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"A" KOALA-TY NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we enter the fourth quarter, I want to take a moment to reflect on how far our scholars have come this year. Their growth—in learning, confidence, and kindness—has been inspiring to witness. This final stretch is an important time to stay focused, finish strong, and celebrate accomplishments, both big and small.

As we look ahead, please note that PM3 State assessments will begin in May. We encourage families to help scholars stay well-rested, confident, and prepared. Additionally, Saturday School will take place this Saturday for students who have signed and returned their permission slips.

Our teachers continue to provide meaningful learning experiences, and we are grateful for your continued support. Together, we create a community where every child can thrive. Let's make these final weeks positive, productive, and memorable.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community.

Sincerely,
Donald E. Lee

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Kindergarten Registration is now open. Registration hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30am to 12:30pm. Please contact the front office for more information
- School choice applications reopen April 1st www.browardschools.com/schoolchoice
- Physical I.D is required when on campus

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- 5000 Role Models Club
- Choir Club
- Debate Club
- Drone Club
- Robotics Club
- SAVE Promise Club
- Girls Empowerment Club



UPCOMING EVENTS

March

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Kona Ice Fundraiser
Report Cards Issued

April

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FAST PM#3 Writing Grades 4/5

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Honor Roll Ceremony

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No school—Good Friday

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No school—Teacher Planning Day
Assistant Principal's Week

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ESOL Family Night

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5th Grade EOY Field Trip

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VPK/Head Start Swim Central

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Literacy Night

21

1st Grade Field Trip

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Admin Professional Day

23

Take Your Child to Work Day

Primary Class News

Pre-K

Our Pre-K students continue to learn, explore, and grow through engaging, hands-on experiences across all classrooms. Head Start 3, students have begun an exciting new unit on plants. They are learning about the different parts of a plant and will soon plant seeds, giving them the opportunity to observe growth and change firsthand. Head Start 4 students are diving into the world of buildings and construction. They are exploring how structures are made, the materials used, and the shapes that help form strong designs. Their enthusiasm and creativity have truly stood out throughout this unit.

Our VPK students are also beginning a unit on seeds. Through interactive activities, they will plant, care for, and observe their own plants as they grow over the coming weeks.

In the Special Needs classrooms, students are exploring the question, "What is science?" They are engaging in discovery by observing, asking questions, and using their five senses to better understand the world around them. Through interactive experiences, they are using their senses to identify different sounds and sources of light.

Across all programs, we are committed to building strong foundations by developing the essential skills and concepts that support each child's learning journey. Looking ahead, all Pre-K classes will participate in swimming lessons at the Pompano Aquatic Center for two weeks. Additionally, our teachers are excitedly preparing for the school's first Graduation Ceremony, where we will celebrate our students as they transition to Kindergarten in the 2026-2027 school year.

KG

Wow! Can you believe we have begun the 4th quarter! Our kindergarten students have transformed before our eyes into "First Graders in Training"! They have become independent, capable little people with skills and opinions of their own. As we begin to wrap up the school year we will begin our end of year assessments. At this point, your child should know most letter names and sounds, be able to read simple cvc words such as bat, sit, met and the like. They should also be able to recognize and write numbers 1-20 and complete simple addition with sums up to 20.

All kindergarten students are invited to participate in the Swim Central Program, which will take place the last 2 weeks of April. This program teaches water safety and basic swimming techniques and is available to all of our Kindergarten students. More information will come home as we get closer to the date. It is a very important and valuable skill for your child, and we hope to have 100% participation.

As always, thank you for your support!

2nd Grade

Students in 2nd grade are working very hard to prepare for the end-of-the-year STAR Reading and Math Assessments! We are currently working on determining the central idea in nonfiction texts and using text features to add to our understanding of the text. We are also learning how to measure the lengths of objects using different units of measurement. Please remember to have students take some time to read each night and complete their reading and math homework! Students can also complete iReady lessons at home for extra practice.

1st Grade

Spring has been an exciting and busy time for our first graders! Our students have been learning, exploring, and preparing for the final stretch of the school year. Below are some highlights and important updates.

Our students recently had an amazing experience visiting the Museum of Discovery and Science. During this trip, students explored interactive exhibits, learned through hands-on activities, and discovered how science connects to the world around them. They did a wonderful job representing our school with excellent behavior and curiosity.

First grade students also attended a SEAS Theater performance. This field trip allowed students to experience live theater and storytelling in an engaging way. Students enjoyed the performance and discussed story elements, characters, and themes afterward in class.

As we move toward the end of the school year, students will begin preparing for end-of-year assessments. In class, we will continue reviewing important skills in reading, math, and writing, including phonics, comprehension, addition and subtraction within 20, place value, and writing complete sentences. You can support your child at home by reading together each evening, practicing sight words and math facts, and encouraging them to talk about what they learned.

Thank you for your continued support. We are proud of our students and look forward to finishing the year strong!

Sincerely,

The First Grade Team

Intermediate Class News

3rd Grade

It is hard to believe we are beginning the fourth and final quarter of the school year! This has been a year full of learning, growth, and wonderful accomplishments for our students. As we head into the last few months of 3rd grade, we want to thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership throughout the year. Your involvement at home truly makes a difference in helping our students succeed.

During this final quarter, our focus will be on strengthening the important skills students have been building all year. At home, you can help your child finish the year strong by encouraging them to read for at least 20 minutes each day, practice multiplication and division facts, and write regularly whether it is journaling, making lists, or responding to what they read. Talking with your child about what they are learning in school and asking questions about books they read also helps strengthen comprehension and confidence.

We will continue reviewing key concepts in reading and math to prepare students for PM3. Consistent attendance, completing homework, and maintaining positive learning habits will help students stay on track as we close out the year.

Thank you again for being such supportive partners in your child's education. We look forward to a strong finish to the school year and celebrating all the progress our 3rd graders have made!

4th Grade

As we move from March into April, our 4th grade Koalas are working hard to strengthen reading and math skills in preparation for the upcoming FAST assessments.

In Reading, students are focusing on identifying central ideas and supporting details, making inferences, and using text evidence across fiction and non-fiction texts, while expanding vocabulary through context clues and word parts. In Math, students are building understanding of fractions, decimals, data analysis, and multi-step problem solving, while strengthening multiplication and division fluency.

Monthly academic competitions in Math and Reading provide opportunities to collaborate, build confidence, and showcase learning. Students are also learning about Florida's history, including Native American cultures and the impact of westward expansion through engaging, hands-on experiences. To support your child at home, encourage daily reading, homework completion, at least 12 i-Ready lessons monthly, and math fact practice. Please ensure students arrive on time, rested, and ready to learn.

Upcoming Events: April 1 (FAST Writing), April 2 (Honor Roll), May 14 (FAST Math), May 21 (FAST Reading).

5th Grade

Fifth grade is gearing up for testing season! In the coming weeks, students will be reviewing important skills in reading, math, and science to help them feel confident and prepared. We encourage all students to do their best and come to school on time, so they don't miss important instruction and review. Being present and ready to learn each day helps set everyone up for success.

We are also excited about several upcoming events as we celebrate the end of the school year. Our end-of-the-year field trip to SeaWorld is April 10th. The 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony will take place on May 29th at 8:30am, followed by the 5th Grade Dance on May 29th from 6:00–8:00 PM. Field Day will be held on June 1st. More details will be shared soon. We look forward to finishing the year strong and celebrating all of our students' hard work!