



Tiger-rific News

North Grade K - 8 Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



Fall is in the air and this means the holidays are just around the corner. For our Elementary students, the first trimester ends on October 31st. As a reminder, report cards are available to parents on SIS Gateway. Be sure to check out our Calendar of Events for October and November.

The month of October is a busy month. This month, we have our Book Fair, Hispanic Heritage Night, Fall Pictures, Character Parade, and our PTO is hosting a Trunk or Treat. In addition, the district is hosting the Showcase of Schools at the South Florida Fairgrounds.

October is Bullying Prevention Awareness month. To show our support, we will be participating in a number of events throughout the month. In addition to the scheduled events, there also is an information sheet for parents. This information gives parents strategies they can share with their student. Please refer to that section in the newsletter.

We are currently in the middle of Hispanic Heritage Month. We will be hosting a Hispanic Heritage Night on October 12. Come join us and see the various displays of Hispanic culture presented by our students.

We encourage you to make sure your child is reading and doing their homework. Please make sure your child comes to school daily and on time. Thank you!

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Calendar of Events ~ October

2	SAC Meeting ~ 8:30 am in Cafeteria
12	Hispanic Heritage Celebration- 5:30-7 pm
12	Grades 6, 7 & 8 – end of 1 st Marking Period
13	Fall Holiday – No School
17	Fall Picture Day ~ All students
17	Showcase of Schools 4 – 8 pm @ South Florida Fairgrounds
18	Wear Orange for Unity Day
20	Middle School Report Cards available in SIS
	Trunk-or-Treat ~ 5:30 – 7:00 pm
31	Character Parade during school
	End of the 1 st Trimester – Elementary

Calendar of Events ~November

1	No school – Teacher Work Day
2	Beginning of 2 nd Trimester- Elementary
5	Daylight Savings Time ends
6	SAC Meeting ~ 8:15 am in Cafeteria
6	Report Cards available on SIS – Grades K - 5
16	Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner
20-24	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School





CLASSROOM NEWS

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Our new Kindergarten Tigers will be moving on to our second Reading and Writing Unit: Every Story has Characters. We will be learning how to describe characters, settings, and important events to develop a deeper understanding of what we are reading. In Writing, we will respond to the stories we read and create narratives with events that happen in chronological order. Math continues with counting, representing, then eventually comparing numbers 0 all the way to 10. Save the date: Gearing Up for Kindergarten October 5th 5:30 to 6:30!

FIRST GRADE NEWS

We had so much fun learning all about life cycles and why living things grow and change in Reading and Science. As our life cycle study concludes, we're beginning our study of fictional characters. We're looking forward to learning important lessons through stories and analyzing the challenges characters face. This unit comes at the perfect time since we will be enjoying a Character Day Parade at the end of the month. Our math units will continue to focus on growing our addition and subtraction skills as we learn to add and subtract facts within 20.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

2nd Grade is growing strong! We are learning every day and are excited about our units of study! In ELA, we just started Unit 2 where we are learning about Characters Facing Challenges! We are settling into our reading environments as we continue to work on building our reading stamina! In Science, we are exploring and learning about The Needs of Living Things and How Living Things Change! In Math, we are working on Fluently Adding and Subtracting with Sums and Differences within 100! Please continue to monitor your child's backpack and stay in communication with your child's teacher through ClassDojo. We can't wait for more continued excitement in 2nd Grade!

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Third grade says hello to all of you. We are currently working with the students with rigor and fidelity using the Florida standards to guide us in the instruction. We are writing expositorys explaining given prompts. We are working on our reading stamina and skills using fables, folktales and myths. So if you would like to have your child read more of the same, a book fair is being held at school for your convenience. Thank you for your cooperation.

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

We have been very busy in fourth grade this month. We just finished our first unit in ELA and have begun our second unit about character actions and reactions. We have started learning how to write expository and opinion essays. In math we have begun work in both multiplication and division. We are all looking forward to the upcoming book fair which will be here from October 4th to October 12th. We are also looking forward to Hispanic Heritage Night on October 12th and Literary-Licious on October 20th. Please make sure your student is doing their homework and remind them to always do their best work in class.

