



Tiger-rific News

We're an "A" School

North Grade K - 8 School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

We are in the final stretch. It is May. There are only four weeks of school remaining. During this short time, we have a lot going on at North Grade with end-of-year exams for middle school and standardized testing for grades 3 through 8. Our Kindergarteners, first, and second graders completed their testing last month.

With that being said, it is still very important that students do not miss any instructional time – students need to be at school every day and for the entire day. Please try to schedule any appointments after the school day so instructional time is not missed.

We will also be holding our 5th Grade and 8th Grade graduations at the end of the month. Please check the calendar for the dates and times. This is a bittersweet time for our students and staff as many of our students will be leaving North Grade and continuing their education at another school. We wish them all the happiness and success they deserve. They will be truly missed. We will have a number of our 5th graders who will stay at North Grade K – 8. They will move up to our middle school dual language programs.

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Calendar of Events ~ May

1-22	FAST I B.E.S.T Tests ~ Grades 3– 8
5	SAC Meeting ~8:15 am in Cafeteria
9	Last day students can check out books from the media center
5-9	Staff Appreciation Week
11	Mother's Day
TBD	Last PTO Meeting @ 8:15 am
15	Wear green – Mental Health Awareness Month
26	Memorial Day ~ No School
28	8 th Grade Graduation @ 9:00 a.m
29	5 th Grade Graduation @ 9:00 a.m.
30	Last Day of School

North Grade K – 8 Guidelines For Success

Show Respect

Act Responsibly

Be Kind

Do all you can to help yourself and others find success!



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We are in the final stretch of Kindergarten! Our last math unit will be all about measurement, including rules of measurement, measurable attributes, and comparing these measurements. Our final reading unit will be wrapping up as well as we review characters, settings, important events, identifying topic and details, as well as applying all of our phonics skills to reading our leveled texts. We are so proud of our Kindergarten Tigers! --

FIRST GRADE NEWS

As we begin to look forward to summer fun, please continue to encourage your first grader to continue reading at home. It is so important for our little readers to continue practicing their skills in order to retain what they have worked so hard to learn this year. Try to make reading at home fun and relaxing by creating a special space for reading and checking out new books every couple of weeks from the library. Provide your child with some post it notes and a pen to mark funny or interesting things that they read in their books so that they can share them with you. Listening to stories at bedtime is also a powerful way to increase reading skills. Please check out the wonderful programs available to young readers at our local Lake Worth Public Library.



SECOND GRADE NEWS

We can't believe that the school year is almost over! The 2nd Graders have worked so hard this year in all of their academics! We are finishing up the year with Unit 8 in ELA where we are learning about how Wind and Water Change Earth! Our reading stamina has grown significantly this year as we explored our reading interests through research and writing! In Science, we are finishing up the year with Unit 9 where we are exploring and learning about Weather and the Sun! And finally, in Math, we are finishing up the year learning about how to Identify, Analyze and Describe Two-Dimensional (2-D) Figures and Their Attributes! It has been such a pleasure teaching your 2nd Graders this year! Please make sure your child continues to practice their reading, writing, math and science skills over the summer so they will be ready for 3rd Grade! We can't wait for plenty of end of year fun, learning and adventures!

THIRD GRADE NEWS

We are winding down the school year. It is important that you have your child practice their reading and math skills for the upcoming FAST tests which determine many things for the upcoming year. We are still enforcing the rules of conduct and dress code until the end of the year. We ask that your child gets to school on time and uses every opportunity to learn. It's down to the wire and we 3rd graders are ready. We got this!! Best wishes to you all, for a fun, relaxing and safe summer and we'll see you next year in 4th grade!

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Fourth grade has been working hard in all subjects since returning from Spring Break. We just completed a Unit about the transcontinental railroad in ELA and completed our math unit on conversions. We are currently reviewing concepts in both subjects in preparation for end of the year testing. . On May 13th we will be taking the FAST ELA test and on May 14th we will take the FAST math test. We will also be taking the end of year I ready Diagnostic this month. We are well prepared and know we will do well and will be ready for fifth grade. We have enjoyed learning about the rock cycle and minerals in science and continue working on our writing skills. We are also learning about narrative essays and continue to practice our convention skills, including capitalization, spelling and punctuation. We are all looking forward to summer but continue learning new things in all subjects.



FIFTH GRADE NEWS

WOW! I can't believe we are in the last month of the school year! These last few weeks are going to fly by! Testing season is upon us and we have been working hard getting our students ready. They have been working hard all year, and it shows! We have a lot to look forward to as we wrap up the school year. Our fifth grade Moving On ceremony is on Thursday May 29th. Invitations will be sent home soon.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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SCHOOL INFORMATION



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Hello Tiger Parents!

As we step forward into the final 21 days of the 2024-25 school year, we're preparing for the great activities yet to come. Speaking of a great activity, our 8th-grade class will be celebrating their graduation on May 28th at 9 am. Hopefully, the 8th-grade students have found a level of maturity and self-discovery, which assists in the culmination of an inspirational experience in education. Imagine how many "Aha" moments took place during their academic career at NGK-8? That is what makes our profession so special and rewarding.

We have so much to look forward to in May. We celebrate our teachers with our National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5th- 9th. Our Spring Concert will fill our hearts with music as our Middle School students soar to great heights on May 13 with their Spring Concert. Our final day of school is planned for Friday, May 30th.

Mental Health Matters

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. It is important that you help, support, improve, and maintain your students' mental health. Mental health awareness plays a crucial role in reducing stigma, encouraging early intervention, and fostering empathy and understanding. By normalizing conversations around mental health, it nurtures a more compassionate society where individuals feel empowered to seek help, leading to improved mental well-being.

