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North Grade K - 8 School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

This is our first newsletter in 2025. We hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. January flew by and it is hard to believe we are already in the month of February. Please check the Calendar of Events. Although February is a short month, it is not short on events.

The first event is Black History Month. This is the time we focus on the contributions of the black community to our society, our country, and the world.

For Fun Friday on February 7th, the school will be participating in the National Wear Red Day. We are asking staff and students wear something red that day. Wearing red is a way to show our support for raising the awareness about the dangers and prevention of heart disease.

North Grade Art Club is participating in the Lake Worth Street Painting Festival. The event will be held February 22 and 23 in downtown Lake Worth. Come out and see the beautiful chalk artwork and see what our artists create.

Anti-bullying (Pink Shirt) Day is February 26th. To show our support and take a stand against bullying, we are asking staff and students to come to school wearing something pink.

As a reminder, students' report cards and progress reports will only be available digitally through the parent portal, i.e., SIS Gateway. To access SIS Gateway, you will need to set up an account and obtain a PIN number. If you need your child's access code, contact your child's teacher.

As always, it is important that your child is in school every day and for the whole day. This is a key component for their academic success. We thank you for all your support wish you a Happy Valentine's Day.

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Calendar of Events ~ February

1-28	Black History Month
3	SAC Meeting ~8:15 am in Cafeteria
	STEAM NIGHT 5 – 7 PM
7	National Wear RED Day
20	PTO Meeting @ 8:15 am Cafeteria
21	2 nd Trimester ends
22-23	Lake Worth Street Painting Festival
24	Teacher Work Day ~ No School
25	3 rd Trimester begins
26	Pink Shirt Day – Anti-bullying Day
27	Elementary report cards available on portal



Calendar of Events ~ March

3	SAC Meeting ~8:15 am in Cafeteria
9	Daylight Savings Time begins
20	First Day of Spring
21	Middle School ~ 3 rd quarter ends
24-31	Spring Break



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Our Kindergarteners are busier than ever! We are learning how to read and write CVC words, read high frequency words with fluency, and segment words into syllables. We have been writing informational or expository texts. Which basically means we are writing facts about a topic. We will be learning the writing process of planning, drafting, editing or revising, and publishing. Expectations are 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. Math is moving into counting and representing numbers to 20 then to 100! Let's go Kindergarten!

FIRST GRADE NEWS

For the first part of February, first grade readers will continue our Benchmark unit, "Technology at Work!". This unit will be followed by a return to fiction with the multicultural unit, "Stories Teach Many Lessons". In Math, they will be comparing numbers and adding and subtracting within 100. Science lessons will be all about forces and motion. Students will explore matter in motion. In addition to our regular academic curriculum, we will also be having some fun in February, as we celebrate friendship Friday, February 14.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

Trimester 2 has flown by and the 2nd Graders have already learned so much this year! In ELA we are finishing up Unit 5 where we have learned all about where ideas for inventions come from! We will be starting Unit 6 soon and will be learning all about what different cultures can teach us! We have put in great work so far this year in building up our reading stamina and we will continue that hard work through discovering more about our reading interests! In Math, we are learning all about time and money and will be reviewing place value in numbers up to 1,000! 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

Hello parents and students of 3rd grade, We are back to working on our reading, math and writing skills. We are currently working on equations in math. In reading we are currently reading about technology and its advancements. Please talk to your children about the technology we use at home. We are currently writing in

an argumentative way toward certain topics. Please be aware of any homework that needs to be completed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Third Grade Team

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Fourth grade has been hard at work since we returned from winter break. In ELA we just finished a unit about perspective and point of view and we are currently working on a unit about technology. In math, we are learning how to add and subtract fractions and before the end of the month will be learning how to multiply them. We continue working on our five paragraph argumentative essays, elaborating on evidence we learn from the texts. In science, we just finished a unit about different types of energy forms. Many of us enjoyed the dance last month and we are looking forward to our upcoming field trip in March.

