

# Hudson Happenings

Grace Hudson Language Academy - December 2021

## Directora Blanco's Message

Over the last four months, we have embarked on a journey together to make Grace Hudson Language Academy the best it can be! As a community, we are continuing to create a culture and environment that is as unique and diverse as the individuals at Grace Hudson. We will continue to have successes and challenges, but with open communication, open hearts, and open minds, we can accomplish what is best for our students, staff, parents and community. As we venture into the holidays and a new calendar year, I would like to take the opportunity to say how grateful and appreciative I am for all of your proactive, supportive and caring efforts. Enjoy and treasure your time with family and friends, continue to have your child reading in Spanish, English or both depending on grade level over the break, and have a great holiday season!

## School Site Council needs you! We need two more volunteers

**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](mailto:kblanco@uusd.net) or call 707 472-5460.

**Our first meeting will be Wednesday, December 9th @ 2:45pm via Zoom. Meetings bilingual.**

## Drop Off/Pick Up

1. Please cross all students in the designated crosswalk. Do not cross in front of the cars in the drop off/pick up zone or in the middle of the street. Cars cannot see small children.

2. When dropping students off or picking them up, please **do not exit your cars**. It slows the line and causes traffic jams. Please have your children exit on the right side.

Please have students backpacks, jackets and lunches all together in the car for quick and easy exit.

3. Please do not use the empty lot next to the South State Street parking lot to drop off students. Many students who live in the neighborhood use that as a pathway to walk to school. In the past, cars have almost backed into groups of walking students or have sped in and narrowly missed students. Please use the South Dora Street drop off zone.

4. School begins at 8:00am. There is a warning bell at 7:58am and another bell will ring at 8:00am. The gate at the South Dora Street drop off zone will close shortly after school begins at 8:00am. If your child arrives after 8:00am, you will need to use and park in the South State Street parking lot. Attendance is taken at 8:05am and supervision ends at this time as well. If you arrive at 8:05am or after, please walk your young child to the office, please don't allow them to do this on their own

## AERIES-Parent Portal

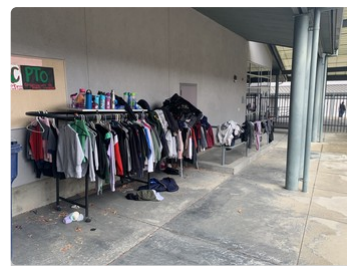
It is very important that you update information on the Aeries Parent Portal. We will be sending messages, newsletters and announcements via Aeries and need your correct email and phone number. If you would like to get some assistance with the Parent Portal, please call the office and /or contact Lorena 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! See picture! Please write your child's name on their water bottle or inside each clothing item that your child brings to school. 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 unclaimed items will be donated on December 17th, 2021.**



## Join the Ukiah Unified School District Team!

Join our team! We are desperately seeking candidates for substitute teachers, bus drivers, custodians, instructional assistants, food service assistants, and administrative staff. If you or someone you know would like to apply for a rewarding career helping our community, visit EdJoin or Indeed to apply. Help us recruit great people for our students.

## 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 UIUSD website our website or follow this link: <https://myprimaryhealth.com/uiusd>

Thank you for helping us keep our staff and students healthy.

## 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 PTO meeting via Zoom on December 7th 2021 @ 4:30pm. We will send out the link via Aeries/Parent Square and Facebook.

All meetings are bilingual.

## School Website



We have a Grace Hudson Language Academy website, please bookmark it! On our website, there is a multitude of information: [gracehudson.uusd.net](http://gracehudson.uusd.net)





## 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

December 7th, 2021- PTO Meeting @ 4:30pm via Zoom

December 9th, 2021- School Site Council Meeting@ 2:45pm via Zoom

December 9th, 2021- Public Health Vaccination for children 5-11years old @ ARC from 3pm-7pm.

December 10th, 2021- Golden Awards Assembly /Virtual @ 8:15am

December 17th, 2021- Bravoletto Celebration

December 17th, 2021- Free Dress Day

December 20th, 2021 - January 3rd, 2022 - Winter Break/NO SCHOOL