

Tiger-rific News

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North Grade K - 8 School Newsletter

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PRINCIPALS' NEWS

Welcome Back Tigers! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and that our students are excited and prepared to learn.

We are very excited about the new program we implemented this year called the Ron Clark 4 Houses One Family Program. This system divides the students and staff into four distinct houses. The four houses are Isibindi, Reveur, Alturismo, and Amistad. Each house represents a different trait: dreamers, givers, friendship, and courage. The aim of the system is to increase student engagement, motivation, and a sense of community in the school. More information will be forthcoming about the program.

Our teachers and staff are all prepared to make a difference in the lives of our students by building a safe, compassionate community of lifelong learners who are inspired to become respectful, responsible, innovative, independent thinkers, and problem solvers. You play a key role in the academic success of our students; therefore, school/parent communication is crucial. Teachers will continue using the Class DoJo App to communicate with parents. It is a great way to communicate between you and your child's teacher. If you have not yet downloaded the app, please do.

To further ensure a successful school year please:

- **Make your child's attendance to school a priority – instruction begins promptly at 8:00 am daily. Instructional time is bell to bell – from 8:00 a.m. until 2:05 p.m.**
- **Allot time for homework and reading with your child on a nightly basis.**
- **Please schedule appointments after the hours of school. We teach from bell-to-bell and want all of our students to receive the maximum amount of instruction time during a school day.**9 (Cont'd on pg 6)



September

Calendar of Events ~ September

1	Labor Day ~ No School
8	SAC Meeting ~ 8:15 am in Cafeteria
10	Open House/Curriculum Night 5:30-6:15 ~ Grades K-2
	Open House/Curriculum Night 6:15 -7:00 ~ Grades 3-8
11	9/11 Anniversary/Patriotic Day
	PTO Meeting @ 8:15 am
12	Middle School Mid-Term Progress Reports available on district portal
15	Hispanic Heritage Month begins and runs through October 15th
22	Elementary Mid-Term Progress Reports available on district portal
26	Title I Gearing Up for Kindergarten Meeting 5:30 – 6:30 PM

Calendar of Events ~October

2	Fall Holiday ~ No school
6	SAC Meeting ~ 8:15 am in Media Center
8	Fall Picture Day ~ Everyone participates
16	End of 1 st 9-week marking period
17	Fall Holiday ~ No School
24	Middle School Report cards available in SIS



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Our new Kindergarten Tigers will be starting our first Reading and Writing Unit: Plants and Animals Have Needs. We will practice foundational skills like rhyming, syllables, and letter identification as well as handwriting. In Writing, we will be learning how to express our ideas through drawing and speaking. Math begins with counting, representing, then eventually comparing numbers 0 to 10. We would like to thank our Kindergarten families for sending in all the necessary materials to help get the year off to a great start!

FIRST GRADE NEWS

Our first grade students are off to a great start! In Reading and Science, we are learning about how plants and animals grow and change. In Math, we finished our unit on 2D and 3D shapes. We are now working on adding and subtracting, with facts to 10. You can support your child's learning growth by reading bedtime stories, playing outdoors and discussing the plants and animals that you see, and letting your child help you add and subtract while shopping, working in the kitchen, doing laundry, etc. Please check your child's "Take Home" folder every day as unfinished classwork or information from the office may be enclosed.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

Welcome back to school! We are so excited that you are here! We just finished up our Foundations and Routines Unit and are in the process of Unit 1 in ELA where we are learning all about Plants and Animals in Their Habitats! We are also practicing choosing just the right books and building our reading stamina! In Science, we already finished up our Social and Emotional Unit as well as our Human Growth and Development Unit. We are currently in Unit 1 where we are learning about Discovering Science and will soon be in Unit 2 where we will be learning about The Needs of Living Things! In Math, we have completed Unit 0 and are finishing up Unit 1 where we have learned how to Add and Subtract with Facts to 20. We will soon be in Unit 2 where we will be building our Foundations for Multiplication by Working with Equal Groups as well as Unit 3 where we will be learning how to Add with Sums to 100. Parents, please monitor your child's backpack and stay in constant communication with your child's teachers through Class Dojo. We can't wait to continue in 2nd Grade!

Thank you for your cooperation.

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Dear Parents of our darling 3rd grade students.,

We have started our year off with some routines and rules so that classes will run smoothly and essential

learning will happen throughout the year. We have started our Nonfiction unit on Animal adaptations. Your child could read about animals at home. We are reviewing math skills in class also. We will be taking some diagnostic tests this week to make sure your child is in a just right reading and group. Please check his/her agenda for any upcoming news and assignments.

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

It has been a wonderful start to the 2025-2026 school year! Fourth grade is already working hard on many things. We have already learned about classroom routines, procedures, our new House System and schoolwide expectations and have also begun working in all subjects. We just started our first ELA Unit which is about observing nature. We have already planned for our first 5 paragraph expository essay and have begun working on our introductions and body paragraphs. During our science block we have been learning about the scientific method and science tools. In math we have been working on strategies for solving multiplication and division problems and will soon begin a unit on place value. Please make sure your student knows their multiplication facts. It will help them greatly throughout the upcoming units.

