



# Tigre-rrific News

North Grade K - 8 Newsletter

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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 have a change to our band class in Fine Arts. Ms. Langhoff has changed to a part-time position. We have hired another part-time teacher, Mr. O'Brien. We ask you to welcome Mr. O'Brien to North Grade. Ms. Langhoff will be teaching classes the first 3 periods and Mr. O'Brien will be teaching the last 3 periods.

We are so excited to have our Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner again. It will be November 20, 2025 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

<b>2</b>	Daylight Savings Time ends
<b>3</b>	SAC Meeting ~ 8:15 am in Cafeteria
<b>11</b>	No school – Teacher Work Day
<b>12</b>	Beginning of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester- Elementary
<b>13</b>	Flu Shot Clinic
<b>16</b>	Choice Orientation Meeting (new students only) @ 8:30 am in Cafeteria
<b>14</b>	Report Cards available on SIS – Grades K - 5
	Middle School Mid-Term Progress Reports available on SIS
<b>20</b>	Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner 5:00 – 6:00 pm
<b>24-28</b>	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School



## Calendar of Events ~ December

<b>1</b>	SAC Meeting ~ 8:15 am in Cafeteria
<b>TBD</b>	Holiday Gift Shop
<b>19</b>	End of the second quarter – Middle School
<b>22-31</b>	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 streeetch 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**

During the month of November, first graders will be learning all about being a good community member. Our reading unit in Benchmark will present us with poems and stories about different jobs in a community and ways that people help their communities. Our Science unit will explore heredity with plant and animal observations. In Math, we will be investigating the meaning of an equal sign and how to represent problems in different ways. As we focus on community helpers, now would be a great time to volunteer! Please reach out to your child's teacher to see how you can help out in the classroom or cafeteria.

## **SECOND GRADE NEWS**

As 2nd grade is going strong! We are learning every day and are excited about our units of study! In ELA, we just started Unit 3 where we are learning about Government. 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 Heredity and Reproduction. In Math, we are working on Subtracting with Sums and Differences within 100. Please continue to stay in communication with your child's teacher through ClassDojo.

## **THIRD GRADE NEWS**

Dear Parents of our Third graders, We have wrapped up another unit of fictional reading and now we are reading non-fiction selections. We are focusing on text features that could be present in the text to connect them to the content. Please help your child to read non-fiction. Also we have wrapped up Geometry concepts for now in math. We are currently learning area and

perimeter. We are also preparing for a writing exam in November. Please see that they practice subject and verb agreement, capitalization, and punctuation when writing.

Thank you for your cooperation,  
The Third Grade Team

## **FOURTH GRADE NEWS**

Fourth graders have been working hard in all subjects. We just finished our first trimester and look forward to trimester 2. We have learned how to write 5-paragraph informative essays with evidence and elaboration and will soon begin working on writing opinion essays. We just finished our fiction unit about character actions and reactions and have begun our next non-fiction unit where we will be learning about the different branches of Government. In math we have learned to multiply 2-digit numbers by 2 digit numbers 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 was excited to have our first RCA house meeting in October. We're going to continue focusing on: respect, responsibility & kindness throughout the month of November.

ELA is focusing on government, citizenship, and primary vs. secondary sources this month. Please remind your child to please read every night!

Science is focusing on living things and matter using the district unit packets as our resources. We're using small group work daily in our classrooms. Mr. Massey continues to support us in science- lab for our entire school!

Math is focusing on decimal division and the coordinate plane. We're using Math Club daily to reinforce past and present lessons and introduce units yet to come. Students are doing quick checks on their computers after their daily lessons and fluency flight to increase fluency of math facts. All students also should be using their multiplication flash cards that were provided to them.

We're working hard here at school and appreciate your support at home following up our daily lessons. Hope to see you all soon at our annual North Grade Thanksgiving Dinner.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS** (Continued on page 3)

# SCHOOL INFORMATION



## MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Please look around your house and vehicle for library books due back to the North Grade Media Center. Our goal is to have fresh books in the hands of the students each week when they visit the media center and this is only possible if they return the books they borrowed the week prior. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Thank you to everyone who attended our 16th Annual Literary-Licious. It was our largest turnout yet. Thank you, also, to everyone who donated candy to make sure the event was a success and to everyone who assisted with running candy or decorated a vehicle. A great time was had by all!

