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North Grade K - 8 Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Now that we are in the month of November, our lives seem to get busier, especially with the holidays coming so quickly. It is still very important for your child to be at school every day, on time, and for the whole day. We teach from bell-to-bell and it is important that your child does not miss any instructional time.

Because of Hurricane Milton, we had to reschedule Hispanic Heritage Night for November 7th. Please come out and join us for this fun event,

We are so excited to have our Community Thanksgiving Dinner again. It will be November 21, 2024 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm in the cafeteria. This is a free event. Come out to join us for our special Thanksgiving dinner we share with our students and their families.

Report cards for our elementary students will be available through SIS Gateway. If you have not yet received your student's access code, please notify your child's teacher and we will get the access letter sent home to you.

The holidays are a fun time of the year and it is natural for our students to become distracted with all the fun and celebration. In spite of this, they still need to be doing their schoolwork, homework, and reading every day. We are asking our parents to be a part of our team and help us in keeping your child focused during the next couple of months, as your child will encounter many fun distractions.

We want to wish all our students and their families a Happy Thanksgiving. We hope you all are safe and healthy. Enjoy the holiday break.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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Calendar of Events ~ November

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| 3 | Daylight Savings Time ends |
| 4 | End of the 1 st Trimester – Elementary |
| | SAC Meeting ~ 8:15 am in Cafeteria |
| 5 | No school – Teacher Work Day |
| 6 | Beginning of 2 nd Trimester- Elementary |
| 7 | PTO Meeting @ 8:15 am ~ Cafeteria |
| | Hispanic Heritage Night 5:30 – 7:00 pm |
| 8 | Report Cards available on SIS – Grades K - 5 |
| 12 | Choice Meeting (new students only) @ 8:30 am |
| 15 | Flu Shot Clinic |
| 21 | Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner 5:00 – 6:00 pm |
| 25-29 | Thanksgiving Holiday – No School |



Calendar of Events ~ December

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| 2 | SAC Meeting ~ 8:15 am in Cafeteria |
| TBD | Holiday Gift Shop |
| 20 | End of the second quarter – Middle School |
| 21-31 | Winter Break ~ No School |



CLASSROOM NEWS



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindergarten is moving and grooving! We have settled into our routines and have moved on to Unit 3 in Reading and Writing. We will be identifying the topic and details of non-fiction texts. We will also be writing informational texts based on what we have read. We are applying all our hard work in phonics to read leveled books, decodable books, and then streeetch out our words to spell in writing. In Math we are building upon the counting and comparing skills, in order to collect, sort, classify, and compare objects in categories. At the end of November, we will begin our unit on Addition. In Science we are learning all about plants and animals. At the end of November, we will be switching into some Social Studies to learn about the past vs the present.

FIRST GRADE NEWS

During the month of November, first graders will be learning all about being a good community member. Our reading unit in Benchmark will present us with poems and stories about different jobs in a community and ways that people help their communities. Our Science unit will explore heredity with plant and animal observations. In Math, we will be investigating the meaning of an equal sign and how to represent problems in different ways. As we focus on community helpers, now would be a great time to volunteer! Please reach out to your child's teacher to see how you can help out in the classroom or cafeteria.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

As we continue on in 2nd Grade, we are still learning every day and are excited about our units of study! In ELA, we just started Unit 3 where we are learning about Why Do We Need a Government! We have settled into our reading environments and we continue to work on building our reading stamina with just-right books! In Science, we are still exploring and learning about How Living Things Change and will soon begin learning about Matter and It's Properties! In Math, we are working on Subtracting with Numbers to 100! We hope everyone has a fantastic Thanksgiving Break from 11/25 - 11/29! Please always continue to monitor your child's backpack and stay in communication with your child's teacher through ClassDojo. We can't wait for even more excitement as we move further into 2nd Grade!

THIRD GRADE NEWS

We have weathered the storm and are back at working vigorously and diligently on our studies in math, reading and writing. We ask you to make

sure the students are completing their homework on time. We send homework home to practice skills we are currently learning. In reading class, we are reading fiction so please encourage this type of genre to read at home and ask questions about the text. Also, in math we are learning some concepts in geometry. Please look for the math vocabulary to help with that. Also, we have a free field trip in November and ask for you to fill out all forms ASAP. Thank you for your cooperation.

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Fourth graders have been working hard in all subjects. We just finished our first trimester and look forward to trimester 2. We have learned how to write informative essays and will soon begin working on opinion essays. We just finished our fiction unit about character actions and reactions and have begun our next non-fiction unit where we will be learning about the different branches of Government. In math we have learned to multiply 2-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers and just started learning how to divide. We have also learned many things in science, including food chains and food webs and are beginning our unit on matter. Everyone had a good time at Literary-liscious and we are all looking forward to time with family and friends during the upcoming break.

