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North Grade K - 8 School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

We are in the final stretch. It is May. There is 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.

On a lighter note, we will be having our last Scholastic Book Fair of the year. This book fair is a BOGO. Each student that purchases a book will get another book for free. If parents would like to volunteer at the book fair, they can contact Ms. Abrams. You can find her contact information in the Media Center News section of the newsletter.

We will also be holding our 5th Grade and 8th Grade graduations at the end of the month. 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.

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Calendar of Events ~ May

1-22	FAST B.E.S.T Tests ~ Grades 3– 8
3	Last day students can check out books from the media center
6	SAC Meeting ~8:15 am in Cafeteria
6-10	Staff Appreciation Week
12	Mother's Day
14	Last PTO Meeting @ 8:15 am
20-28	Scholastic BOGO Book Fair
27	Memorial Day ~ No School
29	5 th Grade Graduation @ 9:00 a.m.
30	8 th Grade Graduation @ 9:00 a.m. 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

We are finally in the home stretch! It's almost summer! We still have a lot of learning to do this month. We are finishing the last of our math units with telling time to the hour and half hour and learning about dividing shapes into halves and fourths. We are also going to be closing out our current unit, "Observing the Sky". We have been learning so much about the sky and the objects we observe there like the sun, moon, and stars. We've also been reading a lot of informational texts, myths, and poems in this unit. Although there are only a few weeks left of school, please make sure to continuously monitor your child's homework and continue checking their folders that go home for important papers and information.



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

Our 3rd graders are getting ready for the end of year testing in May. F.A.S.T. tests in Reading and Math as well as iReady Diagnostics. We've been working on Text Structure, Text Features, Author's Purpose, Main Idea/Theme and reading lots of books! Many students have improved so much in reading and we are so proud of them! In Math, we're having fun reviewing our math facts and strategies to multiply and divide, calculating area and perimeter and fractions with our Spiral Review contest. We are also learning to tell time, , and measuring lengths and weights of objects. 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 have been busy preparing for the end of year FAST testing. On May 15th we will be taking the ELA test and on May 17th we will take the math test. We are well prepared and know we will do well and will be ready for fifth grade math and reading next year. 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 Wednesday May 29th. Invitations will be sent home soon.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

(Find middle school news on page 3)

SCHOOL INFORMATION



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.

Kindergarten Winners:

Luke Gandolfo

First Grade Winners:

Morgan Grayson

Second Grade Winners:

Tiffany Amador, Kenneth Wright, Hudson Seigfeid, Liliana Guy, Caleb Gandolfo, Mydayana David, Zelia Arnold Orban, Annayeli Landron, Olivia Tomas, Azariah Gutierrez, Kalina Davis, Jaxson Quilan, Mason Klein, Luka Molina Jagosits, Reina Martinez,

Fourth Grade Winners:

Kaylee Cabrera, Lucille Lamb, Gloria Estrada, Sariyah Lowndes, Alexandria Araias, Dayana Lopez Vicente, Leyanis Santiestaban Padron, Janai Piviral, Emmie Prout Ameilya Pettis

Fifth Grade Winners:

Christina Rotger, Matthew Garcia, Brooklyn Fraser, Jaira Pascual Domingo, Gia Catablan, Violet Lee, Brian Pedro Pascual**

** Bike winner

Here are the teachers who won:

Ms. Aida – Guidance Counselor

Ms. Hoenings – Grade 4

Ms. Burke – Grade 2

Ms. Ramirez – Grade 4

Ms. Salas – Grade 4



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Hello NG K-8 family!

Spring has arrived and brought with it some warmer temperatures! As we enter the month of May the school year is rapidly ending. We are currently completing Alternative Assessments and will begin State Assessments. Testing ends on May 23rd for Middle School students, and our last day for students is May 30th.

We will be wishing our 8th grade students the best as they move to HS, and welcoming a new group of 6th graders to MS.

Graduation for 8th graders will be held on May 30th at 9:00 am. Please check Class Dojo for more information.

Parents, please continue to have your children read every day. I recommend a minimum of 30 minutes. Many parents ask how to help their students stay on track over the summer. One way is to have your child read, read and read some more! Our ELA teacher will require Summer Reading, she will be providing a list for each grade level before we leave for the summer. Each student will be required to complete a project related to the reading. Students can read together as a family, read to younger siblings or just enjoy some quiet reading by the pool or backyard. Car and plane trips are also great times to read! Students who read in the summer start off much stronger academically when they return to school in August. The good reading habits you encourage now can bring your child life-long benefits!

Thank you for such a successful school year!



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.



ART NEWS

Take a moment to check out the new art display at the Tiger Art Cafe! The students from second, third, fourth, and fifth grade have been learning about Pop Art and have created some extraordinary pieces. Keep an eye out for numbers that have been transformed into brilliant Pop art designs by second and third-graders. These designs include the multiplication factors of that number. The words that imitate sounds (onomatopoeia) from fourth and fifth grade are depicted in a comic book style similar to Pop Art. Congratulations to the artists who worked hard to contribute to this art show.



MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Friday, May 3rd will be the last day for students to borrow library books. Friday, May 17th will be the last day to return library books. If your child has misplaced a book, please attempt to replace it with the same book or something similar from Amazon or some other book seller. If you are unsure of the title of the book, please send a Dojo message to your child's teacher or to Ms. Abrams, the school's library media specialist.

We will be having our final Scholastic Book Fair of the year May 20th - May 28th. This is our BOGO fair. Everyone will receive a free book with the purchase of a book. Students will visit the book fair during their assigned media time and middle school students are asked to visit between 9:15 and 9:45 any day of the fair.

The new list of Sunshine Young Reader books has been released for the 2024-2025 school year. These are the books the students read in order to participate in the Battle of the Books. Please discuss the possibility of participating with your child. Battle of the Books is open to all 3rd - 5th grade students. All of the books will be available through the school library and also available through the public library in eBook and print formats. Here is the list of titles: [FY25 SSYRA Books 3-5](#)

A public library card is a great thing to have for summer reading! Please be sure to visit Cindy Ansell, the Lake Worth Beach Children's Librarian, this summer for wonderful reading programs and to borrow books when we aren't in school. Also, remember to visit the Little Free Libraries around Lake Worth Beach where you can take a book and leave a book.



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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Clara Raymond, Lorenzo Gonzales and Mateus Aragao Mota competed in the Special Olympics Region 5 Track Meet. It was held at Traz Powell Stadium in Miami on Sunday, April 14th. This was Lorenzo's first Special Olympics Regional Track Meet. He earned two Gold Medals in the 50 Meter Run and the Softball Throw. Clara also competed in the 50 Meter Run and the Softball Throw and earned two Silver Medals. Mateus earned a Gold Medal in the Running Long Jump. He was featured on Channel 7 News in Miami for his outstanding performance. Here is the link if you are interested in watching it.

[Channel 7 News Special Olympics](#)

Mateus also competed in the 200 Meter Run and earned a Silver Medal. Clara, Lorenzo and Mateus did an Awesome Job representing North Grade K-8. Mrs. Howard is happy to announce that all three athletes were selected to compete at the Summer State Games at Disney's Wide World of Sports, May 17th and 18th.



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!

We look forward to celebrating our amazing teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10.

Our last PTO meeting of the year will be held on May 14 at 8:15. If you are able to attend, we would love to see you there.

Thank you,
North Grade K-8 PTO