



# News from Ms. Morningstar

Graham Hill students will become lifelong learners and problem solvers. They will work to get along with others and respect differences.

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## Graham Hill Elementary

From the desk of Chris Morningstar

March 19, 2008

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### Special points of interest:

- Congratulations All Around!!!
- On the Back.....

### Upcoming events:

**3/19/08:** District Special Education PTSA meeting here at 7 p.m.

**3/21/08:** No School for students. Professional Development Day for staff

**3/22/08:** 2 p.m. Discover Dance performance @ McCaw Hall

**3/25/08:** Global Reading Challenge semi-finals. Also Ivy Out fundraiser for O.E.O and PTA meeting at 6 p.m. whew!

### WOW! Congratulations all around.

Last week Graham Hill held it's 1st **Global Reading Challenge** under the direction of Jeanette Hagan and the help of the 4th and 5th grade teachers. Congratulations to The Question Marks, from Shelly Sharp's class on their first place finish.

They will advance to the semi-finals which will take place at the Downtown Library on March 25th. At that point they will represent GH, competing with teams from 40 other schools to determine which teams will go to the All-City Final. Team members are: William Nguyen, Melvin Inthavong, David Nguyen, Megan

Omoto, Johnae Beckman and Amy Le.

All the teams from the other fourth and fifth grade classes did extremely well too. All students were well prepared and did an amazing amount of reading of some difficult books, as well as displaying great teamwork. We can all be very proud of our students.

### Festival of Words and Photos.


On March 15th several of our students were invited to read their own literary pieces at the 3rd annual event held at the Rainier Valley Cultural Center. In her age category for Poetry, Emma Eder won Grand prize! Joe Wolf won 2nd and Herman

Buchanan won 3rd place with Brigid Wills and Lillie Dale receiving honorable mention.

In the Prose category, Amanda Nguyen won 1st place and Martin Lapan 2nd with Gabriel Hopper-Manole receiving honorable mention.

How exciting is that???  
**Other reasons to be proud:**

This Saturday our 3rd grade students will be performing at McCaw Hall because of the Discover Dance program. They have been practicing for weeks. Our Chorus is also performing and the backdrops have been created by the 4th and 5th grade students under the direction of Darwin, our artist in residence.

Thank you to ALL who took part in Math and WASL Nights; both huge successes. Lastly, what a fantastic 1st issue of the Whales Tales !!! 



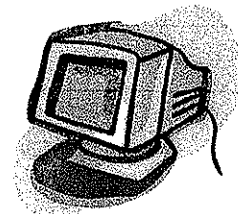
# Graham Hill



## Families/PTA News

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### Graham Hill Interactive Website



Did you know we have a great interactive website? The Graham Hill wiki is a user-maintained website. Check it out at <http://wiki.grahamhillelementary.org/start>. It's not only filled with helpful information about Graham Hill but YOU can add your own contributions to it. The site contains lots of fantastic information about the school, but it is by no means a complete or exhaustive resource. Since this is a user-generated and user-maintained site, it is only as valuable as we ALL make it. Feel free to poke around and to make any additions or changes as you see fit. Editing pages is simple -- the basics are explained here: <http://wiki.grahamhillelementary.org/edit>. Please give it a try and don't worry about messing something up -- all previous versions of pages are archived, so it's simple to recover from any goofs. If you need any additional help, please feel free to contact Keith Harrison (thanks Keith!) at [deejayk@gmail.com](mailto:deejayk@gmail.com).

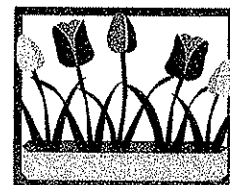
Some interesting pages to get you started:

- A list of upcoming events: <http://wiki.grahamhillelementary.org/events>
- A list of ways that you can support the school: <http://wiki.grahamhillelementary.org/support-graham-hill>
- Information on the PTA: <http://wiki.grahamhillelementary.org/pta>
- A forum to discuss topics related to fundraising, the school's web presence, education and parenting, or anything else you want to share: <http://wiki.grahamhillelementary.org/forum:start>



### 2008-09 PTA Board Members

### Spring is coming...



Planning ahead is a good thing and it's not too early to start thinking about next year. At the last PTA meeting, we formed a team to start looking for those who may be interested in participating on the PTA board. For next year, we need a treasurer, volunteer coordinator, and a secretary. Contact Fiona Giles at 331-4401 [figiles@hotmail.com](mailto:figiles@hotmail.com) or Stacey Pitts at 760-1800 [mrspitts1@msn.com](mailto:mrspitts1@msn.com) if you're interested in finding out more about any of these positions for the 2008-2009 school year.

And so is our **next PTA meeting!** Tuesday, March 25th at 6pm -- Come and join us for good food, a shortened PTA meeting and an informative presentation on the Autism Inclusion program at Graham Hill.

Every day we have family members and friends of Graham Hill who come and volunteer in classrooms and for special events and activities! **THANK YOU!** Graham Hill is a better school because of YOU! Keep up the good work!