



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.

RESPECT:

Last Monday at our Monday Morning Meeting (all school assembly) we talked with the students about the meaning of respect and what respect and disrespect looks like.

If you see THE GRAHAM HILL WAY posters around the school you will notice that the first 3 points talk about respect. The PEACE PLEDGE that is recited in gym each day and every Monday morning starts with respect.

Respect is at the heart of what we do daily at Graham Hill. With respect we can communicate with each other and help

each other problem solve in meaningful and positive ways. I am asking you to talk with your student about what respect means to you and what does it look like in your family.

Some staff did skits about walking away from an adult when she is trying to talk to you and bouncing the ball in the hallway and just needing a reminder or chewing gum and knowing that this is breaking a Graham Hill rule but doing it anyway.

These were gentle respectful reminders aimed at helping all staff and students to be "on the same page" as we enter the last trimester of the school year. We

appreciate your support and you might enjoy having your child teach you the PEACE PLEDGE!

ANNUAL FUND:

At our last PTA meeting I made an appeal to those of you in attendance to please consider donating to the Annual Fund. I gave examples of how the Fund would directly benefit the students at Graham Hill.


As you know, every year our school budget gets tighter and tighter. Mr. Rollosson's position was cut to .5 but the staff voted to use our money to elevate his position to full time. YEAH! Now however, we need to ask you for help. There are still many needs we have in order to serve all of the students at GH such as funding Powerful Writers for another year and increasing MR. P.'s contract so he can run our computer lab or buses for after school activities. Please Help!

Graham Hill Elementary

From the desk of Chris Morningstar

April 9, 2008

Special points of interest:

- RESPECT
- Annual Fund 
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Upcoming events:

4/10/08: SPRING SING!

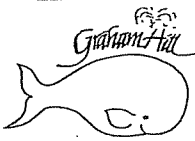


4/16/08: WASL begins

4/17/08: MIP evening meeting about school advocacy.

4/22/08: Plate making, PTA meeting and Pizza

4/30/08: Open Mic @ Starbucks.



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Families/PTA News

April 9, 2008

Box Tops and Labels Collection Turns Into Cash and Great Items for Graham Hill

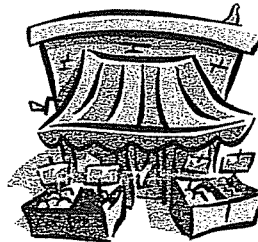


Thanks to the leadership of Rachel Harrison & Jen DuBois and all of you who've turned in box tops, the school has raised over \$120 from the **Box Tops 4 Education** program so far this year. Also, we've been able to redeem **Campbell's label** points and purchase the following **for the school gym**: Portable Ball Cart, Softball Throw Down Bases, Mushroom Paddles Set of 4 (Scooter Accessory), Magic Playground, and Speed Stacks® and DVD. And the following books have been earned **for the school library**: The Big Dinosaur Dig, Presidents, and a Spanish English Dictionary.

Wow! Look what we've accomplished so far! It's so simple to collect labels and box tops and turn them in to the school. Keep 'em coming! Also, don't forget to bring in items such as empty inkjet cartridges or old cell phones for the **Cartridges for Kids** fundraiser (See www.cartridgesforkids.com for more items that you can recycle).

Graham Hill Kids' Tent at Farmer's Market

To serve our community and give Graham Hill exposure to our surrounding neighborhoods, we are going to sponsor the kids' tent at the **Columbia City Farmers Market on Wednesday, June 4th from 3:00 to 6:00.**



We **need ideas** for an activity! The activity needs to be creative and fun for all ages!! We may want to think about something that ties in with farming or food. Prior groups have made hats, necklaces, bookmarks, planted seeds, etc. Please email me (rachelinccity@yahoo.com) if you have any ideas that we could possibly use.

We also **need volunteers** to work the tent. We need to be there by 2:30 to set up and the tent needs to be cleaned up by 6:00 pm. Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions or are interested in helping out. --- Rachel Harrison 206-725-7299.

Plate making, Pizza and PTA meeting



Our next PTA meeting is on **Tuesday, April 22nd.** It's going to be a fun night for the family to have pizza and then for the kids to make plates while the adults join in the PTA meeting. You won't want to miss all that's in store! Watch for details to come!

ANNUAL FUND DONATION: COUNT ME IN!

Name _____
Address _____
City, State Zip _____
Phone _____
Student Name(s) _____ Grade(s) _____

Donation Levels

Up to \$49 Friend of Graham Hill Elementary
\$50—\$499 Bronze Giver
\$500—\$999..... Silver Giver
\$1,000 or more Golden Giver

Total Donation Amount:

\$ _____

- I would like to make my donation in installments of \$ _____
- My employer will make a matching donation; the required form is enclosed.
- I would like to donate stock. Please have the PTA Treasurer contact me to arrange stock transfer.

Method of Payment

- Check / Money Order enclosed, payable to "Graham Hill PTA"
- Cash

For more information, please contact **Lena Louie, PTA Co-President at 206-722-0468** or **Christine King, Annual Fund Chair at 206-725-0082**

Mail form & tax-deductible gift to

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