



Mountain View  
Whisman  
School District

**Graham**  
Middle School



February 29, 2024

**Message from Principal, Heidi Galassi:**

Hello Graham Families!

Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, is the first day of Women's History Month. Additionally, next Friday, March 8 is International's Women's Day. This date was first recognized by the United Nations in 1977 and serves to recognize women's achievements.

We encourage families to join us in celebrating Women's History Month. Take this opportunity to have conversations at home about the remarkable women who have influenced your lives and discuss the importance of gender equality with your children. Together, we can instill values of respect, inclusivity, and empowerment in the next generation.

As we honor Women's History Month at Graham Middle School, let's celebrate the achievements of women past and present and inspire our students to become leaders of tomorrow.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Heidi Galassi

## School News

### Graham Counselors

The counseling team will be pushing in lessons for students in grades 6th through 8th during their science classes throughout the month of March.

The focus of these lessons will be on college and career readiness, aiming to provide valuable information and guidance to students as they explore their future educational and career pathways. Our goal is to empower students with the necessary knowledge and resources to make informed decisions about their future education and career aspirations. We believe that these lessons will be instrumental in helping students develop a strong foundation for their future success. Never too early to start thinking about college!

Please don't hesitate to send us a Parent/Guardian Referral form if you need to refer a student to us for social-emotional, academic or college & career counseling.

Click here: [Parent/Guardian Referral Form](#)

### Graham's Spring Picture Day

[Go to My.Lifetouch.com](https://www.mylifetouch.com) to order your Spring pictures.

**Picture Day Date: Monday, March 18, 2024**

**Location: MUR**

**Picture Day ID: EVT7RWCTD**

### Graham's PTA

#### **Local Kitchens PTA Fundraiser All day March 5th**

Local Kitchens, a micro food hall, is **donating 20% of their sales** to the Graham PTA on **March 5th!**

Just order online at [LocalKitchens.com](https://www.localkitchens.com) (Mountain View location), use the Local Kitchens mobile app, or order from their in-store kiosk, and **use the code COMMUNITY** at checkout.

Mix and match from a variety of menus in one order.  
(It's so easy! You don't have to agree on one restaurant!)

Order from:

- Square Pie Guys (Pizza)
- Proposition Chicken
- Nopalito Taqueria
- Rooster & Rice (Thai, chicken)
- Milk Bar (desserts)
- Pressed (cold pressed juices)
- Sushirrito (Japanese fusion, sushi burritos)
- The Melt (Burgers, grilled cheese)
- Milk Bar (desserts)
- Pressed (juice, healthy)
- Humphrey Slocombe (ice cream)

Good for pick-up or delivery orders.  
1711 W. El Camino Real (near El Monte), Mountain View

## **Graham's "AWESOME Acts" winners**

### **Pursue Knowledge**

Oghuzkhan- Ms. Geoghegan  
Piero - Ms. Martinez  
Ming-Yang- Ms. Bari

### **Take Pride**

Rinn- Mr. Carroll  
Gavin - Ms. McIntyre  
Ola Mae - Ms. Neubauer

### **Reporting an Absence**

Please call the 24hour automated Attendance Line at 650-526-3570, ext. 2680 or email [grahamattendance@mvwsd.org](mailto:grahamattendance@mvwsd.org) to report an absence or late arrival. Provide the following information: date of absence, student's name, grade, reason for absence, and name and relationship of the person reporting the absence. After reporting a COVID positive absence on the attendance line or by email click [here](#) to fill out the COVID reporting form.

### **Bell Schedule**

You can access the Graham Bell Schedule [here](#). School starts at 8:25am every day.

### **Medication Forms**

If your child requires medication to be kept at school, please pick up a [medication release form](#) from the school office. We cannot administer any medication without the forms. Please note that all medication, even over the counter medications, need a medication form signed by your doctor. For more information [click here](#) to be linked to the Physical Health webpage.

### **Drop-off and Pick-up**

There are different options for arriving at school. Please check out the Graham website for ideas for [Walking and Biking to School](#). If you plan to drop off your student on campus, please use the parking lot in front of the library for drop off and pick up. Please pull all the way up and then let your students out. Please do not pull out of the line. This is to assure that everyone safely exits their vehicle. The MVSP (Gym) parking lot will be for staff only. Also, Lane Avenue may not be used as a drop off or pick up location for students. Due to the limited space, it causes a safety hazard for our students.

