



PTSA Monday Message
April 14, 2014

1. Upcoming dates:

Apr 14 – “B” Day

Apr 16 – Sweet Frog Fundraiser

Apr 19 – Color Me Red & Blue 5k Fun Run/Walk

Apr 19 – Plaza Azteca, Yorktown location Fundraiser

Apr 25-27 – Belgian Waffle House Fundraiser

A look ahead:

May 24 – Prom

May 26 – Memorial Day Holiday

Jun 10-12 – Exams, Early Dismissal

Jun 13 – Graduation

- Grafton Families, the **Color Me Red & Blue 5K Fun Run/Walk** committee would like to remind you all that we are 6 days away from the big event. (Saturday, April 19th!) We still need lots of help from volunteers the night before the race and the day of the race. Volunteers can sign up at: <http://mysignup.com/graftonafterprom-5k>

We also need donations for fruit, granola bars and equipment such as tables. You can donate/lend at: www.mysignup.com/grafton5kdonations.

Finally we need RUNNERS and WALKERS. Get a group together, run or walk with a friend but BE THERE!! Sign up at: www.graftonafterprom.com or print a registration form and send it in through the front office. There will be a DJ to keep you moving, concessions to keep you fed and the Easter Bunny and an Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00am for 5th graders and younger. Help us make this a success and in turn make After Prom an evening to remember.

2. Administrative/School Counseling News:

- AP Pre-Administration is Tuesday through Friday. Students will get reminder slips on Monday which will give the date and time students signed up for. AP Testing runs Monday, May 5th – Friday, May 16th. Please contact Mrs. Huffines at 898-0419 for any questions.
- Review Sessions for the upcoming May 19th – May 27th SOL tests will be Tuesday and Thursday 2:15-3:15 from April 22nd- May 15th. All students are welcomed. Please see the attached flier for more information.
- Governor Terry McAuliffe has recognized April 2014 as Military Child Month in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Often military children are looked up to for their resilience and ability to deal with life-changing events, but frequent moves, family separations through deployments and reintegration issues following deployments make life especially challenging for many military children. School divisions are encouraged to take time

in April, and throughout the year, to recognize the service of military servicemen and servicewomen, their families and their children.

Across the nation, Tuesday, April 15, 2014 will be the day to “**Purple Up! For Military Kids.**” People are encouraged to wear purple on April 15th to show support for our military kids and to thank them for their strength and sacrifices.

3. PTSA News:

- Attached is this year’s application for the **GHS PTSA Excellence in Volunteerism Scholarship**. Deadline is 30 May 2014.

- **WE'RE ONLY 6 WEEKS AWAY FROM PROM NIGHT!!!**
The After Prom Committee is actively searching for volunteers to help make this years After Prom a success. We have chairs for all committees, but still need help with getting the work done. Please contact After Prom Volunteer coordinator Cindy Howard at mrshtduck@cox.net to volunteer for one of the following committees:
 - Food - provide food or help serve on After Prom night
 - Ticket Sales - sell tickets to students
 - Logistics - help with setup and cleanup on After Prom night
 - Check in/Check out - make sure students arrive and depart when they should
 - Games & Activities - man a game for an hour or two on After Prom night
 - Casino - run casino games on After Prom night
 - Prize Store - help students select items from the prize store
 - We appreciate your support and help!

- **April Fundraising Feasts:**
 - **Sweet Frog Fundraiser** - Yorktown location on Route 17 - all day April 16th.
 - **Plaza Azteca/Yorktown location only** - April 19th - all day. You will need the attached flyer for the GHS After Prom to receive the donation. Come to the 5K Fun Run/Walk and treat yourself to lunch at Plaza on the way home.
 - **Belgian Waffle & Steak House** - located at 14700 Warwick Blvd, Newport News - starting Friday, April 25th until Sunday the 27th. You will need the attached flyer for After Prom to receive the donation from Belgian Waffle and Steak House.

- **Graduation flag** - Show your GHS spirit and order one today! Any graduating year can be sewn onto the flag. The order form is attached, so please fill it out and send it to the main office to be put in the PTSA box or email me. Proceeds for this fundraiser support the GHS after prom. The flags are \$20. We have sold all the garden signs for this year.
Thank you for supporting the after prom! Any questions, please contact Deanne Wagner at 757-951-3085 or wagsvegas@aol.com.

- Attention Grafton Parents: The After Prom Committee is selling "Grafton Parent" t-shirts and t-shirts for parents of Seniors that say "I'm having a SENIOR Moment, My child is Graduating." Shirts are \$10 each. All money raised will go to After Prom. Please feel free to contact Courtney Engel at JGRacn24@aol.com if you have any questions! Thank you for supporting After Prom!

4. Clubs/Activities News:

- The Grafton High School Drama Department presents “**The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**” on April 24th, 25th and 26th at 7:00 pm and April 26th at 2:00 pm. Tickets will be available in the main office of Grafton High from April 21 thru April 23, 2014 (8:00 am to 3:30 pm). Tickets will also be available at the door one hour before each show. \$6.00 in advance.\$8.00 at the door.

5. Athletic News:

- **Grafton Athletic Booster Club 2014 Summer Camp Athletic Scholarship**
The Grafton Athletic Booster Club announces the continuation of the Summer Camp Scholarship Program. Scholarships are awarded to help offset some of the expenses associated with summer camp sports. If you are interested in applying for the summer camp scholarship, please complete an application and return it to your Coach by Tuesday April 15th. Application attached, as well as located on the table outside Ms. Sutton's office and outside the GMS Guidance Office. Scholarships will be awarded to two athletes in GMS and GHS.
- Spring Sports Season is here!! Purchase a warm blanket for those cold games for \$50. Contact the athletic director.

6. Helpful Websites:

The following is a list of useful links regarding guidance, calendars, and school board meetings:

1. Grafton High: <https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS>
2. GHS Faculty & Staff Listing: <https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS> (*Teachers/Staff link*)
3. Guidance: <https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS/Guidance>
4. Clinic: <http://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS/Clinic>
5. Band: www.graftonband.com
6. Athletics: <https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS/Students/Athletics>
7. Clubs & Activities: <https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS> (*Clubs/Activities link*)
8. YCSD Calendar: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/docs/studentCalendar.pdf>
9. School hours: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/schools/schoolHours.aspx>
10. Attendance Requirements: https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS/School_Info/Attendance
11. School Board Meetings & Dates: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/aboutUs/schoolBoard/meetings.aspx>
12. Lunch Prices: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/parents/studentInfo/lunchMenu.aspx>
13. Curriculum Info: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/parents/parentResources/curriculumGuides.aspx>
14. YCSD website: <http://yorkcountyschools.org>
15. Videos on math topics: <http://www.khanacademy.org/>
16. Step-by-Step homework problems review: <http://hotmath.com/> ** – Username: Clippers123 – Login, then search for your book
17. Explanations & examples for math topics: <http://www.sosmath.com/algebra/algebra.html>
18. Free graph paper: <http://www.printfreegraphpaper.com/>

7. Closing Thought:

1. "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life."
2. ~Steve Jobs

Have a comment for the GHS PTSA or the school? Want something added? Reply and let us know! Input remains confidential.

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