Fourth grade students have homework Monday through Thursday in both math and ELA. They are also expected to read each evening for twenty minutes. Please make sure that your student is doing their homework in order to help them have a successful year. We are excited to have your students in our classes this year and are looking forward to a fabulous year.

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Fifth grade is off to a fantastic start! We have begun working on our first literacy unit and will be learning all about corn. In Math we are studying place value in whole numbers and decimals and will be moving on to adding and subtracting those decimals. Science has been focused on the practice of science including scientific experiments. We are excited to have our Safety Patrols on post and ready to help around our school. Look for more information about Ron Clark and our students being placed in their houses. Will they spin for Altruismo, Reveur, Amistad, or Isibindi?? We can't wait to see!!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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SCHOOL INFORMATION



PARENT LIAISON

Welcome back North Grade Tigers, Volunteers, and Business Partners. We hope you all had a wonderful summer. We are back and ready for another great school year.

We are always looking for volunteers. *If you signed up last year to be a volunteer, then you are ready to begin volunteering.* You do not need to register again. If you are new to the school and would like to volunteer, you will need to go to the front office and have your license scanned. You will also need to sign up on the front computer to be a volunteer.



CAFETERIA NEWS

This year all students receive breakfast and lunch at no charge. We do ask that you complete the **Income Survey**. By completing this survey, it could entitle you to additional benefits. Please notify the Food Service Manager about any dietary restrictions your student may have. If the student has any allergies, we will need the doctor to complete a form with the information. In addition, you must first see the school nurse.



POPCORN FRIDAYS

Almost every Friday we would sell popcorn at the school. The cost of a bag is \$1.00. We use the money raised to defer the cost of our Safety Patrol Trip to Washington, D.C. Students must turn in their money first thing in the morning. If money is turned in late, we may not be able to fill the order.

In order for Popcorn Fridays to be a success, we need parent volunteers to come in early on Friday mornings to pop the popcorn and bag it. If you are interested in volunteering for Popcorn Fridays, please contact the school at 561-202-9301.



MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Welcome back, Tigers! We are so happy to see everyone excited to visit the media center. Students in grades 2-5 are borrowing books to bring home. (First graders will begin borrowing books in September and kindergarteners in December.) We have reviewed how to care for our library books so students can enjoy them for a long time to come. Our K-5 students visit the North Grade Media Center every sixth day and any morning before class to exchange books. Our middle school students are invited to visit to borrow books any morning between 7:40am and 7:55am. The Lake Worth Beach City Library located at 15 N. M St is also a great place to go to borrow additional books. Here is the link to the library card application: [Library Card Application](#)



FUN FRIDAYS

Almost every Friday, we have Fun Fridays. Each Friday there will be a different theme, such as, crazy hat day, favorite team day, or pajama day. Students may come to school dressed representing the theme for the week. We send flyers home about the upcoming theme and send out

September 5 – Sports Jersey Day

September 12 – Celebrate the Ocean Day (wear all colors of blue)

September 19 – Favorite T-Shirt Day

September 26 – Fall Color Day

SIS GATEWAY

The SIS Gateway provides parents and students with real-time access to student information including schedule, grades, attendance, assessment data, and much more. We will be sending home the access codes at Open House. If you don't make it to open house, please check your student's backpack for the paper. 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.



FROM THE DESK OF YOUR HEALTH CARE DISTRICT SCHOOL NURSE:

It is important that up-to-date emergency contact information and working phone numbers are on file for each student. Please be sure to provide the school with any emergency contact changes as well as any new phone numbers, this way you will be able to be reached in the event of an emergency.

If your child has any medical conditions or requires medication in school, please make arrangements to speak to your School Nurse regarding a plan of care for this school year. School Nurses can assist in meeting the health care needs of your child while at school, helping them be better prepared to learn.

For more information visit:

www.hcdpbc.org/schoolhealth



SCHOOL WEBMASTER

The North Grade website can be a one-stop place for information about the school. You also can find the email address for any staff member here too. Click on the link below to visit the website.

[SCHOOL WEBMASTER LINK](#)

Check out this page for information about the school and information from the District.

NORTH GRADE'S SOCIAL MEDIA



If you don't already know, you can follow North Grade on Facebook and Twitter. Our handle for Twitter is:

North Grade@NorthGradeEL

Facebook: North Grade Elementary School



CAR LOOP PROCEDURES

Your child's safety is very important to us and we have developed guidelines for the Car Loop that ensures your child's safety and that the car loop moves smoothly. We understand parents need to get to work on time.

