



# Flamingo Flyer



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## PTO News

### CONGRATULATIONS TO FLAMINGO PTO'S NOVEMBER TEACHER GRANT

We are proud to announce that the Dual Language Team was awarded a grant this month. The PTO is proud to support our teachers in their activities and look forward to next months applications.

## Kindergarten News

Our kindergarten students have learned and grown so much since they started school in August. Most students are taking home leveled readers to practice reading at home and also practicing letter names, letter sounds, and sight words at home with their brown envelopes. They are both essential for learning to read.

In math, we have been working on ways to make numbers to ten and adding two numbers together. Soon we will be working on subtraction. During our last Science Focus Day, students enjoyed five different hands-on experiments with each teacher on various topics. We are looking forward to planning a Science Focus Day each month.

In Social Studies, students have been learning about Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. They have read and wrote about soldiers, turkeys, pilgrims, Indians, and being thankful! Recently, your children had the opportunity to learn about different careers. Our students met a Spirit Airlines pilot, an Amazon manager, the Western High School JROTC, a banker, and even a music teacher!

On December 4th, we have Olympics (field day) so please be ready to cheer on your child's class as they compete for

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the first place trophy. We are also very excited to go on our first field trip to watch a play at the Broward Center called Santa's Enchanted Workshop on December 6th. Please remember to check Class Dojo daily for updates on upcoming events and classroom routine reminders.

## Fabulous First Grade

Career day was a success. Thank you to all the fabulous presenters that came to talk to the first graders. They enjoyed learning about the different careers and were excited to share what they wanted to be when they grow up.

To honor Thanksgiving, we are studying about the Pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians and how our country began. Students are comparing and contrasting similarities and differences.

In math, we are working on addition and subtraction concepts. Please keep practicing fact families and related facts. Also remember to use flash cards with your child. They need to fluently know addition and subtraction facts to 10.

## Sensational Second Grade

Our second graders have been very busy in the classroom. During reading, students are learning how to determine the theme or moral of the story. In math, we are working on various ways of adding and subtracting, including problem solving skills.

Our students are learning about Native Americans and early American life. In science, we have been studying rocks, and the different types of earth that plants grow in

using the scientific method in the classroom with hands-on experiments. We look forward to seeing all our parents at the upcoming Olympics. Please continue to sign the planners daily, check homework, and encourage students to read, read, read at home, especially during the holidays.

### **Third Grade Rocks**

At Multicultural Night on December 5<sup>th</sup>, students will prepare research projects based on their heritage, as well as learning about and trying African Tribal Art. Students are also working on a new Keystone assessment with a science focus on Animal Classification. Make sure to ask your child the differences between a jellyfish and a panda!

In reading, we are learning how to use context clues to understand unfamiliar or multiple meaning words. In math, we are continuing our unit on multiplication and moving quickly into division. It is essential that students memorize the multiplication tables. Parents, please continue practicing multiplication facts as much as possible. If you are interested in volunteering to assist on upcoming field trips, please let your teacher know. Thank you for all your help as we continue a wonderful year of learning!

### **Fantastic Fourth Grade**

Fourth grade is hard at work. Our students had a great time seeing and learning all about the Wright Brothers and their adventures. Thank you to those that contributed to the Harvest Drive collection. It is such a great opportunity to teach our children about helping others.

Please continue to practice multiplication facts with your children daily. Your children should be reading and logging their books. Ensure that they utilize technology at home as well. The interactive student math book found on Broward SSO is a great resource to help your children master the fourth grade standards. Thank you in advance for your continued support in helping to make this a successful year. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

### **Fifth Grade**

The fifth grade team would like to extend a BIG thank you to the parents that volunteered to help make our JA Biztown trip a huge success. We are so very grateful for the support given to our fifth grade students.

Currently we are working hard on improving student reading comprehension and mastery of the standards. We have just completed teaching Theme in Poetry and Drama and relationships within historical, technical and scientific texts. We are moving forward to vocabulary in context and figurative language.

In math, our students are vigorously working on mastering decimal place value, along with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division with decimals. You can access helpful math videos and practice resources through their SSO portal and online math textbook. The Math on the Spot videos are especially helpful in modeling the skills being learned for each lesson.

In science, our students are finishing up the phases of the moon and studying the Earth, Sun, Moon and solar system characteristics. Next, we will be studying the human body's systems and their functions.

We hope everyone has a safe holiday season, and please continue to practice skills with your children to keep them fresh in their mind over the break.

### **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 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue and grades 1-5 arriving and dismissing at the front of the school on 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Walkers and bike riders will continue arriving and dismissing the same way. The rear gate on 130<sup>th</sup> 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**

November 19	Student Council Meeting 2:00 p.m.
November 21-23	Day Off – No School
November 26	SAC Meeting 2:15 p.m.
November 27	Head Start Parent Meeting 2:10 p.m.
November 29	Flu Clinic on Campus – Free Flu Shots' (Must be pre-registered))
November 30	PTO Spirit Store Open 7:30 a.m.
December 3 – 7	Hour of Code Week
December 4	K Olympics and Opening Ceremony'
December 5	First Grade Olympics Antonio's Pizza Night Multicultural Night 5:00 p.m.
December 6	Second Grade Olympics K Field Trip to Broward Center
December 7	Third Grade Olympics
December 10	Fourth Grade Olympics Student Council Meeting 2:00 p.m.
December 12	Fifth Grade Olympics
December 14	Fifth Grade Field Trip to Universal PTO Spirit Store Open 7:30 a.m.



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