



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

Happy Spring! Students have been busy in Art class doing a large variety of art projects. Kindergarten students have been drawing and painting. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students have been cutting, folding, and gluing colored papers to create Leap Frog collages. Along the way, they learned about Leap Year, facts about frogs, the life cycle of a frog, and New Jersey's Pinelands Tree Frog. Fourth grade artists have been working hard on their Bergen County posters. Fifth graders have been drawing Manga-style portraits. Sixth grade students have recently begun painting birdhouses using tempera and acrylic paints.

Music: Ms. Mir

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 21st when all students in Grades 1-6 will be performing in our Spring Concert! Parents and guardians of students in Grades 1-3 will be invited to see their children perform in school on the afternoon of May 21st, prior to our 3:00 dismissal. All 4th-6th graders—including all Band members—will be performing the evening of May 21st at Grant School. Look for more information to be posted online and sent home about our performances in the coming weeks! This month, students in the 5th and 6th grades just finished a unit on video games and created their own characters and music using a website called Mario Paint Music Composer. Our youngest students have been having lots of fun doing some activities related to Irish music, including moving fast and slow to a song called "Rig-a-jig-jig." Finally, students in the middle grades have already started working on their music for our Spring Concert!





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G&T: Ms Morris

The close of March sees exciting things in the Gifted and Talented/Enrichment program. The Kindergarten classes are listening to *Pete the Cat and the Great Leprechaun Chase* by James Dean. In this story, we learn that luck really comes from having good friends and working together. Students will then work in teams to plan and build leprechaun traps or hide outs using legos. The first grade will be hearing *The Boy Who Never Gave Up*, by Anthony Curicio and completed a March Madness basketball hoop challenge! The second graders created March STEAM Journals and will be using the Engineering Design Process to complete March STEAM activities. Up next, will be designing and building pattern rainbows that can stand using cereal, pipe cleaners, and playdough. Third grade G & T students are onto a new unit in which they will design and build a tiny house, studying area, perimeter, and geometry in the process. Students in fifth grade G & T have completed their, "Picture Books for All," unit and will now be studying and building simple machines using the Strawbees building system. Finally, the sixth grade G & T students are studying mythical creatures. They will use works of art to study the characteristics of a selected mythical creature in order to design a trap that will capture the creature for scientists to study and release back into the wild. Students will be sharing their projects this week!



Spanish: Ms. Baeza

¿Qué tal? Third Graders are working on transportation. They are writing sentences with different transportation vehicles and have been watching videos of how some students get to school in some Spanish speaking countries. In fourth grade, students created and presented a google presentation with clipart, vocabulary, and sentences in Spanish based on careers. In fifth grade, students are writing sentences stating what type of home they live in and what type of home they would like to live in. Fifth graders have also been reading virtual books in Spanish based on homes. Sixth graders are working on food and the different categories of foods on the food pyramid. They are writing lists of foods and reading virtual books in Spanish on food. ¡Hasta luego!

ESL: Mrs. Smith

ACCESS testing for all the ESL students in Grant School is finally complete and ESL classes have resumed. ESL Kindergarten is halfway through the alphabet. ESL grades 1 through 3 continue to work on learning sight words and will be taking an assessment on Units 11-15. ESL grade 2 is finishing up their long e word work as well as finishing the unit on; Plants We Eat. ESL Grade 3 and 6 are also finishing their unit on Inside Your Body and will begin a new unit, which has yet to be announced.

Technology: Mr. Lenart

This month saw the sixth grade finishing up an extensive project about the stock market. They learned to research, collect data and information, and use Google Applications to sort, organize and present their findings. They had a lot of fun with it. The contest winners will get a lunch of their choice on me! I am very proud of the work that they did and all of the effort they put into it. We will begin looking at the online materials for the state testing once we return from the long Easter weekend.

PE/Health: Mr. Garcia

Spring is here! Students are doing a fantastic job of developing their skills in new sports. Students defensive and offensive skills are building up and teamwork is helping them create opportunities to see themselves score more often. Our basketball unit is almost over and we will begin volleyball next. Students will see that their skills learned will have to change a little from what they have gotten used to but learning how to adapt will be a new skill learned. In health, we are currently learning the importance of keeping our bodies healthy and drug free. Students are engaging in class discussions about why it is important to not use drugs or alcohol so that we can maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Spanish: Ms. Molina

¡Hola y feliz marzo! - Hello and happy March! Kindergarten students have been learning "los días de la semana" - the days of the week and "los meses del año" - the months of the year. First grade students have been learning the seasons as well as various weather expressions associated with the different seasons. Second grade students had a lot of fun learning about healthy eating as well as becoming familiar with what a basic food pyramid looks like. Fifth grade students have been learning about the people who work in their community. ¡Gracias y hasta pronto!

Counselor's Corner: Mrs. Mastroianni

Students have been learning about and practicing cooperation and teamwork throughout the month of March. 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. SEL activities this month challenged students to problem solve and work together in order to achieve a goal. Positive communication skills were emphasized as an important part of cooperation. I look forward to seeing students apply their skills with their classmates, especially during recess time!

Our Character Theme of the Month for April is Courage!



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