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North Grade K - 8 School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

We hope everyone had a wonderful spring break. Students should now be rested and ready to finish out this school year. We have just 8 weeks of school left. Although the year is almost over, teaching all our students will continue until the very end.

Beginning in April, the standardized writing test for grades 4 through 8 begins. Also, our students in grade K – 2, will be taking the standardized math and reading tests. It is now more necessary than ever that your child comes to school every day for the whole day. We do bell-to-bell instruction so every hour of the school day is important. If your child attends tutoring, please be sure they are attending all the tutoring sessions. This is a valuable resource that could maximize your child's performance on the tests. Our goal is to teach your child the skills they need to know along with test-taking strategies.

We are hosting our Kindergarten Kick Off this year on April 8th. This year for we will again have two sessions to make it more convenient for parents. We will have a session in the morning and one in the evening. See the Calendar of Events for the times.

Just a reminder, there is a spring holiday on April 18th. There is no school that day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school. We strive to work in partnership with our parents.

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Calendar of Events ~ April

1	April Fool's Day
3	B.E.S.T. Writing Assessment ~ Grades 4-8
7	SAC Meeting ~ 8:15 am in Cafeteria
7	Middle School Report Card Portal Opens
8	Kindergarten Roundup @ 8:30 – 10:00 am In the Cafeteria
	Kindergarten Roundup @ 5:00 – 6:00 pm In the Cafeteria
14-25	FAST Testing Reading & Math ~ K - 2
18	Spring Holiday ~ No School
22	Earth Day



Calendar of Events ~May

1-22	FAST & EOC Testing – Grade 3-8
5	SAC Meeting ~ 8:15 am in Cafeteria
11	Mother's Day
26	Memorial Day ~ No School
30	Last Day of School



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Our new reading unit is all about Earth Science: Weather and Seasons. We will be reading a variety of texts including informational, Fiction, Historical Fiction, Realistic Fiction, and Poetry. In writing, we will be learning how to research a topic and write facts about that topic. We are on our way to independently writing a complete sentence that starts with a capital and has punctuation at the end. Math is moving on into identifying and describing 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes.

FIRST GRADE NEWS

We have some fun learning units coming our way in the month of April for first grade! Students will be learning all about measuring lengths in Math. This is a great opportunity to practice real life application of learning at home. Please allow them to take some measurements around the house and compare sizes of various objects. Later in the month, they will begin learning how to tell time to the half hour. In Science, we will continue studying Earth and its surfaces. Later in the month, we will be blasting off with our study of space, in both Science and our Benchmark Reading. Please remember to read with your child every day. This is so important as we prepare them for the higher expectations of second grade. As they move up, more typing will also be expected. Now is a great time to start practicing with typing games on the computer at home or in your local library.



SECOND GRADE NEWS

We are about halfway through Trimester 3 and the 2nd Graders are working so hard! In ELA we are in Unit 7 where we are Investigating the Past! Our reading stamina has grown tremendously so far this year as we continue to find new interests in the books we read! In Science, we are in Unit 8 where we are exploring and learning about Rocks Becoming Soil! In Math, we are in Unit 12 where we are learning all about Measuring Length! Please continue to monitor your child's backpack and stay in constant communication with your child's teacher, especially as the school year begins to wind down. We can't wait for even more learning and adventures in 2nd Grade!

THIRD GRADE NEWS

The third-grade team hopes that you had a great Spring. We are back from Spring Break and hope the students are ready for some review for upcoming tests. Please have them practice their math facts in multiplication and division. We just finished a unit of fractions. Please try to apply fraction practice at home. Maybe in the kitchen. In reading we are wrapping up another unit of fiction and moving back to nonfiction regarding communities. They will have a double dose of reading instruction daily. Please have them read at home on a daily basis and complete homework. Thank you for your cooperation.



FOURTH GRADE NEWS

It is hard to believe that it is already April. We enjoyed our field trip, Game Night and Spring Break and we are now back to working hard in all subjects. We are learning about author's purpose while also learning about the Transcontinental Railroad in ELA, the rock cycle in science and division of fractions in math. We continue working on our essay writing skills and will be taking the writing test early this month. While we are all looking forward to the end of the school year we still have a lot to do before the end of May. Please remind your student to continue doing their assignments, to practice their math facts, read daily and to turn in their homework.

