



Bulldog News

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

SCIENCE NEWS: Mrs. Alberque

The sixth graders have been busy preparing for The Invention Convention which will take place on March 31, 2023. I am amazed at some of the innovative and creative ideas the students came up with. They have created prototypes for their inventions and display boards to catch your attention and explain their invention. I'm proud to say that these entrepreneurs are definitely Shark Tank material! We hope to see you at The Invention Convention on March 31st in the school auditorium. Special thanks to Thelina and Ariana for putting together the flyer for our annual invention convention!! The fifth graders just completed a lab on decomposers and the focus of the lab was moldy bread-yuk! We saw various types of mold on the bread and made daily observations as we watched the mold decompose the bread. We also learned how penicillium mold led to the discovery of penicillin, and the dangers of eating mold-contaminated food. It's not safe to cut off a section that has mold and eat the other part that you think is mold-free. It's all contaminated. So, if your child makes a comment about moldy food and tells you to throw it out, please listen to them.



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March's Theme:

COOPERATION

is working together
to reach shared goals



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ELA NEWS: Mrs. Gerard

Time is certainly flying by in the sixth grade at Grant School! The students participated in the Wax Museum, which has become an annual event for our sixth graders! The students did an excellent job representing interesting people from throughout time. From Benjamin Franklin, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Queen Elizabeth II, to contemporary figures such as Bill Gates, Malala, Olivia Rodrigo, and Michelle Obama, the students gave their all while continuing to work hard in their other subjects. In social studies, students wrapped up their unit on The American Revolution. The students focused on important battles of the war and how, with the support of France, General Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown to end it. Now, what is next for this brand new country? In Writing, the students have been working hard on the constructed response type answers, also referred to as open-ended type questions, which appear on the NJSLA test. This type of question often proves to be difficult for students. I am incredibly proud to see the students working through this writing process. In Reading, we just wrapped up the biography unit, and now are moving to Book Clubs. Stay tuned for more information!

MATH NEWS: Mr. Morris

The sixth grade students are just wrapping up learning about statistical questions, box plots, and M.A.D. (Means Absolute Deviation). Statistical Questions are questions that have more than one answer as opposed to a non-statistical question that has a definite answer. For example, the question how old are the students who attend Grant School would be a statistical question because the ages vary. Box plots and M.A.D. are multi-layers equations that require several steps to complete and once the answers are solved can be displayed in graphs and tables. The students are beginning to understand that 6th grade math requires many steps to complete and reaching the final answer sometimes takes a little time and patience.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday	March 28th	Treat Yourself Tuesday
Thursday	March 30th	Bulldog Bar Golden Ticket Announcement on Zoom 6:30pm
Tuesday	April 4th	Jukebox Time Machine Play @ 7pm at RPJRSHS 1 Ozzie Nelson Drive