



# Graham Middle School



March 7, 2024

## Message from Principal, Heidi Galassi:

Hello Graham Families!

As we continue to navigate the complexities of the digital age, I wanted to take a moment to address the importance of promoting healthy social media habits among our students. With the prevalence of social media platforms, it's essential that we, as educators and parents, work together to support our children in maintaining a balanced approach to online interactions.

While social media can be a valuable tool for communication and connection, it's crucial for students to understand the potential pitfalls of excessive use. As your child's principal, I urge you to have open and honest conversations with them about how to monitor their social media activity responsibly.

Here are a few tips to consider:

1. Encourage your child to establish designated times for checking social media and to avoid using devices during meals, homework time, and before bedtime.
2. Regularly review your child's social media accounts and discuss any concerning or inappropriate content you may come across. Remind them that once something is posted online, it can be challenging to remove and may have lasting consequences.
3. Encourage your child to engage in offline activities such as hobbies, sports, or spending time with family and friends. Balancing screen time with real-world experiences is essential for their overall well-being.
4. As parents and guardians, it's essential to lead by example. Be mindful of your own social media habits and demonstrate responsible online behavior.
5. Create a supportive environment where your child feels comfortable discussing any concerns or issues they may encounter online. Encourage them to come to you with questions or if they need guidance navigating social media.

By working together and fostering a culture of responsible digital citizenship, we can help our students develop healthy habits that will serve them well both online and offline. Thank you for your partnership in the triangle of support and in promoting the well-being of our students.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Heidi Galassi

## School News

### Graham Counselors

Conflict can happen often in friendship and in other situations. When conflict arises, some students have strategies to work through the problems and some students need additional skills to solve the problem.

Conflict management is the way we handle problems effectively and fairly. Here are a few strategies to help students to manage a problem quickly.

1. STOP: Don't let things get out of control and take a step back by taking care of oneself to remain calm.
2. TALK: Say what the conflict is about and make sure that both people have a precise understanding of what is causing the disagreement. This gives time for both people to clarify the misunderstanding.
3. THINK: Identify positive solutions that are agreeable and choose one
4. RESPECT: Come to term about the solution and respect each other's

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 Musical

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Tickets are now available for purchase [here](#). You can see the show at:  
Graham Middle School Auditorium  
March 15th and 16th 7:30 pm  
March 17th 2:00 pm

Adult Ticket: \$15  
Student Ticket: \$10

### Graham's Spring Picture Day

[Go to My.Lifetouch.com](#) to order your Spring pictures.

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

**Location: MUR**

**Picture Day ID: EVT7RWCTD**

### Graham's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Panorama Pictures

[Go to My.Lifetouch.com](#) to order your 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pano Picture

**Picture Day Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

**Picture Day ID: BY013030T0**

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

### **Pursue Knowledge**

Hannah- Ms. Martinez

Emily- Mr. Carroll

Vivien- Ms. Tuffy

### **Together We Can**

Alie- 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 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, Project Cornerstone Workshop at 6:00PM [ZOOM](#)

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 2, 8th Grade Panorama Picture

April 3, Strings Concert at 7:00PM at the Auditorium

April 4, Project Cornerstone Workshop at 6:00PM [ZOOM](#)

April 8 to April 12, Spring Break - No School  
April 19, Ted Talks Event 7:00-8:00PM at the Auditorium  
April 24, ELAC Meeting at 5:00PM at the MUR  
April 25, Reclassification Ceremony at Crittenden Middle School at 5:00PM  
April 26, CMEA Choral Festival 4:00-9:00PM at the Auditorium  
April 27, CMEA Choral Festival 8:00-4:00PM at the Auditorium  
May 8, GRAHAMmys 6:30-8:30PM at the Auditorium  
May 10, Dance Show 6:00-7:00PM at the Auditorium  
May 14, Jazz Cabaret 7:00-8:00PM at the MUR  
May 15, Strings Concert 7:00-8:00PM at the Auditorium  
May 20, Band Concert 6:30-7:30PM at the Auditorium  
May 23, Choir Concert at 7:00PM at the Auditorium  
May 24, End of Trimester 3 - Minimum Day for Students (Dismissal time 12:50PM)  
May 27, Memorial Day - No School  
May 31, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion at 11:00AM at the MV Sports Pavilion  
May 31, Last Day of School - Minimum Day for students (Dismissal Time 12:50PM)

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

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

## **District News**

### **No MVWSD+ Afterschool Programs on Thursday, March 21**

Due to preparations for Elementary School Open House, there will be no MVWSD+ Afterschool Programs on Thursday, March 21. MVWSD+ families, thank you in advance for making other arrangements. This affects all Right At School programs, all Beyond the Bell programs, and the district-paid YMCA programs. Programs resume as normal on Friday, March 22.

For more information, please contact [plus@mvwsd.org](mailto:plus@mvwsd.org) or call (650) 526-3500 x1061.

### **Invitations for districtwide Summer Programs will be emailed to those who qualify beginning in mid March**

Qualifying families will soon be receiving invitations to one or more programs that will provide summertime care, enrichment, and academic support. The majority of these programs are for students who are English Learners and/or considered socioeconomically disadvantaged. The programs vary in scope and specific qualification criteria.

Students with IEPs who have Extended School Year services documented in their IEPs will be receiving information about that program by March 22.

### **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!

### **Better Together: March**

In the month of March, #BetterTogether is taking a moment to honor the women trailblazers who shattered barriers and paved the way for future generations. As a way of honoring them, students in the district will also be learning about what it means to embody the spirit of being helpers for others, especially for others facing challenges and inequities. By standing #BetterTogether and amplifying the voices of women, we honor their legacy and continue to strive for a better world. For more information about Better Together, visit [mvwsd.org/BetterTogetherMVWSD](https://mvwsd.org/BetterTogetherMVWSD).

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### **National Nutrition Month**

March is National Nutrition Month! This year's theme is "Beyond the Table". This month, we're exploring how our food choices extend beyond our plates, impacting our personal health, our community, and our planet. A great way to start supporting sustainable and mindful eating is by learning about the origins of our food. Check out this video about [the journey carrots take from the farm to your table](#).

### **Get your tickets to the MVEF Spring Gala and join MVEF on Saturday, April 27**

Come support public school education and join us at the annual MVEF fundraising gala. It is an evening of FUN, energy and great COMMUNITY-BUILDING. An excellent opportunity to have an adult night out with friends, other parents, district staff and local supporters. Individual tickets are \$150. (Reduced to \$125 until March 24!) Find more information at <https://paybee.io/@mvef@14>

### **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.

### **The View Teen Center: March**

The View Teen Center is a free facility in Mountain View (263 Escuela Ave) for all Mountain View and Los Altos 6th - 12th grade students. Drop-in hours are Monday - Friday, 3:15 - 7 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 - 6 p.m., and the center features a game room, makerspace, kitchen, computer/study room, outdoor area,

and much more! See attached flier for details about upcoming events and programs in March or [visit their webpage for more information](#).