Graham Hill Elementary School PTA

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A WARM WELCOME FROM THE PTA!

September, 2007

Dear Graham Hill families,

Welcome to all of our new and returning families! It's going to be a great year with terrific opportunities and fun events. We are eager and committed to making this a successful year for all. Our success doesn't just depend on a few but on all of you as well. We need all of our students, parents, guardians, teachers and staff to work together. Here are just a couple things we'd like to highlight.

COMMUNITY BUILDING - ONE SCHOOL SERVING ALL...

Every year we have exciting events like Curriculum Night, Fall Festival, Heritage Night and Book Fairs. Our gardening parties were a huge success last year and we're eager to do even more to improve the school grounds. Join us and have fun with your children and get to know other parents and school staff!!

Family events, outdoor education overnight, field trips and buses, after school programs and classroom supplies are just some of the opportunities that we can provide for our children. Our PTA has funded these things and more for many years. This year is no exception; Graham Hill needs your help.

FUNDRAISING...

Most of us believe that our taxes cover all of a school's necessities for our children. Unfortunately, the funding that public schools receive barely covers the basics. Therefore, Graham Hill's PTA, as well as others around the country, hold fundraising events throughout the year to support programs that are not covered by the school budget.

We have scheduled only two main fundraising events this year, a Fall Catalog Sale and our Annual Fund Drive. The latter will be a continuous effort throughout the year.

RETURN GREEN FORMS...

This year the PTA is trying to make communication with you easier by designating certain colors for forms. So, if you see a GREEN form from the PTA, that means we're inviting you to fill it out and return it. BLUE forms will announce our monthly PTA meetings.

100% PARTICIPATION...

Even though monetary donations are crucial, volunteering is a priceless contribution that makes difference. Our goal is to have 100% participation. We encourage you to complete and return the enclosed forms to support Graham Hill in whatever way you can. We appreciate all the help we can get to have a better school for our children. We're looking forward to the best year ever!

Your PTA Board

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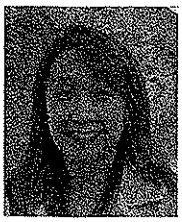
Our 2007-2008 PTA Officers



Co-presidents

Lena Louie, mother of Lauren (Ms. Jordan) and two GH graduates. I value the diversity of the student body and staff. My particular interest for this year's PTA is 100% participation from the Graham Hill community and to make everyone feel welcomed and valued.

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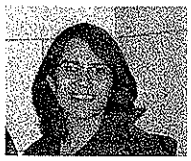

Ana Schoenecker, mother of Naomi (Ms. Shenas) and David (Ms. Libby). I really value Graham Hill's diversity and welcoming environment. I have particular interest in increasing GH community participation and cultural strength.

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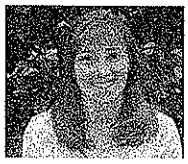

Co-vice-presidents

Debbie Leonard, mother of Alyssa (GH graduate), Justin (Ms. Jordan) and Christopher (Ms. Shenas). I value the staff and parents because they work toward uniting a diverse community. I'd like to add greater organization to the PTA so that everyone who wants to have a part is involved.

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Elaine Porterfield, mother of Morgan (Ms. Shenas). I love the sense of friendship at Graham Hill. This year, would love to get some quality after school or lunchtime extracurricular options going for our students: chess club, Spanish club again, double Dutch and to add a Chinese language club to support the classroom instruction!

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Secretary

Jennifer Vertetis, mother of Peter (Ms. Larson) and Mary (not yet at GH). I value the school's commitment to inclusion and diversity. I'm interested in creating a photo history of the year.

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Treasurer

Geoff Dillard, father of Quinn (Ms. Kingsbury) and Trinity (Ms. Shenas). I value the teachers and principal the most at Graham Hill, since they set the tone for the rest of the school. My goal for this year is to improve how the PTA raises money.

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Volunteer Coordinator

Christine King, mother of Lilly (Ms. Maureen) and Summer (Ms Libby). I love the neighborhood feel and the diversity at Graham Hill. As the Volunteer Committee Chair, I hope to bring volunteers together in order to make a more unified Graham Hill.

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Teacher Representative

Shelley Hurley, Autism Inclusion teacher, mother of Joshua, Joseph and Thomas Gray. Graham Hill is an amazing place to work. Between the students and the parents, it's a giving and outgoing community. I find that I am learning as much from my students as I teach them. This year I'd like to continue to grow the PTA by being able to add services like interpreters that will bring in more families.

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