop is for busses and child care transportation vans ONLY.

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- Please do NOT leave your vehicle unattended in the side husky loop. Parents needing to enter the building with their child must park in a parking space in the side lot or on the street.
- During inclement weather for the safety and security of all, we asked that parents and students continue to follow the morning procedures.

SchoolStore.com

We have partnered up with SchoolStore.com to raise funds for essential tools for our students and teachers. SchoolStore's program is 100% online so there is no selling or handling money or products. Your participation is easy with no more than a few minutes of your time, and there is a nice prize program available to make this a fun experience.

Here is all you need to do for our program to succeed.
1. Go to www.schoolstore.net and sign up using our school ID: 155798
2. Send emails inviting family, friends, and co-workers to support your student.
3. Return the envelop with the student prize code for your child to get their really fun participation prize!

Here are three ways your family and friends can help out our school.
1. Make a 100% tax-deductible donation to your child's classroom with the purchase of a CaringForClassrooms.org gift card for your child's teacher to use for classroom supplies and equipment.
2. Renew or purchase magazine subscriptions, DVD's, cookbooks and more. We earn up to 50% of their purchase.

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3. Shop online with over 400 major merchants like Walmart, Kohl's, Best Buy, Disney, and more. We earn a small percentage of their purchase.

One family in our school has a winning $100 Golden Ticket in their packet. Enter your ticket number online to see if it is yours! Packets are coming home this week.

Check out the video for School Store at Schoolstore.com/video

Club's Choice Fundraising

Achiever Keychain Collectible coupons can still be turned in this week! You can give them to the teacher or main office. We will not be taking any late fundraiser orders past Wednesday, November 7, 2018. The orders will be mailed out that night. Delivery will take place on Monday, December 10th from 4-6pm. Please make arrangements to pick up orders during this time, we do not have the space to store frozen items. If you have any questions regarding the fundraiser, please contact our representative Ryan Frankart at 419-343-2148 or rfrankart@clubs-choice.com.

On the Horizon

November 6th- NO SCHOOL for students.

November 9th -Popcorn Friday sponsored by Mrs. Griffith and her 4th graders. Bags of popcorn are 50 cents a bag/ no limit.

Airtime Night (Westland) 3:00-11:00pm – Join us Friday night at Airtime in Westland for a Graham Jump Party. Cost is $14.00 for 2 hours of jump time. $5 will be donated back to Graham for every participant. Must mention the $14 school deal when signing in.

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November 13th – Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser night. We are looking for donations of baked goods to host a bake sale at the Texas Roadhouse night. If you can donate home or store baked goods please reach out to Nikki Stevenson at stevensonn@wwcsd.net, thank you! Those items will be to be dropped off to the school by 4pm on Tuesday, November 13th.

November 16th – Popcorn Friday

November 19th – Jump with Jill Assembly 2:30pm

November 20th – PTA Meeting 6:00 pm

November 21st – ½ Day Dismissal at 12:10pm

November 22nd -and Friday, November 23rd – NO SCHOOL

November 30th – Popcorn Friday, November Box Top Collection & Book Fair Family Night 5:30-7:30pm (more info to come).