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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 November 10th. 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 Hispanic Heritage Night, Fall Pictures, Character Parade, and our PTO is hosting Literary-licious Trunk or Treat. In addition, the district is hosting the Showcase of Schools at the South Florida Fairgrounds. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the various choice programs the district has to offer.

October is Bullying Prevention Awareness month. One aspect of preventing bullying is online safety. We will be offering a virtual presentation on Online Safety for parents. You can find more information about this presentation in this newsletter.

We are currently in the middle of Hispanic Heritage Month. We will be hosting a Hispanic Heritage Night on October 9. Come join us and see the various displays of Hispanic culture presented by our students.

There are many items in our "lost-and-found". Most of these items are never picked up. We strongly encourage parents label all of their children's items (water bottles, lunch boxes, jackets, and sweaters). Also, we strongly suggest that parents of students in grades 3 -5 teach their children their home address and a contact phone number.

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	Fall Holiday ~ No School
6	SAC Meeting ~ 8:30 am in Cafeteria
	World Day of Bullying Prevention ~ Wear blue
8	Fall Picture Day ~ All students
9	Hispanic Heritage Celebration- 5:30-7 pm
16	Grades 6, 7 & 8 – end of 1 st Marking Period
16	Trunk-or-Treat ~ 5:30 – 7:00 pm
17	Fall Holiday – No School
22	Wear Orange for Unity Day
24	Middle School Report Cards available in SIS
28	Showcase of Schools 4 – 8 pm @ South Florida Fairgrounds
31	Character Parade during school

Calendar of Events ~ November

2	Daylight Savings Time ends
3	SAC Meeting ~ 8:15 am in Cafeteria
11	No school – Teacher Work Day
12	Beginning of 2 nd Trimester- Elementary
	Report Cards available on SIS – Grades K - 5
14	Middle School Mid-term Progress Reports
20	Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner
24-28	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School



CLASSROOM NEWS



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Our 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. In Math, we will now start comparing numbers 0 all the way to 10, then eventually we will identify, compare and compose 2-D figures.

FIRST GRADE NEWS

We had so much fun learning all about living things and their life cycles in Reading and Science. As our life cycle study concludes in Reading, we are beginning our study of fictional characters. Our character study comes at the perfect time for enjoying a Character Celebration at the end of the month. In Math, our students are working on adding and subtracting facts to 20. Please remember to read every day with your child. "Children are made readers on the laps of their parents" —Emilie Buchwald

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

Dear Parents of our Third Grade

We have many good things going on in school. Your child has finished up the non-fiction unit for now in reading. We are diving deeper into fiction and analyzing characters and themes. We have started a new unit in math; however, the students need to practice multiplication and geometry. We have many events coming in October. It is Heritage Month and we will be celebrating in a couple of weeks those cultures and countries. We have all the students sorted into a Ron Clark Academy House. We are excited about the motivation this program brings to the school.

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

We have been very busy in fourth grade this month. Everyone enjoyed the first dance of the year. We just finished our first unit in ELA and have begun a new unit about character actions and reactions. We continue working on our five paragraph expository essays during our writing block. In math we have completed the unit on place value and are working on multiplying multi digit numbers by 1 digit numbers. Everyone is looking forward to Literary-Licious on Thursday, October 16th and to the Character Day Parade on Friday, October 31st. Please make sure your student is doing their homework and practicing their multiplication facts. Also, please remind them to complete their assignments in class and to always do their best work.

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

5th grade continues to make strong strides as we push through the school year! In Literacy, we transition to working on our second literacy unit, Developing Characters' Relationships, where students are learning how characters grow and interact with one another. In Math, we are focusing on Understanding Multiplication with Decimals and will soon build on this important skill. Lastly, in Science we are learning about the Diversity and Evolution of Living Things. Onto field trips and events...we are thrilled to announce that on October 7th, our 5th graders will attend a field trip to the Kravis Center to enjoy a performance by the Sons of Mystro! We are also excited and looking forward to celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with special activities and learning experiences. All is welcome to attend our school's Hispanic Heritage Celebration on October 9th from 5:30p-7:00p. Did I mention that there will be walking tacos?! Also, we can't forget our upcoming super fun Annual Literary-Licious! It will be held on October 16th from 5:30p-7:00p and don't forget Character Parade Day (October 31st), when they can dress up as their favorite book characters during the school day to celebrate the joy of reading! We're all looking forward to lots of dressing up, decorated car trunks, and candy! Now that students have been sorted into their Ron Clark Academy houses, they can proudly wear their house colors on Mondays! Lastly, a big thank you to our Safety Patrols for continuing to help all around the school. We all appreciate our amazing and responsible patrols! We're looking forward to a productive and exciting October!

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 trait for the month of October was being Responsible. Being Responsible is defined as: trying your best, being resilient, having self-control, having boundaries, thinking before you act, being accountable for what you choose to say, do, or think.



MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Students have been coming home with their library books in 2-gallon Ziplock bags. As posted on Class Dojo, the bags are to be kept in the student's backpacks to prevent library books from being damaged by liquids. Please help us preserve the books in our library by reminding your son/daughter to leave library books in the bag when they aren't being read. Thank you.

Kindergarteners will begin borrowing library books in January, following Winter Break.

Many thanks to the students who visit the library during open media time from 7:35am to 7:55am each morning. It is a great opportunity to borrow new books and return books that students may have left at home on their media day.

Please don't forget PTO's Literary-Licious (trunk or treat) event on Thursday, October 16th from 5:30 to 7:00pm. If you are interested in decorating your vehicle and passing out candy (that will be provided by the PTO), please email me at: [Ms. Abrams Email](#)

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS (Continued from Page 2)

Happy fall, NGK-8 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 Middle School students.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to speak with teachers for Curriculum 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.

BULLYING TALK ABOUT IT!

October is National Bullying Prevention Month, which means it's a good time to review what bullying is and to check in with your student about how they are getting along with others at school. Talk about bullying and remind them to tell you or another adult they trust if they see or experience any of the following:

- physical bullying – hurting someone physically (kicking, hitting, shoving) or damaging their personal property
- verbal bullying – repeated and excessive teasing and name-calling, or making embarrassing comments
- social bullying – spreading rumors or purposely excluding someone socially
- cyberbullying – using technology, such as text messages and social media, to harass, intimidate, or embarrass someone

If your child ever tells you that they are being bullied, take it seriously. Find out exactly what happened, when it happened, and who was involved. If necessary, bring it to the attention of a school counselor or principal.

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

Thank you for all you do to support our students at NGK-8!

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PTO NEWS

October is shaping up to be an exciting month at North Grade! Mark your calendars for our Literarilycious Trunk-or-Treat on Thursday, October 16. We're looking for volunteers to decorate their cars and hand out candy. Don't worry about the treats—we'll provide the candy for all volunteers. If you'd like to sign up, just send us an email.

Our SaveAround Coupon Book fundraiser is still going strong. Remember, students who buy a book are entered to win a gift card, and the top-selling class will win a party. Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser.

We also held our first PTO meeting of the year on September 11. If you weren't able to attend but would like to get involved, reach out to us anytime for updates or ways to help.

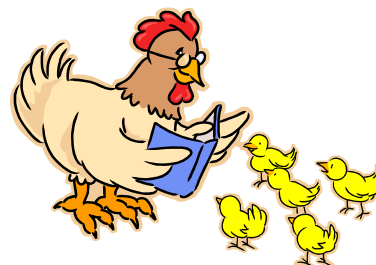
We're proud to share that our very first school fence banners are now hanging on "K" Street to showcase the generous business sponsors who donated to help our PTO thrive. A big thank you to Bob Davis Auto, Alexis Read Law, O'Reilly Auto Parts, The Rotary Club of Lake Worth Beach, Dennis Hernandez Family Dentistry, ExoticSounds, and AA One Transmission for supporting North Grade.

Please reach us at northgradpto@gmail.com with questions, ideas, or to sign up for volunteer opportunities.



FALL PICTURES

Picture day is Wednesday October 8, 2025. 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.



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.



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LATINOS IN ACTION

This year North Grade K – 8 has joined the Latinos in Action Club. This organization's mission is to create a more inclusive and equitable society for all. They provide programs that educate, empower and encourage community members to excel and leaders and to become leaders in their community. On September 19th, Latinos in Action attended their first event at the Hispanic Heritage Celebration at the Village of Wellington. The event was a total success. Our student did an awesome job, and enjoyed every moment of it. The parents were a great part of this event as well; they showed how supportive they will be for future events.



FIGHT BULLYING

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.

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Safety Reminder - Weapons Are Not Permitted on Campus

The safety and security of our students and staff is our highest priority. To support a safe learning environment, we want to provide a reminder of our School District's policy and state law.

Please remember that state law ([§790.115, Fla. Stat.](#)) and District policy (Firearms and Weapons- [Policy 2.383](#)) prohibit all weapons, including firearms, on school property at all times. This applies to our campus buildings, personal vehicles, school buses, and any school-sponsored event. With the exception of sworn law enforcement, these rules apply to all visitors, staff, and students.

Our District has a zero-tolerance policy for any threat to school safety, including the possession of any item considered to be a weapon. Any student who violates this policy will face the most severe consequences, including expulsion and potential criminal charges. The School District will also pursue criminal charges against any adult who poses a threat to school safety.

Thank you for your partnership in maintaining a safe school environment.



Remember “We are all Safety” and if you “See Something, Say Something”. You can notify us through the FortifyFL App.

<https://getfortifyfl.com/#home>

