



Bulldog News

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Character Theme:

COOPERATION

is working together
to reach shared goals

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

Art: Mrs. Conversano

Gung Hay Fat Choy (Happy Lunar New Year!)

In art class this month, students have heard stories about Lunar New Year customs and have been creating artwork to celebrate the Year of the Dragon. Lucky colors for Lunar New Year are red, yellow, and gold. First grade artists used yarn, construction paper, and glue to create a Year of the Dragon collage. Kindergarten, second, and third grade students drew a Chinese dragon and crafted a 3-D red and yellow paper lantern. Fifth and sixth grade students have been using contrasting colors to create an abstract dragon drawing. fourth grade students have begun their posters for the annual, "My Bergen County," poster contest.



Music: Ms. Mir

February bought lots of fun songs and activities to Music class! Some favorite songs include; "Where's My Shadow?," "February Friends," "The Valentine's Boogie," and "One Hundred Days of School." Younger grades have been learning about the four different families of instruments: String, Brass, Woodwind, and Percussion. Third graders continue to work hard on their recorders, learning how to play songs using the notes B, A, and G. Fourth graders are learning to read more advanced rhythms and how to show the strong and weak beats of music using time signatures. As for the Fifth and Sixth graders, students have been learning about the development of video game music over the last 40 years, and will soon get an opportunity to create their own character and short musical example to demonstrate what they've learned.



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G&T: Ms Morris

Kindergarten through grade two students have enjoyed learning about and celebrating the Lunar New Year and the year of the Dragon in our enrichment classes! Grade three gifted and talented students learned about the process of making paper and are creating collages to commemorate the year of the dragon. Fourth grade G & T students continue to design and create learning themed board games. Students in fifth grade G & T are wrapping up their, "Picture Books for All," unit as students are creating written narratives to accompany wordless books. This writing challenge will encourage and allow for freedom of expression and a wide range of interpretation. They will next present their stories to our group. Finally, the sixth grade G & T students continue studying mythical creatures. They are creating Google Slide presentations to teach about their chosen creatures. Students have designed and built a model of a trap that will contain their creature without causing them any harm.

Spanish: Ms. Molina

¡Hola a todos! - Hello to all! With the help of books, songs and games, the Kindergarten students have been learning to count up to 20. If possible, please practice counting with your child at home in Spanish. First grade students have been learning the names of the months and about the various holidays that take place each month. Second grade students have been learning about various basic Hispanic dishes through books we've read in class such as; "tortillas", "guacamole", etc. Fifth grade students are learning the names of places in a city or town. ¡Hasta pronto!

Spanish: Ms. Baeza

¡Hola! In fourth grade, students are learning how to say different careers/jobs in Spanish. They will be presenting, on their computers, the different careers we've reviewed with the career names and sentences. In fifth grade, students are working on feelings and emotions. They are writing sentences stating how they feel and how their friends feel (feliz, triste, e.t.c). Sixth graders are working on prepositional phrases. They are writing sentences with the prepositional phrases and the different classrooms at school. ¡Hasta luego!



ESL: Mrs. Smith

I am happy to announce that our ESL field trip to the Ridgefield Park Public Library has been approved! Grant School ESL students in grades one through six will be visiting the Ridgefield Park Public Library on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. This field trip will give the students an opportunity to visit the children's section of the library and make a craft. If your child does not have a library card, they can get one when we visit. We will have a picnic lunch in the park and then take the bus back to Grant School. It's a nice way for the students in ESL to spend time together. More information will be available in the coming months.

Technology: Mr. Lenart

February saw the technology classes using techniques like looping, creating events, and adding dialogue to our coding activities. Kids have really taken off and are having a lot of fun solving puzzles, creating games, and making scenes using block coding. The sixth grade has been working on the Stock Market. They have been researching companies, investing money (fictitious), and tracking their investments using spreadsheets. This will culminate with their presentations in a few weeks.

PE/Health: Mr. Garcia

Students are doing a fantastic job in learning different sports at different levels. We completed our soccer unit and are now transitioning into basketball. The skills from other sports, such as passing, offense, and defense are all translated into different sports and students will get an opportunity to get the basics to see which sport they like more. In health, we are learning a variety of subjects, one such as keeping our bodies clean. Staying clean is a big part of our daily health and learning good habits is important. I am looking forward to continuing to learn and grow with the students as we engage in these activities and lessons.

Counselor's Corner: Mrs. Mastroianni

February flew by as all grade levels practiced identifying good vs. not so good choices and the importance of honesty and integrity during SEL classes. It is always important to do the right thing, *especially* when no one is watching! But, everyone makes mistakes, and it is just as important to take responsibility and learn from our actions. Our Character Theme of the Month for March is Cooperation. Working together and being part of a team helps everyone succeed. Taking turns, sharing, and compromising are all important when it comes to cooperating with others. I am looking forward to watching our students work together through cooperative games and challenges during SEL this month!

