



Tiger-rific News

We're an "A" School

North Grade K - 8 School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

This is our first newsletter in 2024. 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 black community to our society, our country and the world.

For Fun Friday on February 2nd, 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.

On February 22nd, we will be hosting our Love of Literacy event. There will be food and many fun activities. The cost is \$2 per person. The money raised will go to our safety patrols' trip to Washington DC. See Media Center News section for more details.

Anti-bullying (Pink Shirt) Day is February 28th. 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

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| 1-28 | Black History Month |
| 2 | National Wear RED Day |
| 5 | SAC Meeting ~8:15 am in Cafeteria |
| 13 | PTO Meeting @ 8:15 am Cafeteria |
| 15-23 | Book Fair |
| 16 | 2 nd Trimester ends |
| 19 | Teacher Work Day ~ No School |
| 20 | 3 rd Trimester begins |
| 22 | Love of Literacy Event 5:30 – 7:00 pm |
| | Elementary report cards available on portal |
| 24-25 | Lake Worth Street Painting Festival |
| 28 | Pink Shirt Day – Anti-bullying Day |
| | Spring Picture Day |



Calendar of Events ~ March

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| 4 | SAC Meeting ~8:15 am in Cafeteria |
| 15 | Middle School ~ 3 rd quarter ends |
| 18-25 | Spring Break |
| 20 | First Day of Spring |
| 26 | Middle School ~ 4 th quarter begins |



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 100! Let's go Kindergarten!

FIRST GRADE NEWS

We're looking forward to fun units this coming month. Our reading unit is all about the lessons that stories teach us and what we can learn from mistakes. We're going to learn how to identify the morals of different stories and how to make connections between the stories we read and our own lives. This is a great opportunity to practice learning at home. While reading with your child, you can ask questions about the lessons characters are learning in the books you read. In math we're going to be learning how to add and subtract numbers within 100. This includes adding and subtracting a two-digit number with a one-digit number. We are going to continue about the needs of living things in science, and towards the end of the month, we will begin our unit on matter.

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

3rd graders are learning Text Structure and Features, about compound sentences while reading about Technology. They are also practicing writing

an argumentative (opinion) essay in preparation for the PBPA Writing Test. In math we have been practicing multiplication, division and identifying patterns in number sequences. Next up is fractions! We are really looking forward to our field trip in February to the Sandoway Discovery Center in Delray Beach!

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

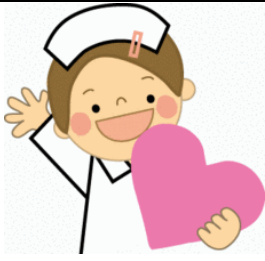
Fourth grade has been hard at work since we returned from winter break. In ELA we just finished a unit about perspective and point of view and we are currently working on a unit about technology. In math we are learning how to add and subtract fractions and before the end of the month will be learning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

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

subtracting Fifth grade is working hard and it shows! In Math, we have been working on fractions. First, we added and subtracted them, now we are tackling multiplying and dividing. We are finishing up our ELA unit on technology and the Industrial Revolution. It has been interesting to learn about the ways technology has impacted us starting in the late 1700's. In Science we are learning about Energy and Electric Circuits. The student's have been working hard in writing as well! We have a PBPA coming up in the next couple weeks. Thank you to everyone who came to the dance! We had a great turn-out! 5th grade is going to take over popcorn sales for the months of February, March, and April. If any parents are available to volunteer to help with popcorn Fridays, please let your child's home room teacher know!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Happy February ❤️❤️ North Grade K-8 family! We are well into our 2nd semester and have completed 100 days of school. The school year is going by so quickly! We are amazed and proud of how much our students are learning and improving. We encourage you to have a conversation with your student about his/her (continued on Page 3)



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!

Prior to Winter Break, we held the First Annual "You're An Author" Bookmaking Contest. With the help of over 30 staff members, the books were all judged and the winners chosen. In K-2, there was a tie: Nusaibah Anisha in Ms. Campisi's Class and Lia Ortega in Ms. Gootner's Class. In the 3-5 category, there was a tie: Tessa Hopkins in Ms. Ritchie's Class and Violet Ellis in Ms. Bailey's Class. In the Middle School category, the winner was Mia Teron in Mr. Quinones's Homeroom Class. We are so proud of the 40+ students that created books.

On January 26, the last day of Literacy Week, students participated in Battle of the Books. In order to participate, students must be in grades 3rd - 5th and commit to read at least three of the books from the Sunshine Young Readers list. We will find out how our students did once all students throughout the district have competed. Special congratulations to Joseph Kiernan in Ms. Ritchie's Class and Violet Ellis in Ms. Bailey's Class for reading nearly all 15 titles on the list. Way to go!!

Beginning on February 2nd, Ms. Abrams will be holding a Creative Writing Club every Friday from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. If you are interested in your child participating, please complete this form and return it to school as soon as possible. Creative Writing Club Letter in English Creative Writing Club Letter in Spanish

The book fair will run from February 15th - February 23rd. Classes will visit during their assigned media center fine arts rotation: Book Fair Visitation Schedule. All students with an eWallet will receive a prize. Directions to create an eWallet will be added to Dojo as the book fair gets closer.

On Thursday, February 22nd, we will be holding an evening literacy event: For the Love of Literacy. The event will run from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. The cost will be \$2.00 per person and all money collected will benefit our Safety Patrol trip to Washington DC. The event will be open to everyone. All students must be accompanied by someone 18 years old or older. The event will include Bingo for Books, craft stations, games, read alouds, giveaways, and an opportunity for families to visit the book fair. Pizza, chips, and soda will be available for purchase, too.