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Fifth grade is continuing to work hard and is doing a great job! We have just finished our Character Unit, and are starting Unit 3. This is an informational unit all about the U.S. Constitution, and the Government. We are working on division in Math, please practice those math facts, it helps so much with division too. In Science we are still learning about the functions of the Human Body. The students have reading and math homework weekly. They should be reading 30 minutes each night. Please encourage your students to complete their homework as it sets them up for success this year. What fun we had in October! The kids had a blast seeing Sons of Mysterio at the Kravis Center, it was an amazing show! Literary Licious was a huge success, thank you to all who came. Our Hispanic Heritage celebration is likely going to be rescheduled, look for information to come about that.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Students are fully engaged in learning. Our teachers, staff, and students are excited about the different things that are taking place at North Grade K-8 Middle school. Please know that we are here to support and ensure the success of all students.(Continued on page 3)

SCHOOL INFORMATION



MEDIA CENTER NEWS

The next Battle of the Books meeting will be held on Friday, November 8th from 2:00 to 3:30pm. Students will need to bring the binder they were given at the first meeting.

All students are now borrowing books. It is the responsibility of the students to keep their books in their backpacks and return them when their classes visit the media center.



Remember “We are all Safety” and if you “See Something, Say Something”. You can notify us through the FortifyFL App.
<https://getfortifyfl.com/#home>



FLU SHOT CLINIC

North Grade K – 8, in conjunction with HNH Immunizations & Health Heroes, will be hosting a Flu Shot Clinic this year on November 15, 2024. Flyers and consent forms have been sent home with your student. The shots are at no cost to you. If you would like to have your child to receive a flu shot, please complete the consent form and return the form to your child's classroom teacher.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS (Continued from Page 2)

We can hardly believe we have begun quarter 2! As we all continue to push students toward greater heights, **we want to remind our families that each of you is a paramount accelerator of learning at home.** Research has shown us consistently that families are our largest asset when it comes to student's academic growth and behavior. We want to encourage families to talk with their children at home; ask them to show you any homework assignments. “Well-designed homework assignments are beneficial to students and can communicate with parents what their children are learning at school.” Also, consider reading with your child or prompting them to read independently at home, routinely, for 20 minutes. Have an engaging conversation with questions about what they read! Research proves that **“reading at home for at least twenty minutes a day has significant academic benefits.”** Another way to help your children grow academically and emotionally is to **“Set and enforce screen-time limits and steer children toward reading, exercise, and play instead.”**

In addition to our daily schedule, we are looking forward to offering Middle School the opportunity to participate in a variety of after school events that we offer weekly. We are encouraging all parents to sign their child up for the Middle School After School Program throughout the year. We would like North Grade students to have a well-rounded educational experience.

I hope that you are able to spend time with your families and loved ones and enjoy this Thanksgiving Break! As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or if there is anything that we can do to help your child!

The Six Pillars of Character™

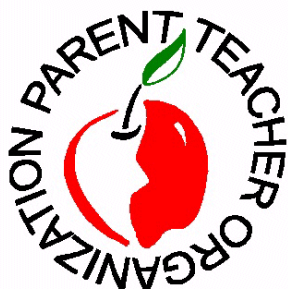


CHARACTER COUNTS CORNER

This is a program where we recognize our students for exhibiting one of the behaviors that makes up one's character – kindness, honesty, responsibility, integrity, trustworthiness, and respect. Each month we select a different quality and recognize students who have exhibited that quality.

The character trait for the month of October was being Responsible. Being Responsible is defined as: trying your best, being resilient, having self-control, having boundaries, thinking before you act, being accountable for what you choose to say, do, or think.

SCHOOL INFORMATION



PTO NEWS

Hello North Grade K-8 Families,

PTO would like to thank all the amazing families and staff who volunteered their time to make Literary-Lucious and wonderful event. We hope that everyone who attended had a great time. We were able to raise \$600 to donate to the Media Center for new books.

We are looking forward to the Holiday Gift Shop coming up around the corner and will be asking for more volunteers.

If you are able, we would love to see you at the next PTO meeting on Thursday, November 7th at 8:15 in the cafeteria. We will be discussing how to make next year's Literary -Lucious event even better and getting your ideas for the Holiday Gift Shop. We hope to see you there.

Thank you,
North Grade K-8 PTO



LITERACY TIPS FOR PARENTS

IMPROVING COMPREHENSION

PREPARING FOR STANDARDIZED TESTS:

Reading Comprehension is a part of most standardized tests. How can you help your child improve their understanding of what they read? Try a "Paired Reading" with your child.

1. First, you and your child can silently read the same part of a story, an article, or a textbook. Try two or three paragraphs to start.
2. Next, listen while your child summarizes aloud what he/she has read. They may say, "I learned that sedimentary rocks are made from pressure." After they are finished summarizing, have a conversation together about the passage.
3. Then, change roles and the parent can summarize first and the child can continue the conversation. Keep switching roles until the whole story, article, or chapter is complete.

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PARENT LIAISON

On November 21st, we will be hosting our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. This is a tradition of North Grade and is a way for us to reach out to our families and celebrate this holiday. We serve a complete Thanksgiving dinner, dessert included, for no cost. We are dependent on donations for this event. If you would like to donate items or if you know of a business that would be willing to make a donation, please contact Ms. Williams at 202-9357.

We are always looking for Business Partners. If you know a business that would like to be a Business Partner at North Grade, please have them contact Ms. Williams at 561-202-9357.