### **Bike Cage**

Please remind your students to lock their bikes in the bike cage. While the bike cage protects student bikes from theft by individuals passing our campus during the day, it does not guarantee theft protection after school from persons entering the bike cage. Locking their bike is the best way to ensure that the only person who walks away with a bike from our bike cage is the bike's owner.

### **Important Dates**

March 4, Choir Concert at 7:00PM at the Auditorium  
March 15 and March 16, Spring Musical at 7:30PM at the Auditorium  
March 17, Spring Musical at 2:00PM at the Auditorium  
March 18, Spring Picture Day at the MUR  
March 20, Band Concert at 6:30PM at the Auditorium  
March 25, Teacher Service Day (No School for Students)  
March 28, Minimum Day for Students, dismissal time for students 12:50PM)  
March 28, Open House at 6:00 - 8:00PM  
April 3, Strings Concert at 7:00PM at the Auditorium

2023 -2024 School Year Calendar - [Here](#)  
2024-2025 School Year Calendar- [Here](#)

## **District News**

### **The Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday, Feb. 29 at 6:00 p.m.**

Some of the topics include:

- Early Literacy Update
- Parcel Tax Polling Results
- Environmental Sustainability Plan Update
- Resolution Recognizing Women's History Month

For meeting details and agenda, please click here: <https://www.mvwsd.org/trustees>.

### **5th, 8th grade promotion dates**

Each year we look forward to celebrating with families as our 5th and 8th grade students are promoted to the next school level. This year, the dates are:

\* 5th grade promotion: Thursday, May 30

\* 8th grade promotion: Friday, May 31(9 or 11 am, depending on school), the last day of school

Your school principal will share more specifics about the celebrations as details are available.

### **Annual Reclassification Ceremony: Thursday, April 25**

Our yearly celebration of former English Learner students who have reclassified as fluent in English this school year will take place on the afternoon of April 25 at Crittenden. Invitations will be sent home to families by the end of March. We are all looking forward to cheering on the students' achievement!

### **MVEF: Hiring Lead Executive Director**

The Mountain View Education Foundation (MVEF) needs your talent and passion as it seeks a new Lead Executive Director. You can learn more and apply <https://www.mvef.org/we-re-hiring>

### **Mentor Tutor Connection - VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Join us online or in-person for a lively volunteer information event. Learn how you can become a mentor or tutor in the Mountain View and Los Altos public schools, and help a local student to a brighter future! To register go to [www.mentortutorconnection.org/events](http://www.mentortutorconnection.org/events) - or email us at [programs@mentortutorconnection.org](mailto:programs@mentortutorconnection.org).

**FEBRUARY 27th (online only):** 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Zoom -- Online.

**MARCH 4th (in person only):** 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, El Camino YMCA, 2400 Grant Road, Mountain View.

### **YMCA Parent Workshops**

Project Cornerstone/YMCA is hosting an upcoming parent workshop online. Wednesday, March 20 – “Digital Citizenship”. Please see the attached flyer for online registration and workshop links.

### **City of MV: Summer Camp Fair**

The City of Mountain View Recreation Division will be hosting their Summer Camp Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 28 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Mountain View Community Center. Summer Camp staff and vendors will be available onsite to answer any questions you may have as you prepare for your youth's summer plans. 2024 Spring & Summer Registration begins Saturday, March 2 at 9 a.m. for Mountain View residents at the Mountain View Community Center. Spring & Summer Activity Guide will be available mid-February. Visit [MountainView.gov/Register](http://MountainView.gov/Register) for more information.

### **MVHS Spartans Sports Camp**

Spartans Sports Camp is proud to announce that registration for Summer Camp 2024 is now open. Camp will run from June 10 - August 2 this summer. There are a wide variety of camps, and lunch and

extended care is available for your convenience. 100% of camp proceeds go towards supporting athletics at Mountain View High School. For more information and to register, visit [www.SpartansSportsCamp.com](http://www.SpartansSportsCamp.com).

**Silicon Valley Reads K-8 Career Fair**

Silicon Valley Reads is holding a K-8 Career Fair on March 9, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. K-8 grade youth and their parent or chaperone are invited to attend the free career fair with professionals who have excelled in their field. There will also be a petting zoo hosted by a local 4-H club and a free book for each child who attends.

**PIQE Family Engagement Workshops: Building Academic Success Together**

The Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) will be facilitating a free virtual, 8-week parent and caregiver course, entitled "Building Academic Success Together". Through this course, parents and caregivers will enhance their skills and gain new tools and resources to support them with helping their child succeed in school. The series runs from March through April, with 3 different courses based upon child grade level range. See attached flyers for registration information.