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North Grade K - 8 School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

We are heading into the final stretch of the school year. Elementary school is in the third and final trimester; middle school begins the fourth quarter next month. With that being said, teachers, parents, and students must remain vigilant with academics.

One of the most effective and easiest way to help your child succeed academically is to make sure they attend school every day and for the entire day. Our theme is "Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow". In addition, punctuality matters – lost minutes = lost learning. Standardized testing will begin in April for students in grades K, 1, and 2. FAST testing for grades 3 though 8 will begin in May.

March brings some seasonal and time changes for us all. One is daylight savings time begins on March 9th. You will need to move your clocks ahead one hour. Spring break begins March 24th for our students. Students will return to school on April 1, 2025.

March is also a time for end-of-year field trips. Our 3rd, 4th, 5th graders and Middle schoolers will all be going on end-of-year field trips. In addition, Safety Patrols will be heading to Washington D.C. on March 5th through March 7th. This is an annual tradition that began in 1948. The patrols will be travelling by plane. For some patrols, this will be their first time going on an airplane. What an exciting opportunity!!!

North Grade will be celebrating Read Across America Week. The event is in conjunction with the birthday of Dr. Seuss. The event begins March 3 and runs through March 7. Flyers have gone home with a calendar of events of activities your student can participate in.

We wish you a great spring break.

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Calendar of Events ~ March

3	SAC Meeting ~8:15 am in Cafeteria
5-7	Safety Patrol Trip to Washington, D.C.
9	Daylight Savings Time begins
11-14	3 rd Grade Field Trip to Sandaway House
13	5 th Grade Field Trip to Universal
	Middle School Field Trip to Seaworld
18	4 th Grade Field Trip to Boomers
20	First Day of Spring
21	Middle School ~ 3 rd quarter ends
24-31	Spring Break – No School



Calendar of Events ~ April

1	April Fool's Day
	Middle School 4 th Quarter begins
7	SAC Meeting ~8:15 am in Cafeteria
7	Middle School Report Cards available in Portal
18	No school ~ spring holiday
22	Earth Day



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Our Kindergarteners continue practicing reading and writing CVC words as well as reading high frequency words with fluency. We have been writing opinion or argumentative texts which means we state our opinion and tell one reason we feel that way. We are continuing to work on the writing process of planning, drafting, editing or revising, and publishing. Expectations are still growing! We are writing a complete sentence that starts with a capital letter and ends with a period. In English we streeetch out our words and write down the sounds we hear. In Spanish we break words into their syllables and write the sounds we hear within each syllable. We are still working our way to 100 in Math by counting and representing numbers!

FIRST GRADE NEWS

First Graders will be enjoying a field trip to Loggerhead Marinelife Center this month to learn about veterinary science, sea turtle characteristics, and the role sea turtles play in our oceans. Meanwhile, our upcoming units of study are perfect for incorporating learning experiences at home. In Math, we are learning how to identify and count coins. There are so many variations of coins that there is no better way to learn than real life experience. Please take every opportunity to allow your child to help you count money while shopping or to count the savings in a piggy bank. Our next unit in Benchmark will be Past, Present and Future. This is a great time to talk about heritage and share stories of ancestors. As always, please remember to read with your child every day and keep up with their word work homework.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

We are well on our way into Trimester 3 and the 2nd Graders are working so hard! In ELA we are finishing up Unit 6 and will soon be working in Unit 7 where we will learn all about Investigating the Past! We are still continuing to build up our reading stamina and are diving deeper into our interests through researching and writing! In Science, we are finishing up Unit 7 and will soon be working in Unit 8 where we will explore and learn about Rocks Becoming Soil! In Math, we are working in unit 11 where we are practicing Adding and Subtracting with Numbers within 1,000! We hope that you have a relaxing Spring Break! Please continue to monitor your child's backpack and stay in constant communication with your child's teacher! We can't wait for even more learning and adventures in 2nd Grade!

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Dear Parents of our third graders, We have finished the trimester and report card grades have been submitted. Please be looking for these on your parent portal. If you have any questions, please contact the teachers. It is imperative these last few months of school, that each student be focused and complete classwork and or homework since third grade is mandatory retention for the students that do not know the reading standards of the state. On a happier note, we are having a field trip in March to the Sandoway House. Please fill out and sign all forms that have been sent home.

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Fourth grade is looking forward to our upcoming field trip and a much-earned Spring Break. However, before our break we still have a lot to do. We are busy writing five paragraph expository essays and are working very hard to improve our writing skills. Students need to use correct capitalization and punctuation in addition to answering the prompt, citing evidence from the articles and elaborating. In math we are learning how to compare, add and subtract decimals. We are finishing our mythology, legends and folktales ELA unit. We are also learning how to annotate properly and summarize our reading. Soon we will begin an informational unit where we will be learning about the transcontinental railroad. In science we have been learning about the rotation of Earth and moon phases. Students must continue to complete their homework nightly and should also be reading every night. Students should also practice their math skills, including learning their multiplication facts.

