



Bulldog News

@ Grant Elementary School

May 5, 2023

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

G & T NEWS: Mrs. Morris

It is hard to believe that the end of April is here. We have been very busy in Enrichment and Gifted and Talented classes. Kindergarten and first grade classes participated in Springtime STEM, using Playdough and plastic eggs to build the tallest towers! We are now playing listening games and sharpening up on our following directions skills. Grade 2 students worked on problem solving and have begun a new fairytale STEM unit, beginning with *Hansel and Gretel Trap the Witch!* Third grade students are building models of Tiny Houses! In the process, we are studying geometry, area, and perimeter. These houses are going to be so cool! Grade 4 students have been working on their original learning board games, and we can't wait to play them in class! Fifth and sixth grade G & T students have been enjoying exploring the Strawbees building system. Up next, grade 5 students will use them to design and build bridges and grade 6 students will design and build a catapult, to see who can project an object the farthest!

PHYS ED NEWS: Mr. Garcia

This month, students are working hard and learning the basic skills in field hockey. Students are learning how to pass to one another while using a hockey stick and moving with specific goals to focus on. In health, students have been doing an excellent job in learning as well as working together to understand how the body works. We are currently learning about blood and how to keep the body healthy as well as why our blood is so important to us. We will keep working and learning to further gain our understanding of the human body and its structures.

NJSLA DATES

Monday- May 8th
Tuesday- May 9th

ELA NJSLA for grades 3rd-6th

Thursday- May 11th
Friday- May 12th

Science NJSLA for 5th grade students only.



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May's Theme:

Creativity

is using your imagination
to create something new
or solve a problem



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WORLD LANGUAGES NEWS: Ms. Molina

¡Hola a todos! - Hello to all! Students in Kindergarten have been learning the names of various farm animals and pets and also the sounds animals make in Spanish. First grade students learned about some of the major holidays that take place in Spanish-speaking countries during the different months of the year. They have now begun to learn vocabulary for the immediate members of a family. Second grade students have been learning about making good food choices and what a basic food pyramid is as well. We have also been learning the names of some typical Hispanic dishes prepared in different Spanish-speaking countries. Third grade students have been learning about the Spanish artist Pablo Picasso and his beloved pets, especially "Lumpita", a dachshund whose influence can be seen in some of his very famous artwork. ¡Gracias!

MUSIC NEWS: Ms. Mir

Our students were excited and proud to perform for the Grant School community in our Spring Concert on April 25th. Students in Grades 1-6 did an amazing job! As June approaches, both Kindergarten and Sixth Grade students are preparing for their end-of-year celebrations. Parents of Band students are reminded that Band lessons are scheduled for the rest of the school year and the schedule can be found in the Band Google Classroom. Concerning the Band, parents of students in 3rd-5th grades should be on the lookout for information about joining the Band, which will be sent home by the end of the month. Students who are already in the Band will need to sign up again to play in the Fall, and students who wish to join the Band for the first time in the Fall will be able to do so. Thank you!

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

Dr. Steele's sixth graders just completed a unit on volume. Students enjoyed building rectangular prisms with wooden unit cubes before learning to use a formula to solve for volume. Next, they had to find a missing side and solved word problems using either cubes or the formula. Students in Mrs. Conversano's mixed grade, small-group math class have been learning to interpret data using picture graphs and bar graphs. Mrs. Conversano's fifth grade math students have been using the IXL Diagnostic Action Plan to build individual math skills. Children in Ms. Raimo's ELA classes are creating genre stories with 'StoryBoard That'. This project is giving students the opportunity to let their creativity shine as they think of the design of their chosen genre. 'StoryBoard That' provides simple and clever visual tools for students to focus on the Four Cs (Critical Thinking, Creativity, Communication, and Collaboration) in order to help improve their thinking capabilities and potential.

ART NEWS: Mrs. Conversano

Happy Spring! Artists in kindergarten have been practicing their drawing skills by combining shapes to create a recognizable picture. First through fourth grade students have been learning about the elements of art and are creating their own Elements of Art Sketchbook. Fifth and sixth grade students are learning about 1-pt. perspective.



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