Thanksgiving Break is a great time to consider public library cards if you and your child(ren) don't have one. The Lake Worth Beach City Library has a wonderful selection of books for children. You can visit the library at 15 N. M St to get your library card today.



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We Keep Them Healthy

## FLU SHOT CLINIC

North Grade K – 8, in conjunction with HNH Immunizations & Health Heroes, will be hosting a Flu Shot Clinic this year on November 13, 2025. Flyers and consent forms have been sent home with your student. The shots are at no cost to you. If you would like to have your child to receive a flu shot, please complete the consent form and return the form to your child's classroom teacher.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS (Continued from Page 2)

As we enter the month of November, we are filled with gratitude for our students, staff, and families who continue to make our school community thrive. This month, we will focus on thankfulness, kindness, and giving back. We encourage our students to reflect on what they are grateful for and to continue demonstrating positive behavior and effort in their academics.

Students are fully engaged in learning. Our teachers, staff, and students are excited about the different things that are taking place at North Grade K-8 Middle School. Please know that we are here to support and ensure the success of all students.

We can hardly believe we have begun quarter 2! As we all continue to push students toward greater heights, we want to remind our families that each of you is a paramount accelerator of learning at home. Have an engaging conversation with questions about what they read! Research proves that "reading at home for at least twenty minutes a day has significant academic benefits." Another way to help your children grow academically and emotionally is to "Set and enforce screen-time limits and steer children toward reading, exercise, and play instead."

Thanksgiving break is November 24th-28th, as we take a pause, remember to express gratitude. This season should remind everyone of us how thankful we should be for what we have in life. We hope you enjoy this well-deserved time to rest, recharge, and create lasting memories with your loved ones. Please take this opportunity to relax and return ready to finish the semester strong!

Wishing you a safe, joyful, and peaceful Thanksgiving Holiday!

## The Six Pillars of Character™

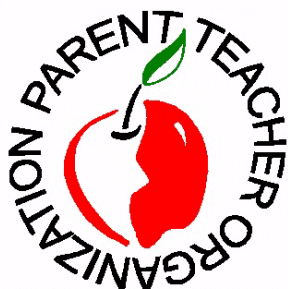


## CHARACTER COUNTS CORNER

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.

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## PTO NEWS

Hello North Grade K-8 Families,

Our Literary-licious Trunk-or-Treat was a huge success! Thank you to all the families, teachers, and volunteers who made the night magical with their creative book-themed trunks and costumes. We raised over \$1,900 for our wonderful media center!

We'd also like to give a big thank-you to everyone who joined us for our Bud's Chicken and Seafood Spirit Night—your support helps fund classroom needs and student activities throughout the year. Don't forget, we're still selling SaveAround Coupon Books! These make great gifts and are packed with local deals. Every purchase directly supports North Grade K–8 students and teachers.

Looking ahead, our Holiday Gift Shop will be coming in December! Students will have the chance to shop for family and friends during their Media Center hours. Dates will be announced soon.

Thank you for your support. To get involved, email us at [northgradepto@gmail.com](mailto:northgradepto@gmail.com).

Thank you,  
North Grade K-8 PTO



**Remember “We are all Safety” and if you “See Something, Say Something”. You can notify us through the FortifyFL App.**  
<https://getfortifyfl.com/#home>



## LITERACY TIPS FOR PARENTS

### IMPROVING COMPREHENSION

### PREPARING FOR STANDARDIZED TESTS:

Reading Comprehension is a part of most standardized tests. How can you help your child improve their understanding of what they read? Try a “Paired Reading” with your child.

1. First, you and your child can silently read the same part of a story, an article, or a textbook. Try two or three paragraphs to start.
2. Next, listen while your child summarizes aloud what he/she has read. They may say, “I learned that sedimentary rocks are made from pressure.” After they are finished summarizing, have a conversation together about the passage.
3. Then, change roles and the parent can summarize first and the child can continue the conversation. Keep switching roles until the whole story, article, or chapter is complete.

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## PARENT LIAISON

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.