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Fifth grade is working hard and it shows! We are learning all about fractions, we just finished adding and subtracting, and now we are learning how to multiply fractions. We started a new unit in ELA, it is all about technology and the value it has on our lives. We are learning about the Industrial Revolution, how technology has improved since then. In Science we learned all about the different types of Energy. Our Field Trip to Universal Studios is fast approaching, please send in the remaining payments, so we can get everything wrapped up. Safety Patrols are going to Washington DC in March as well. They are having various fundraisers, please support them as this helps with the trip for the patrols.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Happy February NGK-8 family!

This February, we look to continue the momentum with a calendar full of activities to help our students learn, grow, and develop. At NGK-8, our extracurricular activities provide wonderful opportunities for some of this development (tutoring, fitness club, after-school program, etc.).

SCHOOL INFORMATION



ART NEWS

The North Grade Art Club is excited to announce their participation in the upcoming Lake Worth Street Painting Festival, where they will recreate Vincent van Gogh's famous artwork, "Sunflowers." If you're interested in seeing this work of art in person, make sure to visit Lake Ave during the festival on February 22nd and 23rd, 2025.



Van Gogh's Sunflowers



PTO NEWS

2025 is off to a wonderful start! The Holiday Gift shop was incredibly successful and we hope you all enjoyed the gifts your kids picked out. The North Grade PTO is excited to start planning 2025 including teacher appreciation luncheon. If you are interested in planning events, volunteering, or staying informed please join us at our meetings each month at 8:15am in the cafeteria. Next Meeting is February 20th.

Please email northgradepto@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Thank you,
North Grade PTO



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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Let's focus on our building, which includes getting to school on time, we expect our learners to carry their planners, binders, and charged computers with them to all classes. Having these three things allows for your child to come to class prepared and on time to learn. Students should be using their planners to record the learning of the day (standards), and due dates, these are very important to have. Please check your child's binder to see how it is holding up. Some may need to be updated as many have seen a lot of usage.

As always, we encourage you to reach out to us with any questions or concerns. Our dedicated teachers and staff are here to support your child and help them reach their full potential. Parent-Teacher Conferences are available, don't hesitate to get in touch with Ms. McGowan (561-202-9339).

As always, we look forward to continuing to work together as a team to provide your child with an educational experience that strives to meet the district's mission.

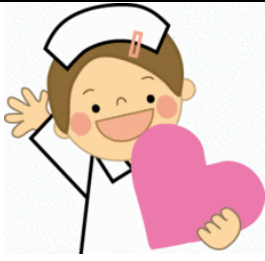
Let's make it a great Quarter 3!

Reminder's:

February 3rd- STEAM Night 5:00 pm

February 7th- last day to pay in full field trip to SeaWorld which will be on March 13th.

We will continue with our Hot Chocolate fundraiser until the of February



FROM THE DESK OF YOUR HEALTH CARE DISTRICT SCHOOL NURSE:

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness that infects the nose, throat and lungs. It can cause mild to severe infection, and can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. Older people, young children, and those with certain health conditions are at high risk for serious flu complications. Even healthy people can get very sick and spread it to others. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year. The CDC recommends that everyone six (6) months of age and older should get vaccinated annually. Yearly flu vaccination should begin once the flu vaccine becomes available. Seasonal outbreaks can happen as early as October and it takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop and protect against infection. It is best to get vaccinated and protected before flu begins spreading in the community.

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.



MEDIA CENTER NEWS

The North Grade Media Center is a very busy place!

Just a reminder that all K-5 students visit the library media center once every six school days. (Middle school students visit with a teacher's permission, as needed.) Please talk to your child about his/her library books. The books should be returned each time the children come to the library media center so new ones can be borrowed. The library media center is also open daily from 7:35am to 7:55am should a child forget to return his/her books on the class's assigned day. We have so many new titles waiting to be checked out. Thank you to everyone who donated books from our wish list to the North Grade Media Center.

NORTH GRADE'S SOCIAL MEDIA



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Facebook: North Grade Elementary School

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