What is mental health?

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act as we cope with life. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood and aging.

Why is mental health important?

Mental health is important because it can help you to:

Cope with the stresses of life

- Be physically healthy
- Have good relationships
- Make meaningful contributions to your community
- Work productively
- Realize your full potential

Validating emotions

- **Be accepting of negative emotions.** Some people believe that negative emotions are unacceptable, so they hold them until they erupt. Explain to your student that it is normal to have a range of feelings, and encourage them to acknowledge them.
- **Don't minimize.** Middle School is a time of big emotions. Show your student that you understand how they are feeling and that you want to help, even if whatever your student is upset about seems minor to you.
- **Communicate.** Keep communication channels open, even if it seems your student wants to talk to their friends more than you. Remind them often that they can always talk to you about anything. Pay attention to nonverbal cues as well. These are an indicator of how a student is doing.

Ms. McGowan (Middle School TOSA)



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<https://getfortifyfl.com/>



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.



The month of May is Mental Health Awareness month. Please show your support for mental health. The purpose of the month is to bring attention to mental health issues and to help reduce the stigma of mental illness.

CHARACTER COUNTS

Welcome to April's Character Counts! These students have been nominated by their teachers for being kind or showing acts of kindness. Being kind means making ourselves aware of the needs and feelings of others and then taking action to help them. It means taking the time to stop thinking about ourselves, to put the spotlight on somebody else's needs, and to think "What can I do to make that person's life a little better or easier?"

Please join us in congratulating our Character Counts Winners for April.

Second Grade Winners:

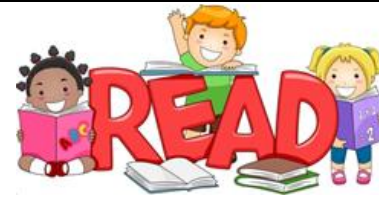
Julianna Staples – Ms. Ariana
Tran Nguyen – Ms. Leach
Blu Hendry – Ms. Leach
Morgan Grayson – Ms. Ariana
Nusaibah Anisha – Ms. Ariana
Rohan Bektas – Ms. Ariana
Corey Young – Ms. Ariana
Caroline Diaz Nunes – Ms. Ariana

Third Grade Winners:

Azariah Gutierrez – Ms. Ritchie

Here are the teachers who won:

Ms. Ariana – Gifted 2nd
Ms. Campisi – Resource
Ms. Aida – Guidance Counselor



MEDIA CENTER NEWS

As the year winds down, please remember that all library books are due back to the media center by Friday, May 9th. Library books that belong to North Grade have a barcode on the front with the school's name on them.

As we begin looking forward to next school year, all students in third through fifth grades should consider participating in the Battle of the Books. It is a team competition where students read books from the [SSYRA 25_26 Book List](#). In February 2026, the teams will participate in a competition to answer the most questions correctly, about the books, of any team in the district. Last year, over 200 teams participated. The books are available through the public library and the Hoopla app (available with a public library card) and will be available from the school library beginning in August.

Happy summer and remember to read, read, read!!!



PTO NEWS

Hello North Grade Families,

We had a wonderful time celebrating Earth Day! Thank you to all the classes that helped with our school clean up. Everyone who participated did an amazing job making our campus clean and tidy.

We had a wonderful time celebrating and thanking our amazing front office staff for Administrative Assistance Day! We appreciate all you do for our families, students and staff!

The date of our last PTO meeting of the year has not been set yet. We will notify you once the date is set. If you are able to attend, we would love to see you there.

Thank you,
North Grade K-8 PTO

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



TEAM HOWARD

Our Superstar Special Olympics athletes competed in the 2025 Region 5 Track Meet. The event was held on April 13th at Traz Powell Stadium in Miami.

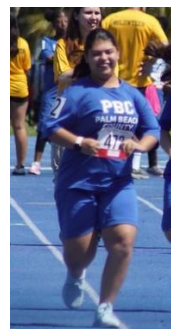
Mateus Aragao-Mota finished 1st in the Running Long Jump with a distance of 3.32 meters (10.89 feet) and 1st in the 800 Meter Run with a time of 2:55.86. Awesome job earning Two GOLD Medals! 🏆



Amelia Melendez finished 1st in the Softball Throw with a distance of 6.7 meters (21.28 feet) and 3rd place in the 50 Meter Run with a time of 11:18.27.



Klohe Jagosits finished 2nd in the Softball Throw with a distance of 4.88 meters (16.01 feet) and 2nd place in the 50 Meter Run with a time of 11:18.27.



Lorenzo Gonzales finished 2nd in the Softball Throw with a distance of 7.62 meters (25 feet) and 2nd place in the 50 Meter Run with a time of 13.00.



Mrs. Howard is very proud of how well all of the athletes did at the Regional Track Meet. 🙌



Mrs. Howard is **THRILLED** to announce that Mateus, Amelia, Klohe and Lorenzo have been selected to attend the 2025 Summer State Games at Disney's Wide World of Sports on May 16th and 17th. They will be competing against other Special Olympics athletes from around the State of Florida. This is also where they conclude the Law Enforcement Torch Run during Opening Ceremonies. They bring the Flame Of Hope into the Stadium with representatives from more than 300 law enforcement agencies from the State of Florida. Mateus participated in the 2025 Palm Beach County Torch Run on April 16th. He ran from the shopping center at Hypoluxo and Dixie Hwy to Royal Palm School (behind Santaluces High School). He was very excited to join the local law enforcement agencies, including the School District of Palm Beach County.