



Flamingo Flyer



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Below is the weblink for the Flamingo Elementary Title I Parent and Family Engagement Survey. This survey is open until January 18, 2019.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQi9RbQmkY-2JqGoBes6HbulJi3T4cU7N6DAqxFmJ5J2zVg/viewform>

Kindergarten News

Our kindergarten students competed in their very first Flamingo Olympics, a tradition at Flamingo Elementary. Thank you for coming to cheer on our teams. We had so much fun playing against other classes and most importantly learning about teamwork. Congratulations to Mrs. Anderson's class for First Place, Mrs. Martinez's Class for Second Place, Mrs. Moore's Class for Third Place, and Mrs. Martinez's Class for the Sportsmanship Award!

Our kindergarteners also attended their first field trip to the Broward Center for Performing Arts to see Santa's Enchanted Workshop. The past few weeks, students have been learning about the holidays and reading books that inform them about different holiday traditions. Over winter break, please continue to read at home, practice sight words, and math facts. Happy Holidays!

Fabulous First Grade

First graders have had an exciting month! We kicked off the month with learning about the country that our classes represented and competing in the Olympics. Congratulations to our 1st place winner Mrs. Hernandez's class, 2nd place winner Mrs. Silver's class, and sportsmanship award Mrs. Bachman's class. Thank you to those parents who were able to support their children

during the Olympics. It means so much to the students when parents are cheering them on.

Please read with your child over the holiday break. As you read, ask your child about the story structure of the story (title, author, characters, setting, plot). In math, we are currently working on place value. Students are counting by ones, tens, grouping numbers, and word problems.

In science, all students are learning about living things. The students read and discussed many texts about plants. We were excited to plant our seeds, care for them, and watch them sprout. The first grade team would like to wish everyone HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sensational Second Grade

Our second graders were so excited to participate in the Olympics this month. It was wonderful to see all the parents that came out to support their children. Thanks to Coach Terrible for organizing a wonderful event for all our students to experience. Mr. Anderson's class won 3rd place, Mrs. Medvid's class won 2nd place, and Mrs. Jacobson's class earned the 1st place trophy! Winning the Sportsmanship trophy was awarded to Ms. Williamson's class!

This month students have been learning about text features and character responses. We have also been practicing our writing skills with persuasive writing. In math, we are working on adding and subtracting using regrouping, including problem solving skills. Our students are learning about different cultures and traditions as we read and discuss the holidays from various cultures. In science, we are beginning to study weather.

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We want to wish all our families a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to seeing all our students in the New Year. Parents, please, encourage students to read, read, read at home during the holidays.

Third Grade Rocks

Congratulations to everyone participating in our Olympics! A special highlight to our 1st place overall winners, France (Ms. Water's class), our 2nd place winners, USA (Ms. Pursell's class), our 3rd place winners Italy (Ms. Russo's class). Additionally, thank you to everyone who came out to support our students at the Olympics and Multi-cultural Night.

Your children have been working hard to develop reading comprehension skills and master our third grade standards. As we head into the holidays, please continue to practice multiplication and division facts with your children daily. Your children should be reading and utilizing technology at home as well. The interactive student math book found on Broward Single Sign-On is a great resource to help your children master our third grade math standards. Thank you for your continued support in helping to make this a successful year. We hope you have a wonderful Winter Break!

Fantastic Fourth Grade

December has been a full month of learning and fun as we are preparing for the holidays. The students worked hard on the summative assessments in both reading and math. They are coding their standards to see what they have mastered and what they need to continue working on in order to be successful on the upcoming Florida Standard Assessments.

We also had a great day at the fourth grade Olympics. All of the children participated and cheered on their peers. Mrs. Mathes' class, USA came in third place, Mrs. Bergum's class, Germany came in second place, and Mrs. Caccavale's class, Italy came in first place. Mrs. Morris' class, Canada, won the sportsmanship award and Tug-of-War.

Have a wonderful holiday with your families! Please encourage your children to continue reading and working on technology while enjoying their time off.

Fifth Grade

December has been a very busy month. We have been diligently working on many reading skills including summarizing literature, context clues, multiple meaning words, and determining the meaning of figurative language. Math has kept us engaged with multiplying and dividing decimals, and science has taken us out to the solar system and inside the human body.

However, it hasn't been "all work and no play": the fifth grade students have just completed their final Olympic competition at Flamingo Elementary, with Mrs. Mathney's class taking the gold, Mrs. Ungurait's class nabbing the silver, and the bronze going to Mrs. Meyerson's class. We set sail for Universal Studios for our big field trip, which

took place on Friday, December 14th. Have a fun, restful, and safe holiday; we'll see you in 2019!

Safety Reminders

There will be a single point of entry at the front of the school during the school day. Arrival and dismissal will continue as normal with the Kindergarten car line at the back gate on 130th Avenue and grades 1-5 arriving and dismissing at the front of the school on 133rd Avenue. Walkers and bike riders will continue arriving and dismissing the same way. The rear gate on 130th Avenue will be locked when school begins and open again for dismissal.

From 6:30 to 7:15 a.m., only staff members and parents with their children who are registered for Before Care will be allowed to enter the campus at the front of the school. This will be tracked with Staff Identification Badges and with Before Care Registration Passes.

The front office will open for regular business hours from 7:15 to 3:00 p.m. The front gate will be locked at 8:00 a.m. after arrival. All visitors will be required to call our main office at 754-323-5700 to gain access to the front office. The gates will open at dismissal at 1:55 p.m. and lock again at 2:15 p.m. All students who are late arriving to school or are picked up after 2:15 p.m. must call the school to have the gates unlocked.

Students who are front walkers will be dropped off for arrival and may meet their parents at the front walker gate for dismissal.

After Care parents will pick up their child at the front office with proper identification and will also need to call the After-Care office at 754-323-5730 to gain access to the front office.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

December 19	PTO Box Tops Sweet Treat
December 21	Early Release Day 12 Noon Dismissal
December 25 –	
January 4	Winter Break
January 7	Teacher Planning Day – No School
January 8	Student Return
January 9	PTO Meeting 3:00 p.m. Antonio's Pizza Night
January 11	PTO Spirit Store Open PTO Book Fair Family Night
January 14	Student Council Meeting 2:00 p.m.
January 16	Ecology Club Meeting 2:00 p.m.
January 18	In-House Field Trip First Grade Students Meet Horses
January 21 – 25	No Name Calling Week
January 21	Holiday – No School
January 24	Class Picture Day
January 25	Kindergarten Round-Up PTO Spirit Store Open





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