



Bulldog News

@ Grant Elementary School

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

G&T NEWS: Mrs. Morris

Kindergarten classes heard the story, The Biggest Pumpkin Ever, by Steven Kroll. Students then designed and built pumpkin transporters using legos! First graders enjoyed the book, Room on a Broom, by Julia Donaldson. Next, they participated in a STEM project called balance the broom. We created levers using pencils and rulers to balance cups that represented the characters from the book. The Second graders have been working on an architecture unit. We read, Iggly Peck, Architect, by Andrea Beatty and built sticky structures. Students then designed and built 2 and 3 dimensional shapes using toothpicks and modeling clay. The Third Grade students are working on a twist of the classic fairy tale, Little Red Riding Hood. In this twist, the students learned about Morse Code and will design and create two instruments. The two distinct sounds will represent the "Dot and Dash" of Morse Code. Students will use these instruments to warn Little Red Riding Hood of the Wolf's dastardly plans! G & T fourth graders have been studying simple machines. They are now designing and building Pumpkin Pulley systems. Fifth grade G&T students continue their CSI unit called, Who Stole the Chocolate. So far the students have completed forensic labs on fingerprinting and dusting for footprints. Finally, the Sixth grade G&T students have been researching different types of renewable energy. They are also working in groups to build solar and wind powered devices using K'NEX.



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PHYS ED NEWS: Mr. Garcia

After a great start to the year, students are getting used to all of the new information. Students are learning new skills this month including movements they will use to hone their skills in semi-competitive game settings.

ART NEWS: Mrs. Conversano

The Kindergarten Art Exhibit was on display in the multipurpose room for the month of October, featuring Mondrian-inspired Grid Paintings. Kindergarten students enjoyed watercolor painting with the primary colors: red, yellow, and blue. First and second grade students read, Bat Loves the Night, by Nicola Davies and are creating Geometric Bats collages featuring geometric shapes: circles, squares, and triangles and primary colors: red, yellow, and blue. The First Grade Art Exhibit will be on display during the month of November, featuring first grade Geometric Bats collages. Third and fourth grade students are using line and pattern to draw a zentangle-patterned landscape. Fifth and sixth grade students are using line and pattern to draw zentangle-patterned Warm and Cool Skies.

MUSIC NEWS: Ms. Mir

Although the fall weather is all around us, we've been preparing for winter in music class! For the first time in three years, Grant School will be holding its annual Winter Concert! All students in Grades K-6 are learning songs to sing for our big show, which will be held on Wednesday, December 14th. Parents and guardians of students in Grades K-3 will be invited to see their children perform in school during the afternoon, prior to our 3:00 dismissal. All 4-6 graders will be performing in the evening at Grant School starting at 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Hernandez has sent out the formal invitation via email and you can also find the information on Instagram.

Our ESL classes have been working steadily this year so far. All of the ESL classes concentrate on reading, writing, speaking and listening while incorporating vocabulary to provide a variety of opportunities to learn English. Our ESL family has grown with over 15 new students this school year, one of the largest influx in recent years. We have many students entering the United States for the first time and learning both the English language and learning American culture. Parent support is influential in helping the student navigate through their school adventure. It was a great meeting with many parents on our annual ESL/BSI night we had at the Ridgefield Park Junior/Senior High School on October 18. The meeting was designed to help parents understand the ESL program in the elementary schools and how it affects their child. Please continue to support your child's learning by reading and speaking with them to facilitate literacy and speaking skills. It's a necessary component to language learning. We are going to have a great year!

SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION NEWS: Dr. Steele, Ms. Raimo & Mrs. Conversano

The school year is in full swing in the Resource Rooms as the students are working hard toward achieving new goals. The first grade math students are learning adding and subtracting up to the number 20 with and without a ten-frame. The students in third and fourth grades are using patterns to solve multiplication facts for 0, 1, 2, 5, 9, and 10. The fifth graders are adding and subtracting decimals by using play money to buy items and calculate change. It's "Everything's Fractions" for the sixth graders as they are working on adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing! In ELA, first, third, and fourth graders are writing their, "All About Me" narratives and forming nightly reading routines. The sixth graders are learning about context clues.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday	November 23rd	1:00 dismissal for students and faculty
Thursday	November 24th	No School
Friday	November 25th	No School