



News from Ms. Morningstar

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Graham Hill Elementary

From the desk of Chris Morningstar

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Special points of interest:

- Protecting Our Children
- On the Back.....

Upcoming events:

2/6/08: Early dismissal @1:15

2/7: Final Kindergarten Tours@1:00

2/11: Parent Involvement day (see other side)

2/12: Heritage Night Planning Meeting @6:00

2/18-22: Mid Winter Break. No School

Protecting Our Children.

None of us would argue that protecting children from harm is our major responsibility. This does not just mean protecting them physically but also from effects of electronic media.

Whether or not your children are fixated on TV or video games it's likely that they spend many hours a week tuned into music, movies, computers or TV. They may seem educational but are they really?

Do your children have a My Space page? Or do they access to a friends MY Space page?

Here are some tips for you to follow to

lessen the negative impact of electronics on your child.

1. Watch with Them

Speak up when you see something offensive. Tell them why.

2. Turn It Off

Limit the time they can be connected to the media. Turn it off.

3. Keep TV's and computers/games out of their bedroom.

You will be able to monitor their actions easier.

4. Use The Rating System. There are helpful systems on all movies, CD's, video games. etc.

5. Believe that watching violence breeds violence. This goes for music and games as well.

6. Don't Give In !!

If your children beg for video games, music, or DVD's that you feel are inappropriate, ignore their pleas and don't buy them. Be strong. If your child gets an inappropriate game/DVD as a gift, exchange it for something else.

7. Help them understand real from fantasy. Some children get lost in the images they see in videos, computer games or on TV. They often want to act out what they see or hear and often the results are tragic. Sometimes the staff at GH encounter students who are acting out some of these behaviors with real or play fighting. We need your help disconnecting kids from these electronic influences.

Parent Involvement Day and Chinese New Year



February 11th is designated as National African American Parent Involvement Day across the nation. Initially this day was started as a way to invite parents into the schools and get them involved.

Graham Hill staff would like to cordially invite **All Parents**, especially those who cannot come to school on a regular basis, to join us for all or part of the day on Monday, February 11, 2008.

At 9:30 we are hosting the Franklin High School Lion Dance team and Fan Dance group for an all school assembly in honor of Chinese New Year.

From 11:35-12:30 parents are invited to a salad bar luncheon in the lunchroom. You can eat with your child! Please check the schedule below. Like any other day, students will either bring their lunch from home or buy school lunch.

After the assembly and before lunch you are welcome to help or visit in your child's classroom. We look forward to seeing you!



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Lunch Schedule
11:35 230,232,233,101
11:45 103,105
12:00 108,112,203,235
12:10 114,121,123,236

To help us prepare for lunch on the 11th, please call the school office by Wednesday, February 6th and indicate if you will be joining us for lunch and how many will be in attendance. Thank you. 252-7140

