



Bulldog News

@ Grant Elementary School

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

SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION NEWS:

Dr. Steele, Ms. Raimo, Mrs. Conversano

Welcome back to school! Our resource room students are off to a great start. Our students have completed Link It testing, the Start Strong tests, and have been leveled in reading. Please make sure that your child reads every day. Daily reading will help them in all subject areas. Mrs. Conversano's third and fourth grade math students have been learning about multiplying and dividing whole numbers, while the fifth graders are reviewing place value. These students should be practicing their starred skills on IXL every night. Ms. Raimo's math students have been reviewing math facts and are on their way to mastering multiplication. Dr. Steele's sixth graders are working on division and multiplication of fractions. Homework is assigned for these students on Google Classroom. Fifth and sixth grade parents, please check Genesis at least once a week to check your child's current grades.

PHYS ED NEWS: Mr. Garcia

Welcome back to the 2022-2023 school year! I am Nicholas Garcia, the Physical Education and Health teacher. This month, we are working on new locomotor skills in grades K-2, while third through sixth grades are learning and working on using those same motor skills and adapting to invasion game activities. In addition, health classes are learning all about safety at home, in school and in public spaces as well as learning about allergies and asthma. Have a great school year!

ART NEWS: Mrs. Conversano

Welcome back to school! Art students are learning about the Elements of Art and the Principles of Design, creating art using lines and patterns.



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October's Theme:

RESPECT

is seeing value
in all people and things
& treating them with care

Respect All People

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MUSIC NEWS: Ms. Mir

Music at Grant School is off to a great start! Students in the lower grades have been reviewing the differences between beat and rhythm, as well as doing lots of activities to show the difference between sounds that are high/low or loud/soft. Middle grades have been learning about the different instrument families. With the help of Luigi's Baton, so far students have begun learning all about the instruments in the Brass family. Many of our fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students are excited that Band lessons have begun. Upper grade students are reviewing how to read rhythms, as well as learning some basic facts about the history of hip hop music. We are planning on having both a Winter and Spring Concert this school year, so be looking for more information about our Winter Concert as December approaches!



DANCE NEWS NEWS: Miss Butler

It's great to be back in dance for this brand new school year! Dance class happens bi-weekly and children are expected to wear sneakers. Here is what's happening in each grade. Kindergarten is greatly enjoying creative movement. First grade is getting a solid school hip hop foundation learning party dances from the 1980's and 1990's. Second grade is entering the world of jazz dance starting with the Lindy hop that started to gain popularity in Harlem in the 1930's. Third grade is experiencing the rich culture of Ugandan dance, and learning about the different cultures in different parts of Africa. Fourth grade is reinforcing the foundations of hip hop, but going deeper into the history of how hip hop culture has made its mark on the world. Fifth grade is focusing on the most popular forms of Latin dance and music, ie, salsa, merengue, bachata, and their respective countries and cultures. Finally, sixth grade is focusing on house dance, which is in many ways a combination of all previous styles! Roosevelt School students will dance their way through this year, one way or another!



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MATH NEWS: Mr. Morris

Mr. Morris' fifth and sixth grade students are off to a fast start this school year. The sixth grade students spent the first week of school learning about Box Plots and how to find Mean, Median, Mode, and Range. The skills will be used throughout the school year many times and students will be able to relate daily data of their own such as determining test and quiz scores and how each grade will change daily averages. The fifth grade students have begun comparing and ordering decimals while also learning the place value of both whole and decimal numbers. Comparing and ordering decimals will help students' ability to line up the decimal points properly when learning how to add and subtract decimals and when working with money.

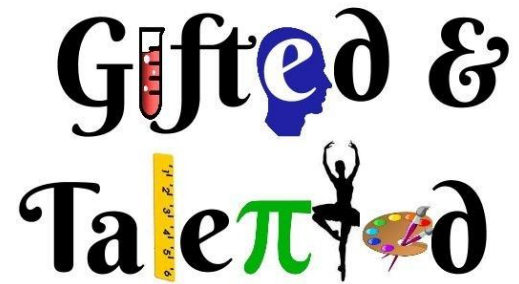
SCIENCE NEWS: Mrs. Alberque

The fifth and sixth grade students have begun the school year by learning about lab equipment, lab safety, and The Scientific Method. The Scientific Method is the process used to answer a question or solve a problem. The students are learning the proper way to form a hypothesis, as well as understanding the controls and variables for conducting the experiment. We have made observations about plants in the classroom and will apply The Scientific Method as we conduct our experiments

SIXTH GRADE News: Mrs. Gerard

The sixth graders are in a good routine, and have adjusted to school nicely. At Back-to-School Night, I reviewed the Language Arts and Social Studies curriculum - including grading, homework, and class schedules. Any parent unable to attend should have received the informational packet that was given out. Please sign, and return the form to school with your student so I know you received it. Take your time reading over the information, and please reach out to me with any questions. The students in both sixth grades completed a, "Get to Know Me," activity with the topic of, "I Can't Imagine Life Without..." We had a good time trying to guess what each other can't live without!

Gifted and Talented/Enrichment classes are off to a great start. Students in kindergarten and grade 1 enjoyed hearing the story of, *The Dot*, by Peter Reynolds. In this story, we meet a young girl named Vashti who does not want to participate because she doesn't feel she will be successful. We learned that in Enrichment we will try many new things, sometimes we will be successful and sometimes we will not. The most important thing is to never give up. Similarly, second and third grade students began the year learning about "The Power of YET." This tiny but powerful word unlocks a world of possibilities for students and teachers alike. Much focus this year will be to learn about and adapt to having a Growth Mindset. Grade 4-6 G & T students have reviewed the expectations for the year and have participated in a back to school "Apples Ahead," challenge. In this challenge, groups were tasked to design and build an apple carrying device that can be worn on a teammate's head for a walking relay race! This challenge inspired creativity and teamwork!



PTA Information

10/12 Pie Sale fundraiser. Place your orders before 11/4.

10/27 Save the date: Grant Glow Party! Registration forms will be given out next week.

Spirit Wear is now on sale. Please check out the link below to purchase your items.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday	October 19th	1pm dismissal. Please be on time.
Monday	October 31st	Halloween Parade 2pm.