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**Gravenstein Union School District**

**Monday Messages** [www.grav.k12.ca.us](http://www.grav.k12.ca.us)

- Thurs. Feb. 23, 8 AM - District/Site Council Meeting
- Fri. Feb. 24, 6:00 PM - GSF BINGO –Gravenstein MPR
- Tues. March 6 - **STAR Writing Testing for grades 4 and 7**
- Wed. March 7 - Annie Jr. Production at Hillcrest Hall 6 pm
- Thurs. March 8 - Annie Jr. Production at Hillcrest Hall 6 pm
- Fri. March 9 - Annie Jr. Production at Hillcrest Hall 6 pm
- Wed. March 28 - K-3 ENRICH! Performance at Hillcrest Hall 5:30 pm
- Fri. March 30, 6:00 PM - GSF BINGO –Gravenstein MPR
- Tues., April 10** - Hillcrest Open House (time TBD)
- Wed., April 11** - Gravenstein Grades K-2 Open House (time TBD)
- Thurs, April 12** - Gravenstein Grades 3-5 Open House (time TBD)
- Saturday, May 12 - GSF Rummage Sale 8 AM -4 PM at Hillcrest

**Middle School Science Fair Update:**

Congratulations to Kayla Bieri and Tallulah Kula for advancing from the Sonoma County Science Fair to the San Francisco Bay Area Science Fair!

**GSF Bingo on February 24th—Pajama Night!**

Doors open at 5 PM and there will be story time before bingo. **Bingo starts promptly at 6 PM.** 3rd and 4th grade students are asked to bring the snack bags for the this bingo event. GSF is looking for volunteers for set-up, kitchen, and clean-up. If you able to volunteer please call Julie at 596.0602.

**Sebastopol Rotary Learn To Swim Program Needs Volunteers**

The Sebastopol Rotary Learn To Swim Program for all second graders will be held April 23 - May 17, 2012 at the Ives Pool. Rotary needs at least 10 volunteers who can help instruct swim lessons when the 61 Gravenstein 2nd Grade students will be attending (Mondays and Wednesdays for the four weeks at 1:00 PM). For more information, please e-mail Rick Wilson at chefrickeywilson@yahoo.com. or Greg Jacobs 823-7341; gjacobs48@gmail.com.

**STAR Writing Test for 4th and 7th Grade Students on March 6**

You may know that writing is a daily activity at Gravenstein and an on-going activity at Hillcrest as well. The students should be well prepared for their writing test and should not experience much anxiety since this is such a normal activity at school. Making sure your child gets plenty of sleep and eats breakfast on the day of the test is probably the best thing you can to assist your child to do their best. Although there is a make-up day on March 7, testing with the class as a normal activity will probably be the most comfortable climate for best results. Please do not make doctor or dentist appointments on this day nor plan to bring your child late or pick up early if at all possible. The classrooms will not be disturbed during test time. This is an untimed test and the students should feel comfortable to take as much time as he/she needs. Thank you for your consideration for all students.