

# Grant School

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A cooperative school & home newsletter for the Grant School community

## Bulldog News

### SCIENCE NEWS: Ms. Hayward



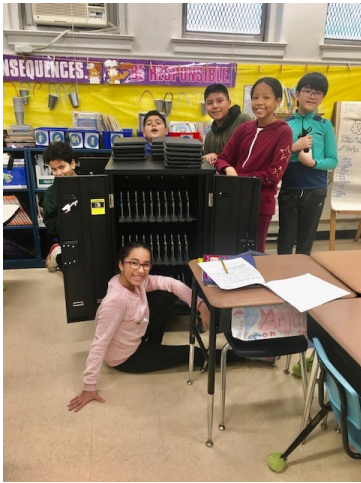
Fifth graders are currently studying the interactions with Earth's four spheres: the biosphere, the geosphere, the atmosphere, and the hydrosphere. Next week the students will research a topic whereby the spheres interact, examples will include tsunamis, hydrothermal vents, El Nino, and many more. The students will work in pairs to complete the research and create online presentations to share with the other fifth grade class. This project will improve research and public speaking skills. Sixth grade science students are currently studying force and why objects move. Next week, they will be researching Newton's Laws of Motion and creating a project using an online storyboard website. The students will then share their newly created online books with the 1st graders.

### LANGUAGE ARTS NEWS: Ms. Walker

As we welcome in 2020, we are half way through the school year. We must all work together to make sure the students are staying organized, doing their homework, and studying for tests. In language arts, the students have finished our first novel that we read together as a class. The fifth grade students are now starting their second class novel. We continue to hone our writing skills with many short writing pieces. The students are also reinforcing the skills learned in class with periods of IXL online instruction (please feel free to allow students to practice at home on the IXL website as often as they would like). In social studies we have started Topic 3. The students will be learning about the Olmec, Aztec, and Mayan Civilizations.



## SIXTH GRADE NEWS: Mrs. Gerard and Mr. Morris



Mrs. Spina's second grade class wanted to be able to use Chromebooks in their classroom. The problem was that the classroom is located all the way downstairs and the Chromebooks were upstairs so the students would have to go up and down the stairs carrying the laptops. The fifth and sixth grade teachers and Mr. Lenart came up with a great idea to make a cart for Mrs. Spina's class from the laptop cart on the third floor. Some sixth grade techies put together the new cart installing the chargers and the Chromebooks. Mrs. Spina and the students were thrilled!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 30</b>	<b>1:00 pm dismissal - Professional Development</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 30</b>	<b>Pizza Lunch - Please return sign up forms</b>
<b>Monday- Tuesday</b>	<b>February 17-18</b>	<b>President's Day Break - School Closed</b>

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