



# Flamingo Flyer



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## PTO News

### *CONGRATULATIONS TO FLAMINGO PTOs FIRST TEACHER GRANT*

We are proud to announce that Ms. Erin Mannarino was awarded \$100 on October 10, 2018 for supplemental reading materials. The PTO is proud to support our teachers in their activities and look forward to next months applications.

## Kindergarten News

The kindergarten students have been learning about fall: apples, pumpkins, fire prevention, and so much more! Students have started the KidSafe program where they learn how to make smart and safe choices. Please discuss with your child the lesson that they have learned each week. Upon completion of this program, parents will be invited to attend the KidSafe graduation.

The kindergarten students are learning to read! Continue to work with your child to learn letter names, letter sounds, and sight words. These are all critical elements of beginning readers! In math, Kindergarten students are practicing number writing, recognizing and writing number words, learning different ways to make numbers 2-10, and learning how to write number sentences for math word problems. Our kindergarten students are looking forward to many exciting, upcoming events like Tech Trot, Story Book Parade, and Career Day!

## Fabulous First Grade

October- First grade is on the move! We are learning our daily routines, which includes using the planner to communicate with parents and making sure we use our purple folders to get our homework home.

In math, we are working on adding doubles, making a ten, counting on, and counting back. It is important for the students to understand the relationship of these numbers. First grade teachers presented valuable information for parents during Academic Night on October 10th. Please share the reading strategies that were presented to perform at home with your child.

As a reminder, continue to log the books that your child is reading at home on the yellow Reading Across Broward form. This is to ensure that your child will receive a certificate at the end of the year awards ceremony.

## Sensational Second Grade

Our second graders enjoyed the Extreme Event for participating in the PTO fundraiser. In the classroom, our students have been learning how to identify main idea and key details to comprehend fiction and nonfiction passages. We have also started recounting stories.

In math, we are working on understanding place value, and problem solving. Our students have also been exploring the scientific method in the classroom with hands-on experiments. Parents please continue to sign the planners daily, check homework, and encourage students to read, read, read at home.

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## **Third Grade Rocks**

This month third grade is completing our first Keystone Assessment focusing on the three branches of the U.S. government. Look for amazing student work including Thinking Maps, projects, and writing! In addition, we are featuring new Social Emotional Learning lessons this month focusing on responsibility. We appreciate all you do to help students at home keeping up with homework, organization and laying the foundation for their success with this skill.

In reading, we are deepening our knowledge of sequencing events in a story and identifying cause and effect. 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 students are hard at work mastering the ability in finding the main ideas and supporting details across various texts. They are utilizing Thinking Maps which they then take to writing. The children are working on expanding their writing by using details from the text. Please continue to practice multiplication facts with your children daily. TenMarks is now officially up and running. Encourage your child to use this website daily as part of their homework, as well as XtraMath to increase their fluency.

Our first field trip will be taking place in November. We are going to see The Wright Brothers at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. Thank you in advance for your continued support in helping to make this a successful year.

## **Fifth Grade – Class of 2019**

It's been a busy first quarter for Flamingo fifth grade students. On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, our students will be attending a field trip to JA Biztown, an 8,000 square foot facility where kids are allowed to get a taste of the responsibilities and commitments that come with the real world. This program is designed to teach students financial responsibility, as well as to prepare them for their future roles as individuals, workers, and consumers. Each student is assigned to a business and a position within that company for the day. The curriculum taught in the classroom teaches students how to work together towards a common purpose, balance a checkbook, use a debit card, and run a successful business as a team. It's an experience that is not only fun, but highly productive as well.

Of course, we still have "business" to attend to in terms of academics, which means we are plunging into challenging material in the classroom. The first quarter has already seen us tackling standards relating to the scientific method, decimals, persuasive writing, and the comprehension of both literature and informational texts. All work and no play makes for a dull time, so don't forget that the fifth grade field trip to Universal Studios is fast

approaching! It looks like it's shaping up to be an eventful year full of learning and fun, and the fifth grade team is pleased you're coming along for the ride.

## **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**

October 17	Ecology Club Meeting 2:00 p.m.
October 18	PTO Tech Trot – Western High Early Release Day 12 Noon Dismissal
October 19	Employee Planning Day – No School
October 22	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – JZ Biz Town Student Council Meeting 2:00 p.m.
October 22 – 26	Red Ribbon Week
October 26	PTO Spirit Store Open 7:30 – 7:55 a.m.
October 29	SAC Meeting 2:15 p.m.
October 30	Breast Cancer Clothing Donation
October 31	Storybook Parade Grades K, 1, and 2
November 2	Career Day
November 6	Employee Planning Day – No School
November 7	PTO Meeting 3:00 p.m. Antonio's Pizza Night
November 8	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Broward Center
November 12—16	Anti-Bullying Week
November 14	Report Cards Issued Ecology Club Meeting 2:00 p.m.
November 16	PTO Spirit Store Open 7:30 – 7:55 a.m.



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