



# Bulldog News

@ Grant Elementary School

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A cooperative school & home newsletter for the Grant School community.

## MUSIC NEWS: Ms. Mir

Grant School students are getting ready for the Spring in music class! The lowest grades are marching in the month of March, working on keeping a steady beat, and reading simple melodies. Middle grades have been learning some fun songs for Spring, and the third graders have the special privilege of learning how to play the recorder! Third grade students have been waiting all year to get their very own instrument and are working hard to learn how to play simple songs using their first three notes: B, A, and G. The upper grades are finishing up a unit on musical theater. During the unit, students were engaged in many activities, including taking a virtual tour of an orchestra pit and comparing the effectiveness of different types of show stopping tunes. We can't wait to perform our own show-stopping tunes for you one day in the future!

## SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION NEWS: Dr. Steele

Last week students started working on a fun math game called Prime Time Math. They created game boards by coloring in all the prime numbers to 100. Next, students moved across their boards while using a code to color the composite numbers. We will continue the game this week during our "Fun Friday Math." Next week we will become pirates and find coordinates on a treasure map! Just a reminder to parents; please remember to check your child's grades. Fifth and sixth grade parents should go to Genesis at least once a week. Fourth grade parents can look at grades on Google Classroom. Please reach out if you have any questions.



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**WORLD LANGUAGES NEWS: Profesora Molina**

¡Hola a todos! - Hello to all! Kindergarten students have been learning "los animales" in Spanish while still practicing the colors as well. They read a book on various animals and their colors. The students learned that when describing an animal with a color, we say it backwards in Spanish for it to make sense. They have also been having fun learning the sounds animals make in English and Spanish. The sounds, although similar, vary at times in Spanish as they would in other languages as well. For example, a dog says "Bow-wow" in English but "Guau-guau" in Spanish. In first grade, students got to make a calendar of their birthday month. It was a lot of fun to learn the months of their birthdays. We also read an animal alphabet book where we talked about various animals. Second grade students learned the days of the week and are now learning the months of the year. They are learning about the different holidays, both American holidays and others that are popular in Spanish-speaking countries. Students in third and fourth grade have been learning the names of various fruits and vegetables. They played "Conga" (Bingo) with the vocabulary. They are now learning the names of other foods and drinks. We will soon be practicing some conversational Spanish to learn how to order food at a restaurant. Fifth and sixth grade students have been learning geography and the nationalities of El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua. We've been learning the major tourist attractions each country has to offer along with the names of some famous entrepreneurs from each country. ¡Gracias y hasta pronto!

**DANCE NEWS: Miss Butler**

Each grade is diving deeper into choreography in the dance department! From Kindergarteners helping create the dance as they move creatively to Khalid's "Know Your Worth," to the fifth and sixth graders connecting on a deeper level to their dance styles and getting ready to submit final videos. Students have been taking the preparation a bit more seriously as there is now a record of videos piling up on each of the Dance Google Classrooms. Some students will have a chance to submit their best version of the choreography to be put in a compilation video at the end of the year! It's all so exciting!

## ENRICHMENT NEWS: Mrs. Romba

February was a fun month in enrichment classes. Students K-2 learned about Shadows. They heard the story My Shadow by Robert Louis Stevenson and used Mystery Science to investigate how to make a statue's shadow move. Kindergartners and First Graders completed Valentine's Glyphs, learning about this new way to collect and display personal data. Second and third graders have learned about arctic animal adaptations. They also designed 3 "tiny homes" to keep them warm in a winter climate. Third grade G & T students will take it a step further and create one of these "tiny homes". Fourth grade G & T students continue to work on theme park STEM. Students will design a map of an amusement park and create a model of one ride that contains moving parts. The fifth and sixth grade G & T students continue to work on their Rube Goldberg machines.

## ART NEWS: Mrs. Conversano

March is here and Spring is around the corner. In-person classes have begun again for Cohorts A, B, & C! Kindergarten and first grade students are creating Cat in the Hat drawings in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. Students in grades two through six are diligently working on their artwork for the "Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities" poster contest.

## ESL NEWS: Mrs. Smith

Spring is around the corner! Can you believe we completed over 100 days of school? The Kindergarten ESL class is continuing our study of the alphabet and practicing vocabulary words that begin with the letter we are working on. First grade ESL is working on 5 sight words a week and short vowel sound /i/. Second grade ESL is working on American Symbols unit where we discuss famous United States symbols and their significance. Students in grades 3 and 4 began Colonial Life where we are learning about the first 13 colonies that settled in the United States. The Newcomers group are continuing their study of English language words and sentences. Please continue to support your child at home by providing them with a quiet place to work. Use headphones and try to keep your children separate if they have class at the same time. Learning English is hard, especially during this school year. It will happen, it just takes time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

## Dates to Remember