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Fifth grade is working hard and it shows! We just finished up our unit on multiplying and dividing fractions. We are now working on finding the volume of shapes. In ELA, we are working on a fiction unit, focusing on the theme of survival and how the characters face their challenges. In Science we have been learning about Forces. Fifth Grade is going to sell popcorn on Fridays for the entire month of March. We will be looking for parent volunteers to help with that. We are looking forward to our field trip to Universal Studios on March 13th

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

ART NEWS

On February 22nd and 23rd, the North Grade K – 8 Art Club participated in the annual Lake Worth Street Painting Festival. The members of the Art Club are Tessa Hiopkins, Lexi Dawson, Penelope Marsalona, Anya Dinardo, and Kieran McCarthy-Traylor. Below is a photograph of their beautiful creation.



Van Gogh's Sunflowers



PTO NEWS

Hello North Grade families!

February was an exciting month. The PTO was proud to support Ms. Williams at STEAM Night, what a successful and fun event! Our new Fence Banner Program is also up and running — be sure to look for banners from businesses supporting our school soon. Plus, the new Garden Committee is hard at work helping bring our green spaces back to life.

Up next is Math Night — stay tuned for more details.

If you want to get involved? Email: northgradpto@gmail.com for more information on our initiatives or to become a volunteer.

Thank you, North Grade K-8 PTO

NORTH GRADE'S SOCIAL MEDIA



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North Grade@NorthGradeEL

Facebook: North Grade Elementary School



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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Greetings from the North Grade K-8 Middle School. Even though we're looking ahead to next year, there's still plenty of time left in the 2024-2025 school year. It's hard to believe that March is here and spring is just around the corner. Hopefully, March and April will continue with the mild weather. Spring is a busy time at school as we start to finalize things for this year and start planning for the 2025-2026 school year. There is one event I would like to draw to your attention. March 20th is the Goofy Games School-wide event. I encourage all of you to come and enjoy an evening of fun games. This is the biggest fundraiser held by our Middle Schoolers. The money raised by this event will go directly into our middle school's future activities. Please circle the date on your calendar. March 20th is the first day of spring and quickly following, a well-deserved spring break on March 24th -March 28th. Spring also brings welcomed weather, spring sports, and end of year building/state testing.

- **March 20th Goofy Games**
- **Marking Period 3 Ends on 3/21**
- **Spring Recess: March 24-28**

**Thank you for your support!
Ms. McGowan (TOSA)**



MEDIA CENTER NEWS

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR HEALTH CARE DISTRICT SCHOOL NURSE:

Your smile is one of the first things people notice about you. It is important to take care of it right from the start. The American Dental Association (ADA) recommends that children visit the dentist within six months of their first tooth and before their first birthday for a "Well Baby Check Up." February is Dental Health Month.

Recommendations for good dental health include:

- Brushing your teeth for two minutes, twice a day with fluoride toothpaste
- Flossing daily
- Avoiding sugary and starchy snacks
- Wearing a mouth guard when you're active
- Not smoking
- Not piercing your lips or any part of your mouth
- Getting dental sealants
- Considering a fluoride program if your water is not fluoridated
- Visiting your dentist regularly for check-ups and cleaning

Children with good oral health have better attendance and fewer problems in school.

For information about the School Health Program visit www.hcdpbc.org/schoolhealth



SIS GATEWAY

The SIS Gateway provides parents and students with real-time access to student information including schedule, grades, attendance, assessment data, and report cards. Now with **report cards being only available digitally**, it is necessary for parents to set up their own account.

To access your child's account, you will need an access code. If you did not receive it or have lost your Parent Letter for Gateway Access, please notify your child's teacher and we will print out a new one and send it home with your child.

A HUGE congratulations to the students who participated in the Battle of the Books competition on Friday, February 21st. The students have spent the past nine months reading books from 24-25 Sunshine Young Readers list to prepare. Over 75 books were read in total. The following students participated: Abidah Uddin, Savannah Dorsainville, Lia Ortega, Joseph Kiernan, Zane Thakor, Anya Dinardo, Giovanni Rosado, Kieran McCarthy-Traylor, Lucille Lamb, Joseph Patton, Amelia Hidalgo, Natanael Rodriguez, and Caleb Gandolfo. Congratulations to our readers!!!

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YEARBOOK TIME

We are still continuing to sell yearbooks! We sent the student's home with an order form and posted it on Dojo for online purchases. If you would like to order a yearbook, please complete the form and return it with your payment to Ms. Leach or Ms. Ritchie. Once sales close, there will be no opportunity to purchase a yearbook later. **Only those students who pre-order a yearbook will be guaranteed one.** The cost of the book is \$25. Checks can be made payable to **North Grade K – 8.**



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