

Grant School

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A cooperative school & home newsletter for the Grant School community

Bulldog News

RESOURCE ROOM NEWS: Dr. Steele

We are off to a great start in the Resource Room! Please make sure you check homework folders each night. Students have a checklist in the folders, but you can go at a pace that works for your family. All items are due at the end of the week. If you have not signed up for the Remind App, please make sure you get the class code from your child or email me a cell phone number. It is a great way to communicate quickly with each other. Finally, all of my 5th and 6th-grade parents should be checking grades on Genesis weekly. I add homework grades and test scores every week.

ESL NEWS: Mrs. Smith

Welcome back! I am Mrs. Smith, the ESL teacher at Grant School. ESL stands for English as a Second Language, where children are selected to participate in a program that improves their English language skills. These children all take an English Language Placement Test, where it was determined that the student needs support in their English language skill development. In order to support your child at home, please stop in at the Ridgefield Park Public Library to get a free library card. They have great programs for children and adults. They are located at 107 Cedar St. You can find more information at ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org.

MUSIC NEWS: Ms. Mir

Band lessons and music classes are off to an excellent start. Younger grades have been learning about making high and low sounds with their singing voices, as well as practicing keeping a steady beat. Older students have been challenged by creating their own rhythms and performing them using body percussion. Our Band members have been doing a great job remembering their instruments on lesson days and practicing at home. Please keep encouraging your children to develop these excellent habits! Mark your calendars now for our Winter Concerts! Grades 4-6 will have their concert on Tuesday night, December 17th. The following Wednesday morning, December 18th, Grades K-3 will perform in school for their families. More information will be going home in November about these exciting events.

LIBRARY NEWS: Ms. Raimo

Things are moving upward and onward in Library. Kindergarteners and first graders are learning the sounds of letters with alphabet fun books by Audrey Woods. The second, third, and fourth grades are freshening up their identification skills about the parts of a book. Finally, students in the fifth and sixth grades are going on textbook scavenger hunts which will help them with their new Social Studies series.

WORLD LANGUAGES NEWS: Profesora Molina

Hola! Welcome back to a new school year in Spanish. Students have started out the year by reviewing vocabulary previously learned and are quickly catching up so that we may begin new topics. Fifth and sixth grade students will be learning about different types of stores and other places you can find in a town or city. Third and fourth graders will be learning numbers and counting up to and beyond 100. Second graders are working on commands and greetings that are new to them. Finally, kindergarteners and first graders are having fun using puppets to greet one another and ask each other simple questions.

ENRICHMENT NEWS: Mrs. Morris

Enrichment and Gifted and Talented classes are off to a great start! Students' kindergarten to second grade began the year celebrating International Dot Day. This lesson is based off of the beautiful book, *The Dot*, by Peter Reynolds. In Peter's own words, "The Dot tells the story of Vashti, a girl who begins a journey of self-discovery after she is challenged by her teacher to make her mark." The second grade has begun their Iggy Peck Architect unit, where they learn about various types of bridges and will be building their own bridges using a variety of materials. The third grade G & T students have created Pom-Pom Drops and have begun a building unit using the Engineering Design Process. The fourth graders are busy planning and building their very own marble run mazes. A crime has been committed at Grant school and our fifth grade G & T class is on the job to solve it, as we begin our CSI unit, "Who stole the Chocolate?" Finally, the sixth grade has been introduced to the amazing middle school Strawbees Education curriculum. The Strawbees building system helps develop a curious mind and problem solving techniques. Our first challenges are bridge building.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday-Friday	October 7-11	Week of Respect
Monday	October 14	Columbus Day - School Closed

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