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North Grade K - 8 School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

We hope everyone had a wonderful spring break. Students should now be rested and ready to finish out this school year. We have just 8 weeks of school left. Although the year is almost over, teaching all our students will continue until the very end.

Beginning in April, the standardized writing test for grades 4 through 8 begins. Also, our students in grade K – 2, will be taking the standardized math and reading tests. It is now more necessary than ever that your child comes to school every day for the whole day. We do bell-to-bell instruction so every hour of the school day is important. If your child attends tutoring, please be sure they are attending all the tutoring sessions. This is a valuable resource that could maximize your child's performance on the tests. Our goal is to teach your child the skills they need to know along with test-taking strategies.

We are hosting our Kindergarten Kick Off this year on April 8th. This year for we will again have two sessions to make it more convenient for parents. We will have a session in the morning and one in the evening. See the Calendar of Events for the times.

Just a reminder, there is a spring holiday on April 3rd. There is no school that day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school. We strive to work in partnership with our parents.

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Calendar of Events ~ April

1	April Fool's Day
1-2	Field Day
1-10*	Writing Test – Grades 4 – 8 (begins 3/30/26)
3	No school – spring holiday
6	SAC Meeting ~ 8:15 am in Cafeteria
8	Kindergarten Roundup @ 8:30 – 10:00 am In the Cafeteria
	Kindergarten Roundup @ 5:00 – 6:00 pm In the Cafeteria
10	5 th Grade Field Trip to Seaworld
14-30*	FAST Testing Reading & Math ~ K - 2 *Continues May 1 – 29.
15	Bud's Spirit Night with PTO
22	Earth Day
29	Talent Show – 5 – 7 pm Cafeteria Auditions April 7 & 8



Calendar of Events ~May

1-29	FAST & EOC Testing – Grade 3-8
4	SAC Meeting ~ 8:15 am in Cafeteria
10	Mother's Day
25	Memorial Day ~ No School
29	Last Day of School



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Our Kindergarteners continue practicing reading and writing CVC words as well as reading high frequency words with fluency. We have been writing opinion or argumentative texts which means we state our opinion and tell one reason we feel that way. Soon we will be switching to narrative writing. We are continuing to work on the writing process of planning, drafting, editing or revising, and publishing. Expectations are still growing! Our sentences are complete thoughts that start with a capital letter and end with punctuation. It's super important we remember to put spaces between our words and always use our best handwriting. We are now identifying, describing, and comparing 2D and 3D shapes. Soon we will start learning all the basic rules of measurement!

FIRST GRADE NEWS

April will be a fun month of learning for first grade! Students will be learning all about measuring lengths in Math. This is a great opportunity to practice real life application of learning at home. Please allow them to take some measurements around the house and compare sizes of various objects. Later in the month, they will begin learning how to tell time to the half hour. In Science, we will continue studying Earth and its surfaces. Toward the end of the month, we will be blasting off with our study of space in both Science and our Benchmark Reading. Please remember to read with your child every day. This is so important as we prepare them for the higher expectations of second grade. As they move up, more typing will also be expected. Now is a great time to start practicing with typing games on the computer at home or in your local library.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

Our 2nd Graders are working so hard! In ELA we are working on Unit 7 where we are learning all about Investigating the Past! We are still continuing to build up our reading stamina and are diving deeper into our interests through researching and writing! In Science, we are exploring and learning about Rocks becoming soil! In Math, we are working in Unit 12, all about measurement. Please continue to monitor your child's backpack and stay in constant communication with your child's teacher!

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Dear Parents

Please keep in mind that we are having upcoming tests for reading and math. Please review any study notes and math journals. In reading we are back at reading non-

fiction so please review text structure and text features. To practice for upcoming tests please inquire about the practice test for the FAST by contacting the homeroom teacher.

On a lighter note, we are having a field day April 1. Please have your child wear closed toed shoes.

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

It is hard to believe that it is already April. We enjoyed our field trip and Spring Break and we are looking forward to field day early this month. We are also now back to working hard in all subjects. In English Language Arts we are learning about author's purpose while also learning about the Transcontinental Railroad. We just finished learning about the solar system and phases of the moon in science and have just begun a new unit about the rock cycle. In math we have begun learning how to measure angles and will end the unit by finding the perimeter and area of rectangles. While we are all looking forward to the end of the school year, we still have a lot to do before the end of May. Please remind your student to continue doing their assignments, to practice their math facts, read daily and to turn in their homework.