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

WOW! March sure flew by! We hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing Spring Break! The fifth graders had a great time on the field trip to Universal Studios! Thank you to everyone that attended and chaperoned. The Safety Patrols had a great time in Washington D.C. We working hard getting our students ready for testing season. They have been working hard all year, and it shows! We are finishing up our units in all subject, and starting to review for our crunch time until testing!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

(Find middle school news on page 3)

SCHOOL INFORMATION



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

We hope that you and your family had an enjoyable Spring Break and were able to see some sunshine, along with getting some much-needed rest and relaxation. It is hard to believe that we are in the last quarter of the 2024-2025 school year at North Grade K-8 School! This is an exciting time for our 8th graders, as they have started the transitioning process to attend the High School of their choice next year. Our current 7th graders will be preparing for 8th-grade classes, and some will have the opportunity to earn high school credits in math. Our current 6th graders will be moving up as 7th graders with the tools necessary to become successful. Our current 5th graders in our elementary level will start transitioning activities from elementary school to middle school within the next few weeks. If you have any questions about the transition process, please feel free to contact Ms. McGowan and she will be happy to assist you.

We want your child to be happy and successful in school and in life, and we know that you feel the same. To help support that achievement, we want to ask for your commitment to your child's good school attendance. The evidence is clear: children with good attendance are more likely to be successful in school. High attendance rates are linked to high student achievement. Every minute in school counts. Missing school even 10% of the time has a significant negative impact on reading and math achievement.

On another note to our 6th grade parents vaccines and physicals are requirements to enter 7th grade. The state of Florida requires students entering the 7th grade to have the meningococcal vaccine (also known as MCV4) in addition to one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis). Students who do not provide documentation of these immunizations to the school this fall are subject to exclusion. If there are medical/religious or philosophical reasons your child cannot receive immunizations, please contact the school clinic for an Immunization Exemption Form.

Please keep in mind the 2024-2025 school year is quickly moving into our final two months. Although it is amazing to see how much growth the students make during the course of one school year, we are now entering the time of year when the weather gets nice and students have a tougher time than usual staying focused on their academic responsibilities. Please continue to stress to your child the importance of taking responsibility for their academic achievement. The staff at North Grade K-8 will continue to work hard to provide your students with challenging and enjoyable learning experiences through the final days of the school year.

Thank you. We appreciate your support.

Ms. McGowan, Middle School TOSA



North Grade K-8

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SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website is the one-stop place for information about the school. You also can find the email address for any staff member here too. The web address to our web page is:

<https://www.palmbeachschools.org/NorthGradeK8>



Check out this page for information about the school and information from the District.

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. Click on the link below.

<https://getfortifyfl.com/>



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Klohe, Amelia, Daniela, Lorenzo and Mateus competed in the Special Olympics County Track Meet at Dwyer High School on Saturday. Klohe, Amelia and Daniela competed against each other in the Softball Throw. Klohe finished first with a distance of 19 feet 4 inches, Amelia was 2nd with a distance of 12 feet 3 inches and Daniela was 3rd with a distance of 8 feet 9 inches. Lorenzo also competed in the softball throw finishing 3rd with a distance of 30 feet 6 inches. He definitely used his muscles to throw that far! The next event they competed in was the 50-meter run. Klohe, Amelia, Daniela competed together again. An Athlete from Discovery Key finished 1st, Klohe finished 2nd, Amelia finished 3rd and Daniela finished 4th. Lorenzo finished 2nd in his 50-meter run with a time of 12.23 seconds.

Mateus started his morning competing in the Running Long Jump against an athlete from Palm Beach Central High School. Mateus tried his best and finished in 2nd Place. His next event was the 800 Meter Run which is 2 laps around the track. He ran a time of 3:01.31 to WIN his race.

Mrs. Howard is so PROUD of all of these athletes. Their next competition will be on Sunday, April 13th at Traz Powell Stadium in Miami.

(See photos on page 5)



MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Thank you to our North Grade families that came out to the Cultural Plaza to meet Yuyi Morales on Saturday, March 8th. We had a wonderful turnout and couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day. Yuyi enjoyed meeting all of you and learning about the City of Lake Worth Beach. The autographed copy of Dreamers that we all received was just an added bonus and such a special keepsake. April is a wonderful time to start looking for those library books that have been misplaced since winter or before. Take a look in the car, around your room, or your family's bookshelf, and maybe even at your neighbor's house. Friday, May 16th will be the day that all books are due back to the library and the date that all obligations for lost and damaged books will need to be settled.



KINDERGARTEN KICK OFF

We invite you to attend our Kindergarten Kick Off event on April 8th. We have a morning session at 8:30 am and an evening session at 5:00 pm. Come and meet our school staff, learn about kindergarten curriculum, understand how your child will be welcomed and nurtured, and get acquainted with our programs and services. Information about Kindergarten Round Up can be found at:

[Kindergarten Round Up Information](#)

Child must be 5 years old by September 1, 2025, in order to register.

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Lorenzo running.



Daniela, Amelia, and Klohe running,



Klohe, Mateus, and Lorenzo with the Mounted Unit of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's De|partment.

