



Tiger-rific News



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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.

We are so excited to have our Community Thanksgiving Dinner again. It will be November 16, 2023, 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

1	No school - Teacher Work Day
2	Beginning of 2 nd Trimester
5	Daylight Savings Time ends
6	SAC Meeting ~ 8:15 am in Cafeteria
6	Report Cards available on SIS – Grades K - 5
10	Choice Open House Elementary @ 8:30 am ~ Media Center Middle School @ 5:00 pm ~ Media Center
14	PTO Meeting @ 8:15 an ~ Cafeteria
16	Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner Grades K - 5
20-24	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
27	School resumes

DECEMBER

Calendar Events ~ Decembeer

4	SAC Meeting ~ 8:15 am in Cafeteria
5-9	Holiday Gift Shop
22	End of 2 nd Nine Weeks (Middle School)
25-31	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 stretch 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

We had a great October! We learned all about fictional characters and the important lessons we can learn through stories. We are looking forward to starting our new unit that focuses on why it's important to be a good community member. We'll be learning about how we can get involved in our community and what it means to be a responsible member of our community. Our math unit this month will focus on continuing to grow our addition and subtraction skills, but we will begin building a deeper understanding of the problems we are solving. This includes adding three numbers, explaining whether equations are true or false, and learning about the Associative Property of Addition.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

As we continue on in 2nd Grade, we are still learning everyday 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 Its Properties! In Math, we are working on Subtracting with Numbers to 100! We hope everyone has a fantastic Thanksgiving Break from 11/20 - 11/24! 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

Third grade is finished with the first trimester of school. Report cards will be available soon. Looking forward,

we will be starting a unit on Government with practice of concepts in reading and writing regarding this topic. . Your child should read 15 minutes every day, or can be read to by you or another relative. Please keep an eye on teacher emails and Class Dojo account for further communication. In your math classes we learning about Geometry. Please try to enforce what is geometrical at home. Thank you for your cooperation.

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Fourth graders have been working hard in all subjects. We have fully gotten into our routines and are learning a lot. We have learned how to write informative essays and are now working on writing our opinion essays. We just finished our fiction unit about character actions and reactions and have begun our non-fiction unit where we will be learning about the different branches of Government. In math we have learned to multiply numbers by 2-digits 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 are doing a great job! We have just finished our Character Unit, and 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 Mystro at the Kravis Center, it was an amazing show! Hispanic Heritage, and Literary Licious were a huge success, thank you to all who came. If your child is planning on attending our Universal Studios trip, please continue sending in money.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

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 Counts Trait for October was "Citizenship". Citizenship is defined as: doing your part to make the school, classroom, home, and community better; cooperate with teachers & kids; obey rules & laws; vote, respect authority, protect the environment and animals.

Below is a list of our October winners:

Nadia, Yareth, Kayler, Gia, Jay, Petra, Zavier, Loudiana, Coach Adams, Mr. Castellon, Ms. Martz, Mrs. Langhoff

NEW WORLDS READING INITIATIVE AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Florida's New Worlds Reading Initiative (NWRI) is open for enrollment! New Worlds Reading is a free statewide program to advance literacy and a love of reading for Florida students in Grades VPK-5. The program is to help students read on grade level through a monthly at-home book and literacy resource delivery program.

Any child in Grads K – 5 not yet reading on grade level is eligible to enroll. Parents must enroll their children. Here is the [Enrollment Link](#). Once enrolled in the program, students remain in the program until they advance to Grade 6 or the parent opts out of the program.

Every registered student receives a free book each month during the school year and three books through the summer months. Select books are available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and large print.

PARENT LIAISON

On November 16th 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.

If you have not yet signed up as a volunteer, please come to the school and register.

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Thank you to all who volunteered for and shopped at the book fair. This was North Grade's record fall fair. All proceeds will be spent to continue to expand and update the collection for our students.

If you are interested in assisting with the development of our collection, we have many options. First, you can adopt the media center through PTO's Adopt-A-Class program. If you are interested, please contact the PTO at NorthGradePTO@gmail.com. Also, there is an Amazon wish list of new titles the students would love to have in the media center. [North Grade Media Center Amazon Wish List](#) Thank you to all of those who have already donated.

