

# Grant School

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A cooperative school & home newsletter for the Grant School community

## Bulldog News

### MUSIC NEWS: Ms. Mir

Information about our Winter Concerts will be going home soon! The Band & Chorus Concert (featuring all of Grant's fourth, fifth, and sixth graders) will be held Tuesday night, December 17th at 7:00 pm. All of Grant's Kindergarten, first, second, and third graders will have their concert the following morning, December 18th, at 9:15 am. Both concerts will be held at Grant School. Mark your calendars now for a great show!

### ENRICHMENT NEWS: Mrs. Morris

It sure has been a busy month in enrichment! The Kindergarten and First Grade enjoyed Halloween STEM Lessons, building a haunted house to trap a ghost. Working in groups, the students used Unifix Cubes and Legos to build their houses. Working as a team was a central focus in this lesson. It will continue to be a focus in enrichment this year, as it is a major challenge and important skill. The students also enjoyed hearing a story about the changing leaves, matched leaves to types of trees, and created leaf rubbings. The second graders completed their Iggy Peck unit. After groups completed their bridge challenge, we went onto learn about 2D and 3D structures, creating them with toothpicks and marshmallows. The third grade and fourth grades continued to work on the engineering design process. They learned about simple machines and designed and built pumpkin pulley systems. The fourth graders designed and built awesome marble maze runs. They were tasked with keeping their marbles running for a minimum of 10 seconds. The fifth graders are completing their, "Who Stole the Chocolate Unit." During this forensic science investigation, the students completed labs analyzing fingerprints, footprints, white powder, soil, bite marks, and chromatography. Maybe we will have some forensic scientists in our future. The sixth graders are completing their Strawbees bridge building unit. The students did a great job collaborating to design and build bridges that will hold a set amount of pennies, marbles, and bananas!

### ESL NEWS: Mrs. Smith

If you haven't visited Ridgefield Park Library yet, please consider getting a library card. The children's program is a great resource for children. Once you have a library card, you have access to every library in Bergen County. There is also an online resource, Libby, that is an app you can download to access digital books and magazines. It's a great way to support your child's English language acquisition. Please visit the library located at 107 Cedar Street as well as online at <https://www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org/>

## ART NEWS: Mrs. Murphy

Here at Grant School the children are in the Fall spirit. They are creating Thanksgiving pictures depicting the traditional Horn of Plenty. Third graders are learning how to weave using recycled products to create beautiful tapestries. The sixth graders are beginning to learn how to use 'One Point Perspective' to draw a 3-D Landscape. Last but not least the Art Club students are exploring all sorts of multiple mediums for individual projects.

## LIBRARY SKILLS NEWS: Ms. Raimo

It's all about character traits and author's purpose in Library Studies. The Kindergarten & first grades are learning about inside and outside character traits with Sam, The Library Mouse. Besides being tiny and cute (outside traits), Sam is also smart and friendly (inside traits). The second & third graders are identifying the main idea in reading passages by taking a closer look at context clues (supporting details). And the fourth, fifth, & sixth graders are identifying an author's purpose with '**PIE**', the acronym writers use when they are trying to *persuade*, to *inform*, and to *entertain* their readers.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday	November 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences (by Appt only)
Wednesday	November 27	1:00 pm Dismissal - No lunch served
Thursday- Friday	November 28-29	School Closed - Thanksgiving Break

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