

Hudson Happenings

Grace Hudson Language Academy - October 2021

Directora Blanco's Message

It is hard to believe that we have been in school for 6 weeks! We are in person this school year, but things are far from a "normal" school year. I recently read that a student who is in 5th grade has not had a normal school year since 2nd grade, this was eye opening for me! Our youngest students in Kinder, 1st and 2nd grade have never had a "normal" school year! What does this mean? This means that team work and collaboration between home and school are even more important! Many students are behind academically and that is to be expected, we look for growth! At Grace Hudson, we are working on accelerating learning through engaging activities at school. Since literacy skills in any language transfer over when learning a new language or solidifying your native language, reading to and with students (TK-5th grade) in the language spoken at home is super vital. This supports learning how to read, write, listen and speak in a dual language immersion program setting. Other activities you can do easily at home to support language and math are cooking, shopping at the store, singing, counting, watching a TV program together and talking about what happened, why it happened and how it relates to the child personally. And of course, playing! Doing all physical activities together improve mind and body, and children love to do things with the people who love and care about them.

Academics are important, but to learn effectively social and emotional health lays the ground work for success in other areas. All of this has suffered due to the pandemic and we are seeing it at school. Students are having some difficulty with structure, schedules and basic social skills such as taking turns, sharing, using your words and keeping hands and feet to yourself. In classrooms, we are teaching expectations in various ways. At home, playing board games, all sports activities whether they are organized or tossing a ball back and forth in the yard assist students in developing these much needed life skills. If you would like further support, please reach out to myself, Vicente Duarte, our counselor, Dori Kramer, our Student Success Coordinator or your child's teacher. Let's do the work together!

School Site Council needs you!

What is the School Site Council (SSC)? It is an advisory committee at Grace Hudson that helps to improve achievement and set goals for school expenditures.

How often do we meet? The SSC meets about 4 times a year about one hour via Zoom or Google Meet.

Who can be part of SSC? Any interested parent, teacher or other staff member.



Please contact Kara Blanco for more information or if you would like to be a part of the team!
kblanco@uusd.net or call 707 472-5460.

AERIES-Parent Portal

It is very important that you update information on the Aeries Parent Portal. We will be sending messages, newsletters and announcements via Aeries and need your correct email and phone number. If you would like to get some assistance with the Parent Portal, please call the office and /or contact Lorena Evans.

Thank you!

Lost and Found

During recess and PE , many students leave their water bottles, jackets, sweatshirts and other clothing on the playground. Without a name written on clothing, it is brought to the lost and found rack in the courtyard, which is grossly overflowing! Please write your child's name on your water bottle or a tag or inside each clothing item that your child brings to school. We have over 100 items in the Lost and Found. Before or after school, please feel free to stop by the rack located next to the office and look for your child's items. All remaining items will be donated in the next couple of weeks!

Independent Study

We hope that your child will be able to attend school everyday that they are well , however we know that things come up . If you are going to be gone from school for more than three days due to an emergency, trip and/or illness, Independent Study is available. Please give us 2 weeks lead time, if possible so that your child's teacher can get the work ready . We are only able to give a total of 15 days for the entire school year and anything after that absences will be unexcused. Finally, all work must be completed upon the day of return to school in order for teachers to correct it and give credit. If the work is not complete, unexcused absences will be noted. If you have any questions, please contact Maria in the office.

COVID TESTING

It is vital to the health of our community to maintain high standards when it comes to illness and/or symptoms of COVID -19. Please check in with your children every morning to make sure that they don't have any symptoms of COVID-19. If they do, please call the office and we can schedule a rapid COVID test. It is important to keep kids in school if they are healthy and keep kids home if they are sick! If your family has been exposed to a COVID-19 positive person , please call the office immediately so we can take the proper precautions and give you your options. Finally, we have weekly COVID -19 testing for students. If you would like to consent to weekly testing, please go to the UUSD website, our website or follow this link: <https://my.primary.health/l/uusd> . Thank you for helping us keep our staff and students healthy.

Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

We will be unable to continue the tradition of the schoolwide pumpkin patch field trip. However, we have a special even planned , please look in green folders for more information!

ELAC

Our first ELAC (English Language Acquisition Committee) meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, October 19th @ 5:30pm. This committee is for everyone who is interested in planning parent education , supporting our native Spanish speakers in school and learning about important school and community resources available for our students and their families. All meetings are bilingual. Please join us at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86421196020?pwd=TUpFYzM3MHFJb01sUXRycWlob1INZz09>

Meeting ID: 864 2119 6020

Passcode: zK5U7y

PTO- Parent Teacher Organization

We would love to have more participation and support in our Parent/Teacher Organization. (PTO) Our PTO has fundraisers to help support classroom activities, field trips and school wide events such as Dia de los muertos and Dia del niño. You can join us at our first PTO meeting via Zoom on October 12th , 2021 @ 4pm. Here is the link, we hope to see you there! All meetings are bilingual.

March of the Masks

Every year all students at Grace Hudson paint a mask and march throughout the school to show off their creativity and at the end we gather for a schoolwide dance instead of a Halloween parade. In the past, parents were allowed to come for this event. This year , we will continue the March of the Masks tradition for students and staff only. At this time, we cannot have parents on campus. We will do our best to document the fun and send it out via Aeries and Facebook. Thank you for your understanding and for helping keep everyone safe!

Dia de los Muertos

We are unable to have our fantastic cultural celebration, Dia de los Muertos at this time, however the traditional holiday in Mexico will be taught and celebrated in classrooms and students will have activities and projects accompany their learning!

Conflict Managers, Kindness Club and Student Council

At Grace Hudson, it is important for students to be active in developing a positive school culture. We will continue our Kindness Club and Conflict Managers program for 4th and 5th graders , as well as our Student Council for 2nd-5th graders. Although these opportunities are geared towards older students, all students benefit through interactive plays, assemblies and during recess. If your child is interested in becoming a part of any of these opportunities, please have them ask their teacher or myself for more information!

School Picture Retakes


School picture retakes will take place on Wednesday , October 20th, 2021.





Stay involved!


 Facebook

Grace Hudson has a website where you can find out information about our school. It is updated as often as possible. See below. Also, a Facebook page has been set up by our PTO, it is called Grace Hudson Parents. Please check it out!

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Upcoming Events@ GHLA

October 12th, 2021 - Virtual PTO Meeting @ 4pm (via Zoom)

October 15th, 2021- Golden Awards Assembly (virtual) @ 8:15am

October 19th, 2021- Grace Hudson Pumpkin Patch

October 19th, 2021 - Virtual ELAC meeting @ 5:30pm (via Zoom)

October 20th, 2021- Picture Retake Day

October 28th, 2021 - School Site Council meeting @ 2:45pm (via Zoom)

October 29th, 2021- Bravo!eto Celebration

October 29th, 2021- Free Dress Day

November 1s, 2021- No School/ Teacher Work Day