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

WOW! March sure flew by! We hope everyone had an We're continuing to focus on: respect, responsibility & kindness throughout our school. ELA is focusing on reading firsthand accounts, informational texts, and historical fiction about the American Revolution. Please remind your child to pleasure read every night! Science is focusing on weather 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 numerical expressions. 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. May will bring us into final fifth grade testing which will impact your child as they head in to middle school. Students should be reviewing daily all we've worked on this school year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS (on page 3)

SCHOOL INFORMATION



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Tiger parents,

Spring is here, and April is shaping up to be a busy and exciting month at our middle school! We are proud of the continued work, growth, and positive energy our students bring each day. As we move further into the fourth quarter, we encourage everyone to stay focused and finish the year strong. We hope that you and your family had an enjoyable Spring Break and were able to see some sunshine, along with getting some much-needed rest and relaxation. It is hard to believe that we are in the last quarter of the 2025-2026 school year at North Grade K-8 School!

We want your child to be happy and successful in school and in life, and we know that you feel the same. To help support that achievement, we want to ask for your commitment to your child's good school attendance. The evidence is clear: children with good attendance are more likely to be successful in school. High attendance rates are linked to high student achievement. Every minute in school counts. Missing school even 10% of the time has a significant negative impact on reading and math achievement.

On another note, to our 6th-grade parents, vaccines and physicals are requirements to enter 7th grade. The state of Florida requires students entering the 7th grade to have the meningococcal vaccine (also known as MCV4) in addition to one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis). Students who do not provide documentation of these immunizations to the school this fall are subject to exclusion. If there are medical/religious or philosophical reasons your child cannot receive immunizations, please contact the school clinic for an Immunization Exemption Form.

Please keep in mind that the 2025-2026 school year is quickly moving into our final two months. Although it is amazing to see how much growth the students make during the course of one school year, we are now entering the time of year when the weather gets nice, and students have a tougher time than usual staying focused on their academic responsibilities. Please continue to stress to your child the importance of taking responsibility for their academic achievement. The staff at North Grade K-8 will continue to work hard to provide your students with challenging and enjoyable learning experiences through the final days of the school year.

Thank you. We appreciate your support.

Ms. McGowan, Middle School TOSA



North Grade K-8

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SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website is the one-stop place for information about the school. You also can find the email address for any staff member here too. The web address to our web page is:

<https://www.palmbeachschools.org/NorthGradeK8>



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

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. Click on the link below.

<https://getfortifyfl.com/>



North Grade K – 8 is hosting its first Talent Show on April 29, 2026. Please see page 6 of the newsletter for information about auditioning for this fun event.




Track & Field Exhibition
March 7, 2026

*“Let me win. But if I cannot win,
 let me be brave in the attempt.”*

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Lorenzo, Amelia and Genesis participated in the 2026 Special Olympics County Track & Field Exhibition at Dwyer High School on Saturday, March 7th, 2026.

The exhibition gave the athletes the opportunity to get official times and distances for their events (the 50 Meter Run & the Softball Throw) and enjoy the day with their teammates.

The next competition will be the Special Olympics Area 8 Track Meet at Nathaniel Traz Powell Stadium in Miami on Sunday, April 12th, 2026.

Coach Mrs. Howard is so PROUD of her Athletes!!!

(See photos on page 5)



MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Thank you to everyone who joined us in the Cultural Plaza on Saturday, March 14th for BiblioArte. There were so many North Grade families in attendance. A wonderful time was had by all!

Please start looking around your home and vehicle for North Grade library books. Students can return their books any morning between 7:35am and 7:55am, when classes visit the media center every sixth day, or by placing books in the crate outside of the media center door. Friday, May 8th will be the last day to borrow books and all books will be due back by Monday, May 18th, at the very latest. Thank you for your help.



KINDERGARTEN KICK OFF

We invite you to attend our Kindergarten Kick Off event on April 8th. We have a morning session at 8:30 am and an evening session at 5:00 pm. Come and meet our school staff, learn about kindergarten curriculum, understand how your child will be welcomed and nurtured, and get acquainted with our programs and services. Information about Kindergarten Round Up can be found at:

[Kindergarten Registration Information](#)

Child must be 5 years old by September 1, 2026, in order to register.

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Lorenzo, Genesis, and Amelia



Genesis



Sarah Mooney (School District Chief), Amelia, Lorenzo, and Genesis,



Lorenzo



Team Howard with PBSO mounted police.



Lorenzo



Amelia



Genesis