

Bulldog News @ Grant Elementary School

March 31, 2023

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

G & T News: Mrs. Morris

Enrichment has been fun in kindergarten and first grade this month. Students enjoyed participating in cup stacking activities as well as St. Patrick's Day challenges. The second graders created March STEAM Journals and will be using the Engineering Design Process to complete March STEAM activities. These activities include building a pot of gold, making a pattern rainbow, and building the tallest tower. Third grade G & T students have completed their Marble Maze Mania unit and will be working on problem solving activities. Grade four students are creating their own board games that relate to grade appropriate learning standards! Fifth grade G & T students are finishing their, "Picture Books for All," unit. Students have created written narratives to accompany wordless books and are now presenting them to our class. Finally, the sixth grade G & T students have been studying mythical creatures. They have designed and created traps and are sharing their hard work through Google slides presentations.

ART NEWS: Mrs. Conversano

Happy spring! To commemorate Dr. Seuss's birthday, Kindergarten students drew a portrait of the Cat in the Hat. To mark the end of winter, first and second grade students drew a snowy cityscape. Third grade students learned about Piet Mondrian and created their own primary-colored geometric paintings. Fouth grade students have been working hard on their entries for the Bergen County poster contest. Fifth and sixth grade students are finishing their close-up citrus paintings.



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March's Theme:

COOPERATION

is working together to reach shared goals

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RESOURCE ROOM NEWS: Ms. Raimo, Ms. Conversano, Dr. Steele

Ms. Raimo's ELA classes are starting a new hobby as word collectors. After reading, <u>The Word Collector</u> by Peter H. Reynolds, the students are on the lookout for words that interest and encourage them as well as those that are new, simple, and multisyllabic. What a great way to build vocabulary! Ms. Raimo's favorite word is; Believe. Do you have one you would like to share with the class? Stop by and tell one of the students. Your word and all the others will be on display in the hall to on our bulletin board with the theme, "Tell the World Who You Are." Action with fractions is the main topic in math. Students are expanding their understanding of fractions by comparing fraction strips with equivalent numbers. Dr. Steele's classes are "Toad-ally" ready for spring. The students decorated our classroom door with toads, frogs and lily pads. Our ELA classes also researched and wrote reports on some interesting amphibians. Stop by and take a look! Students in Mrs. Conversano's math classes have been building skills in multiplication and division.

MUSIC NEWS: Mrs. Mir

All students in Grades 1-6 are busy preparing for our Spring Concert, happening on Tuesday, April 25th! Information about the concert has been sent home. Parents and guardians of students in Grades 1-3 are invited to see their students perform on the afternoon of April 25th, prior to our 3:00 dismissal. Students are learning songs around the theme of taking care of the Earth and ourselves! All 4-6 graders, including all Band members, will be performing that evening. Students will be singing some popular songs from Disney movies. Band members should check the posted schedule for additional in-school Band practices. All parents are encouraged to remind their students to review their words and music at home so we are prepared for an amazing performance. We can't wait to see you!

WORLD LANGUAGES NEWS: Ms. Molina

¡Hola! - Hello! Kindergarten students have been learning to count up to 20 in Spanish. Please practice counting with them at home if you can. They have now begun to start learning the names of different animals. First grade students have been learning the days and months of the year. They also did a project with the Spanish months. Second grade students have been learning about healthy eating and reading stories related to food. Third grade students have been learning about the Spanish artist Salvador Dali and a little about his preferred style of art, surrealism. They have now begun to learn about another famous Spanish artist, Pablo Picasso and his various styles of art, particularly, cubism. ¡Gracias!



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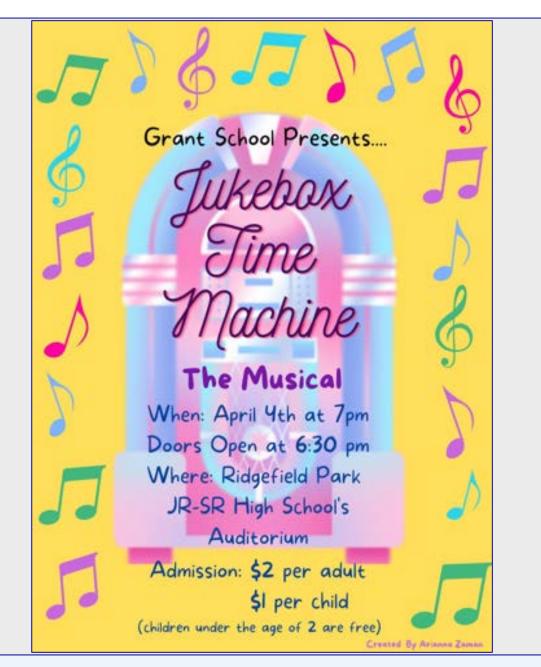
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PHYS ED NEWS: Mr. Garcia

Students are working hard in both Physical Education and Health. During health, students are learning about drug abuse and how to keep away from drugs. Students are also learning about the power of saying no. Lessons during this session are concentrating on the dangers of addiction and why it is so important to stay drug free. In Physical Education, students are working on volleyball skills. Students are now able to bump, set and serve a volleyball during mini games and keep the ball in play while in controlled play settings.



Dates to Remember

Friday- Friday

April 7th-April 14th Spring Break Students return Monday, April 17th