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Grauer School students to host American Red Cross Blood Drive Feb. 2

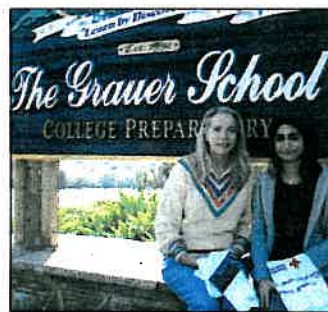
The Grauer School student leadership class will host an American Red Cross (ARC) Blood Drive organized by the students on Monday, Feb. 2, from noon to 5:30 p.m. (1500 S. El Camino Real in Encinitas). The public is encouraged to participate, and there is no cost to those who volunteer to give blood, just 40 minutes of time on the day of and a form of I.D. All blood donors will receive an ARC T-Shirt and will be entered into an opportunity drawing to win one of two 4-pack cinema passes and a gift certificate to Coldstone Creamery.

The blood drive is in response to the data that shows someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds, which is used for emergencies and for people who have cancer, blood disorders, sickle cell, anemia and other illnesses. Some individuals need regular blood transfusions to survive on a daily basis. For nearly 5 million people who receive blood transfusions every year, a donation such as this can make the difference between life and death.

According to the San Diego Blood Bank, statistics reveal that people who begin donating in high school are more likely to continue giving blood throughout their lifetime.

Student Event Chair Pratiksha Ahuja comments, "This will be a great opportunity for our students to witness the importance of individual contributions toward the community, in keeping with the school philosophy of engaging students in humanitarian efforts. It will also make our high school students and adults feel good because they are contributing to the process of saving someone's life, and most of all, it's a good cause!"

The Grauer School is a grades 6 -12 college preparatory school, accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, was founded in 1991 on the philosophy that the rigors of college preparation could be successfully balanced with humanitarian projects, developing academically advanced students, as well as responsible, caring young adults. Applications for the 2009-2010 academic year are now being accepted and scholarships are available. For further information, please call 760/944-6777 or visit www.grauerschool.com.



Grauer School ARC Blood Drive Parent Advisor Jamie Carr with Student Event Chair Pratiksha Ahuja.