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Fifth grade is continuing to work hard and are doing a great job! We have wrapped up our first Benchmark Unit on Corn, and started our new unit, which is all about character relationships. We are working on multiplication in Math, please practice those math facts. In Science we have finished our unit on Animal Adaptations and Survival, and are beginning our unit on 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. Now for the FUN stuff, we have a lot of exciting things happening in October! Be on the lookout for information about Hispanic Heritage Night happening on October 12th, Literary Licious and Trunk or Treat on October 20th, and Our Character Parade on the 31st! What a busy fun month!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Happy fall NG parents!

It is hard to believe that we are almost one quarter of the way through the school year. It is such a joy to be together in school with your children and to be resuming more of a normal school routine. We are so appreciative of everyone's continued efforts to support our new Middle School After School Program.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to speak with teachers for the meet the teacher night. It is crucial that we work as a team because perhaps more than at any other point in development, the Middle School years are a team effort as both teachers and parents help students become increasingly responsible, thoughtful, and self-reliant.

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

The Six Pillars of Chara

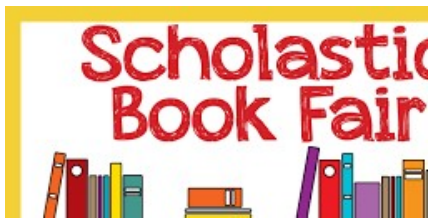


CHARACTER COUNTS CORNER

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 September was Trustworthy. Being Trustworthy is defined as: Being honest: Keeping your word. Doing what you say you'll do. Offering to be helpful and follow thru with your help. Being loyal. Standing by your values & boundaries.

Below is a list of our September winners:
Daisy Geronimo Tomas – 3rd Ritchie
Serigo Molina Figueroa -4th McGinley



MEDIA CENTER NEWS

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming: October 4th - 12th. This season's theme is: Paws for Books. Flyers have gone home with all students. Please create a Virtual Wallet for your child to use to shop. (It prevents money from getting lost.) All students who have a Virtual Wallet will receive a prize. October 12th is Book Fair Family Night, from 5pm to 8pm, during Hispanic Heritage. Students will visit the Book Fair on their assigned media day.

[North Grade K8 Book Fair Website](#)

[Book Fair Volunteer Sign-Up Fall 2023](#)
[Book Fair Visitation Schedule October 2023](#)

Battle of the Books is rapidly approaching. Please let Ms. Abrams know that you will be participating and the names of your team members, if you haven't already. The books are available on MackinVia and in the school library. Please remember that you need to read at least three books to participate.



FROM THE DESK OF YOUR HEALTH CARE DISTRICT SCHOOL NURSE:

Books in the Bedroom

Recent research seems to support the old-fashioned ritual of reading a book before bed. New research has found a possible relationship between the light emitted from some electronic devices and sleep patterns. In the past, content viewed prior to sleep was considered the major concern with violent content being more disruptive. Research now indicates that the use of hand-held devices like eReaders, video games, tablets and video players for entertainment before going to bed may negatively affect the quality of sleep.

Quality of sleep has been proven to have a direct relationship on one's health, including cognitive and behavior patterns. So, while more research is being conducted, you may want to think twice before reaching for one of the many electronic devices used regularly during the course of a day before you go to bed.



FALL PICTURES

Picture day is Wednesday October 17, 2023. ALL STUDENTS will get their picture taken, even if you do not purchase them. Students ***must wear*** their school uniform for these photos. If you want to order pictures, you must pay for them first. Flyers will be sent home with students in the near future.

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Engaged Learning

Learning is more than sitting quietly and behaving, it is participating in what is being learned. Is your child actively participating in learning? Grades can be affected by class participation. Talk to your child about actively participating in learning. These steps can help your child to be an active participant in their learning.

1. Arrive to class every day, on time and prepared.
2. Ask thoughtful questions.
3. Contribute to discussions and group work

SCHOOL INFORMATION

PTO NEWS

The Parent Teacher Organization held our first meeting Tuesday September 12th. We reviewed what the PTO does during the year and elected our new PTO board.

The new board members are: President- Katie Wilson, Vice-President- Denise Youngblood, Treasurer- Dawn Davis, Secretary-Jessica Summers (Galila Abdelghani co-secretary).

