



Nicole Patterson
Principal

Tiger-rific News

North Grade K – 8 Newsletter

824 North “K” Street
Lake Worth, FL 33460
(561) 202-9300



Sarah Larralde
Assistant Principal

Volume 19, Issue 5

February, 2026

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

This is our first newsletter in 2026. 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, however it is not short on events.

The first event is Black History Month. This is the time we focus on the contributions of the black community to our society, our country, and the world.

For Fun Friday on February 6th, 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.

North Grade Art Club is participating in the Lake Worth Street Painting Festival. The event will be held February 21 and 22 in downtown Lake Worth. Come out and see the beautiful chalk artwork and see what our artists create.

Anti-bullying (Pink Shirt) Day is February 25th. 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.

Nicole Patterson
Principal

Sarah Larralde
Assistant Principal

Calendar of Events ~ February

1-28	Black History Month
2	SAC Meeting ~ 8:15 am in Cafeteria
6	Progress Reports available on SIS Portal – Middle School
	National Wear Red Day
17	S.T.E.A.M. Night ~ 5:30-7:00 pm
18	2 nd Trimester Ends (Elementary)
	No School
19	3 rd Trimester begins
21-22	Lake Worth Street Painting Festival
23	Elementary report cards available in SIS portal
25	Spring Picture Day – Only student who purchase a package will participate.
	International Pink Day – Anti-bullying



Calendar Events ~ March

2	SAC Meeting ~ 8:15 am in Cafeteria
8	Daylight Savings Time Begins
16-20	Spring Break
20	First Day of Spring
23	No School
24	Middle School – 4 th Quarter begins.



CLASSROOM NEWS

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 20 then to 100! Let's go, Kindergarten!

FIRST GRADE NEWS

During the first part of February, first grade readers will continue our Benchmark unit, "Technology at Work!". This unit will be followed by a return to fiction with the multicultural unit, "Stories Teach Many Lessons". In Math, they will be comparing numbers and adding and subtracting within 100. Toward the end of the month, we will begin learning about coins and paper money. This is a great time to help your child identify and count coins in a piggy bank or even help count when making purchases with cash at the store. Science lessons will be all about forces and motion. In addition to our regular academic curriculum, we will also be having some fun in February, as we celebrate friendship Friday, February 13.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

In ELA we just started Unit 5 where we are learning all about Solving Problems Through Technology. We are still building up our reading stamina by reading and researching about topics that interest us! In Science, we are in Unit 5 where we are exploring and learning all about Forms of Energy. In Math, we are in Unit 9 where we are learning how to Solve Word Problems with Money and Tell Time. Please continue to monitor your child's backpack and stay in constant communication with your child's teacher through ClassDojo. We can't wait for more learning and adventures in 2nd Grade!

THIRD GRADE NEWS

New Year Greetings from Third Grade
We hope the beginning of your new year has been great. At school we are off and running with new units in

Reading blocks about Technology. Please name and discuss technology outside and inside the home with your child. In Math we started with place value with addition and subtraction with bigger numbers. Please make sure you look for homework from the teacher.

We are having a free field trip to Mounts Botanical Gardens on March 6th. A letter was sent home. Please let the teacher know if the student is attending. Thank you.

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Fourth grade has been working hard since we returned from winter break. We recently completed a unit about perspective and point of view in ELA and are currently working on a non-fiction 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 argumentative essays, elaborating on evidence we learn from the provided texts. We recently completed a science unit about different forms of energy and are currently learning about energy transformations and motion of objects. Many of us enjoyed the dance last month and we are looking forward to our field trip in March.

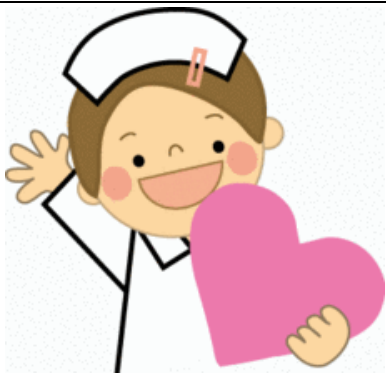
FIFTH GRADE NEWS

February has arrived with fifth grade students showing their enthusiasm to learn new things. The students study how technology affects society while they read different texts to understand the author's perspective. The students in mathematics push their boundaries by studying how to multiply fractions with whole numbers which they face through their daily educational tasks. The students in science class study how different forces interact with each other through their research of gravity and friction and magnetism and energy transfer. The school community comes together to celebrate our 100th day of school which we first commemorated in January through a class group photo with our teachers. This moment serves as our evidence of progress because we have reached this point in our journey together. North Grade K-8 operates with high energy while students maintain active learning throughout the day.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

(See page 5)

SCHOOL INFORMATION



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



FORTIFYFL

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

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 Education Foundation of Palm Beach County awarded North Grade \$4500.00 in grant money for two programs. One program is a literacy lab for kindergarten and first grade that takes place in the media center each time the students visit. The other grant was awarded for a reading incentive program for grades 3-5. The details for that grant were sent home with each 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade student and the details were posted on Class Dojo. Thank you to the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County for the generosity and support of public education.

Wednesday, February 4th is World Read Aloud Day. Students will be taking part in activities at school. Please plan to read a book and/or take a trip to the public library with your child in celebration, too. Children who read 20 minutes per day are proven to have improved focus and concentration, improved communication skills, and stronger writing skills.

On Friday, February 20th, these students will be participating in Battle of the Books: Joey Kiernan, Tessa Hopkins, Penelope Marsalona, Anya Dinardo, Benjamin Eliceo Flores, Grace Wheatley, Zane Thankor, Kieran McCarthy, Persephone Myers, Giovanni Rosado, Emmelia Guthrie, Ari Pluviose, Savannah Dorsainville, Abidah Uddin, Lia Ortega, Aliyah Guy, Nicko Youngblood, Juliana Staples, and Kinsley Pagett. Each of these students committed to read at least three of the books from the FY 26 Sunshine Young Readers list. They will compete in teams that they chose to answer questions for 20 minutes about the books that they read from the list. We are extremely proud of their dedication.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS (Continued from page 2)

Happy February NGK-8 family!

This February, we look to continue the momentum with a calendar full of activities to help our students learn, grow, and develop. At NGK-8, our extracurricular activities provide wonderful opportunities for some of this development (tutoring, fitness club, after-school program, etc.).

Let's focus on our building, which includes getting to school on time, we expect our learners to carry their planners, binders, and charged computers with them to all classes. Having these three things allows for your child to come to class prepared and on time to learn. Students should be using their planners to record the learning of the day (standards), and due dates, these are very important to have. Please check your child's binder to see how it is holding up. Some may need to be updated, as many have seen a lot of usage.

As always, we encourage you to reach out to us with any questions or concerns. Our dedicated teachers and staff are here to support your child and help them reach their full potential. Parent-Teacher Conferences are available; don't hesitate to get in touch with Ms. McGowan (561-202-9339).

As always, we look forward to continuing to work together as a team to provide your child with an educational experience that strives to meet the district's mission.

Let's make it a great Quarter 3!

Reminder's

- February 17th- STEAM Night 5:00 pm
- Popcorn sales for 8th grade graduation every Friday
- We will continue with our Hot Chocolate fundraiser until the of February

Thank you!

S. McGowan (Middle School TOSA)

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