In our media classes, we are working on reading and science skills, book selection, and responsible use of the media center. Please help us by reminding your child that library books are borrowed and need to be kept clean and dry, and returned to the school library media center during their next class time. Many students are returning their books wet or aren't returning them at all. Thank you for your continued assistance.

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PTO NEWS

Thank you to all the families and community members that donated money and candy for our Trunk or Treat! We had over 530 people attend and it was a great family event! The proceeds from the Kona Ice sales will be donated to the Media Center to help replenish library books! And a HUGE thank you to the staff and families that decorated a car. All the cars looked amazing! We had everyone that attended vote for their favorite and the winners were:

1st place- Super Mario car (Aftercare) -\$100

2nd place- Barbie (Admin) \$50

3rd place_ Graveyard Cooks (family of Raven in kindergarten) \$25

Our next PTO event will be the Holiday Gift Shop at the beginning of December. This is a fun way for the kids to shop for their families for the Holidays. All items are between \$1-\$5 dollars and the kids absolutely love this! Volunteers will be needed. The November PTO meeting will be Tuesday November 14th at 08:15 am in the cafeteria. Please attend if you can

Thank you for your support!
PTO

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The Capacity to learn is a *gift*; the ability to learn is a *skill*; the willingness to learn is a choice

Brain Herbert

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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR HEALTH CARE DISTRICT SCHOOL NURSE:

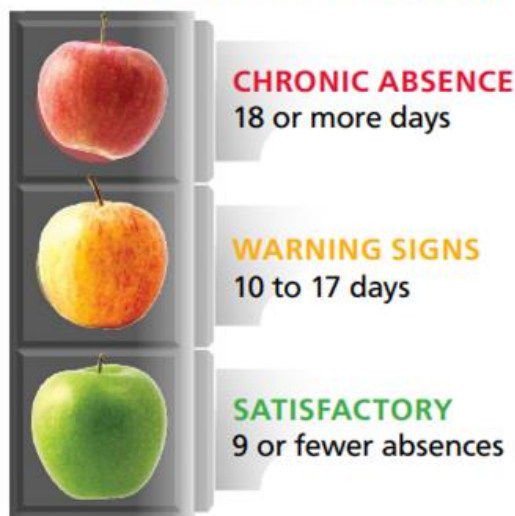
Set a regular bedtime for your child. Regular bedtimes are important and could have lifelong impacts on health.

Studies have confirmed the importance of setting a regular bedtime for school-aged children. Not only does sleep affect children's test scores, it was found that children who do not have regular bedtimes are more likely to have behavioral difficulties, such as hyperactivity, conduct problems, problems with peers and emotional difficulties. A recent study also reported that children who switched to a more regular bedtime showed clear improvements in their behavior.

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute recommends at least 10 hours of sleep per day for school-aged children. Setting a regular bedtime can be challenging; however, the benefits to your child are extremely valuable as early child development has profound influences on health and well-being throughout one's life.

For more information visit: www.hcdpbc.org/schoolhealth

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS (Continued from page 2)

It was great to see so many of you at our Literary-Licious activity. Thank you, to our committee for putting together such a wonderful event and our volunteers who supported with their time, talent, as well as our families who supported with the wonderful donations of candy! I love being part of the North Grade K-8 family! We have fun at North Grade K-8, but we also work extremely hard for our students.

As we begin the month of November, please keep in mind that November is a wonderful and appropriate month to express thankfulness and gratitude for all that we have and for the beauty that surrounds us. Thank you, North Grade K-8 families, for the many blessings we share each day and for allowing us the pleasure working with your children each day. Let us be appreciative that we have kids who want to learn, be successful, and grow academically. Let us be appreciative that we have a faculty dedicated to helping our students reach those pivotal milestones. Let us also be thankful for wonderful parents who support education and work diligently with us every step of the way. While the past few years have been challenging for many of us, it has given us the gift of a new perspective on the many things that we may have taken for granted in the past. While many of you may be struggling this Thanksgiving, we hope you are able to take a moment to enjoy the moments with your family.

Middle School has begun fundraising for our end of the year activities and we hope you can volunteer. Our students are excited and ready to support each fundraiser, in order to make the end of the year activities a success,

Wishing you all a safe and happy Thanksgiving.