Meetings will be held the second Tuesday of the month in the cafeteria at 08:15am unless there is a need to cancel. Attending the meeting is free and in no way obligates you to volunteer. Please join our North Grade PTO Facebook page for updates about our activities and more information on how you can help support the group.

Coupon books for sale

We are a month into the coupon book sale which is the PTO's main fundraiser for the entire school year. So far students have been great in purchasing or returning the book to their teacher if they cannot purchase.

Please remember to return the book if you will not be buying it! The proceeds from the coupon book sale help to purchase books for the media center and classroom libraries, upgraded technology for the newsroom, sports equipment, iPads for the computer lab, team shirts, and so much more. Please try your best to buy or sell at least ONE book. The book pays for itself in just two or three uses.

Books can also be purchased online at: [Buy Coupon Books Online](#). Books purchase through the website online can be purchased for other counties and states as well and North Grade will get credit.

Trunk-or-Treat

North Grade is planning to host a Trunk-or-Treat in the school's front parking lot on Friday, October 20th at 5:30 pm. There is a \$1 per person entrance fee which gets you a cute bag to collect your candy and all proceeds will go towards helping the media center buy new books for the school library. This year the **Kona Ice** truck will be selling snow cones and 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the PTO for our media center. Please mark your calendars now and keep an eye out for flyers with more information as the date approaches. The event will be outdoors, and we need a lot of help to make it successful.

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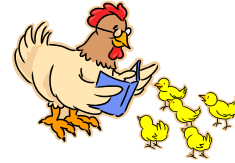
If you are willing to decorate the trunk of your car and/or contact local businesses for donations, we

would LOVE your help!

Reach out to northgradepto@gmail.com for more information on how to get involved.

We are also asking everyone to donate as much candy as possible for the event, 1-2 bags per week would be wonderful! We will begin collecting candy in the front office and car lines Tuesday September 26th and collect thru October 20th.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with PTO activities, email



READING TIPS FOR PARENTS:

From kindergarten through third grade, you may see tremendous growth in your child's literacy development. While your child may receive a lot of educational guidance from their teachers, remember that you play a major role in their success in reading and writing – at every stage of development.

To help build your child's literacy skills, here are a few things that you can do at home:

- Let your child gradually share some of the reading aloud. You read a sentence, paragraph, or page, then it's your child's turn.
- Take over if your beginner seems tired or discouraged to ensure that reading is always fun, not just hard work.
- If your child cannot sound out a word properly, suggest skipping it, reading the rest of the sentence, and then deciding what word would make the most sense.
- Leave notes on the refrigerator or in a lunch bag for your child to discover and read.
- Take your new reader to the library to sign up for his or her own library card.

Try introducing the following types of books to your child:

1. "Read-Aloud" books with plots to follow (and challenge) vocabulary.
2. Easy-to-read books your child can read alone.
3. Select a variety of books, including nonfiction, magazines, and poetry.

School Information



October is bullying awareness month. This is a great time to talk with your children about bullying.

- **Take bullying seriously.** Make sure your kids understand that you will not tolerate bullying at home or anywhere else. Set rules about bullying and stick to them. If you punish your child by taking away privileges, be sure it's meaningful. For example, if your child bullies other kids via email, text messages, or a social networking site, stop phone or computer privileges for a period of time. If your child acts aggressively at home, with siblings or others, put a stop to it. Teach more appropriate (and nonviolent) ways to react, like walking away.
- **Teach kids to treat others with respect and kindness.** Teach your child that it is wrong to make fun of differences like race, religion, appearance, special needs, gender, etc. Try to instill a sense of empathy for those who are different. Consider getting involved together in a community group where your child can interact with kids who are different.
- **Learn about your child's social life.** Look for insight into what may be influencing your child's behavior at school or wherever the bullying happens. Talk to your kids about relationships with friends and peers and about the pressures to fit in. Get them involved in activities outside of school so that they meet and develop friendships with other kids.
- **Encourage good behavior.** Positive reinforcement can be more powerful than negative discipline. Catch your kids being good. When they handle situations in positive ways, take notice and praise them for it.