- Drive through the car loop at a slow speed.
- **There is no exit from the car loop prior to 7:30 am.** You are not allowed to turn around to go out. **The car loop is one way only.**
- Keep your vehicle in the right of the lane. We need the other lane open for staff members coming to work or emergency vehicles. Do not straddle the lane.
- **Parents are not to exit their vehicles** to help their student out. Hugs and kisses should be done in the car.
- The car loop is one way. You are not allowed to exit the car loop in the opposite direction. The gates open at 7:30 am in accordance to School District Policy. If you need to drop off your child prior to 7:30 am, it must be off campus
- The car loop is a single lane. The cones are there to restrict drivers from driving around and passing other vehicles. Do not pass the other cars in line, please.
- No cell phone use while you are in the car loop. There are signs posted.
- All students must be unloaded from the **right** passenger side of the vehicle.
- **All personal items should be inside the vehicle and not in the trunk.**
- If your child is in a child safety seat, please help them out of the seat before you are ready to drop them off.
- Pull all the way forward so you are directly behind the car in front of you. There should be no space.
- Do not unload where there is not a sidewalk.

By following these guidelines, we can keep our students safe and the car loop line moving smoothly.

SCHOOL INFORMATION



PTO NEWS

Welcome back, North Grade Tigers! We hope you had a great summer and are ready for an exciting school year.

The PTO is kicking off the year with our annual SaveAround Coupon Book fundraiser. This year every student who buys a book will be entered to win a gift card, and the class that sells the most books will win a party. Check your child's backpack for the book and information sheet. Additional books can be purchased here and are available for many areas, so please share with family and friends! Flyers also went home in backpacks with details about our Adopt-A-Classroom program, which is another way to support your child's teacher directly.

Our first PTO meeting of the year will be Wednesday, September 11 at 8:15 AM in the cafeteria. Everyone is invited to join us, hear what the PTO is all about, and find out how you can get involved. We're always looking for new ideas and volunteers to help make our school stronger.

Stay tuned for more family-friendly events and programs coming soon. In the meantime, you can always reach us at NorthGradePTO@gmail.com.

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Please join PTOs Facebook page for event postings.

PRINCIPALS' NEWS

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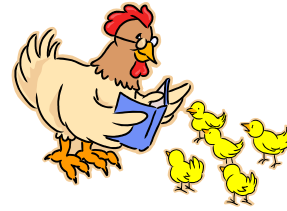
Our instructional program will be far more effective if your child is in school every day for the whole day.

We look forward to having a successful school year.

Nicole Patterson
Principal

Sarah Larralde
Assistant Principal

LITERACY TIPS FOR PARENTS



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Every month in the Newsletter we will be offering parents ideas and tips for how they can help their child improve his/her reading skills. One of the most beneficial ways to improve your child's reading skills is by either reading to your child daily or if your child already knows how to read, you can make sure your child reads every night for 20 to 30 minutes.



BAND AND CHOIR NEWS

Music has been flourishing at North Grade this past month. K/1 has been singing and moving, 2/3 has been playing auxiliary percussion, and 4/5 dove into barred percussion. We have all learned our four houses' chants and will be working on the cheers next. Applications for 3rd-5th grade students interested in Choir and Orff Ensemble have been submitted and reviewed and we are ready to begin after-school rehearsals the first week of September. Middle School Band has been rehearsing daily and should be practicing at home. We're also excited to start our Middle School Handbell Choir after school in September! Thank you for your support of our musical programs we are excited for a year of music-making! -Mrs. Langhoff

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MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

The new school year is off to a great start! We understand that it's important to create safe, supportive, and equitable learning environments that promote all students' social and emotional development. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead!

All students were given their IDs to wear during the first week of school. Students are expected to wear them at ALL TIMES. IDs are used for safety purposes as well as for meal services at school. If a student refuses to wear their ID during the school day or forgets it at home, they are assigned lunch detention for the day. We encourage students to put their IDs in their backpacks when they get home, so that they are always prepared for the next day of school. If you can help remind your child before they leave in the morning, we would greatly appreciate it.

All students in Middle School were also issued a Chromebook. We want to remind you of the importance of students bringing their Chromebooks to school each day, fully charged and ready to use. Chromebooks are an essential learning tool that allows students to access assignments, complete classwork, and participate in interactive lessons.

When students forget their materials, it can limit their ability to engage fully in class activities and may cause them to fall behind. By ensuring your child brings their Chromebook daily, you are helping support their success in the classroom.

Tutoring opportunities:

Mr. Langhoff is offering tutoring for Math after school. Please encourage your child to take advantage of the opportunity.

Reminder to parents that attendance is vital; make every effort to have your child at school on time each day. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. Together, we can make this year a positive and successful one.

Don't forget our Curriculum Night!

Wednesday, September 10th, is North Grade K-8 Middle School's Curriculum Night. We hope you are able to join us for the evening to learn about each of your students' classes. You will find their class schedule in your student's SIS portal.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping students prepared and ready to learn.

Sonia McGowan (TOSA Middle School)



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