

GRIFFIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

2022-2023

Message from Principal Jones

Dear
Griffin
Families,



November is an important time for all of us to reflect on the many blessings bestowed upon us. I am certainly thankful for the many blessings in my life, including working with the amazing Griffin students, families, teachers, and staff. I am thankful that I have your support. You make my job easier.

We are now in the second quarter, but first quarter report cards will be available to you on Virtual Counselor – November 10. There will be Honor Roll ceremony for students in Grade 3-5 who receives all A's, A/B or Perfect Attendance. Selected parents/guardians will be invited to attend the awards ceremony on November 9. In the 2nd Quarter we will have awards for students bringing up their grade in any core subject. The students will receive "On a Roll to Success" Award.

This school year, we have a new math curriculum called Envision and this is the second year we are using Benchmark Advance for English Language Arts. You will notice there is a strong focus on science and social studies information



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for students. We are also moving to a digital platform when it comes to formative and summative assessments for kindergarten to fifth grade students. We are fortunate at Griffin to have a 1-1 ratio for computers. It has been a challenge, especially with the primary grades to learn keyboarding skills, drag and drop, highlighting and choosing multiple answers. If the scores are not good initially, that's ok. We are all learning and adapting with the new changes. Teachers are comparing some the online assessments with paper base to get a true reflection of what students understand. Students are resilient and they are adapting. Our teachers are giving their best. This is new to them too. Be rest assured, learning is happening daily. We have the best educators here at Griffin who are passionate and dedicated to educating children.

In December we will be taking mid-year progress monitoring assessments. We will be able to measure the growth from the first quarter to the second quarter. There will be a family portal available to you to access the report. You will receive the information when this is available.

I want to thank you for your support with Book Fair, Boo Grams, PTA store, costume, and harvest drive, trunk or treat and now our biggest fundraiser Boosterthon. Funds raised goes back

either to families, students, and/or staff for various programs and incentives. We adopted Rock Island Elementary as our sister school this year. Thank you to our awesome PTA Board and Committee Chairs for the long hours they put in. You make Griffin a special school that shines above the rest because of your dedication. We appreciate you!



Thank you for your service. Griffin will be hosting a special breakfast for our Veterans and First Responders on Monday November 14, 2022, at 8:30 am. If attending, send back a response from the flyer you will be receiving. Please enter through the cafeteria door. All visitors must scan the QR code to gain entrance into the school. You may wear your uniform or medals. We will have a photo booth.

Thanksgiving Break – 11/21/2022 – 11/25/2022

Enjoy your time with family and friends. Students return to school 11/28/2022.

With sincere gratitude,
Principal Moodliyar -Jones



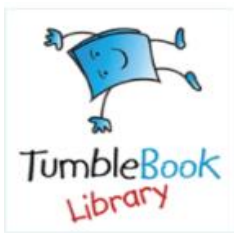
MEDIA NEWS



It has been wonderful seeing students checking out books that they are interested in and enjoying them. Thank you for reading with your child each night and talking about their world. It is great seeing their knowledge, passion, and interests grow. I'm impressed with how many students are reading online through Axis360. Your students have learned about a few applications on their Clever page these past few weeks. Britannica School is a great application on Clever for our students to begin their research. Feel free to check it out alongside your student.

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Berger



FRONT OFFICE NEWS

BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS: If you received a letter asking you to complete your Back-to-School Forms, please do it ASAP. Your child will not be allowed to participate in field trips if we do not have current contact information. Thank you.

For new registrations, on our Griffin Elementary website, under the OUR SCHOOL tab, you will find the information and requirements to register.

Please call the school at 754-323-5900 to set up appointment once you have ALL the documents on the checklist form.

The Front Gate will be OPEN during the following times:

7:30 – 9:00AM

9:30 – 10:00AM

10:30 – 12:00PM

12:30 – 1:30PM

Please plan accordingly

thank you!

REMEMBER – YOU CAN CALL OUR ATTENDANCE LINE 24/7 754 323 5902

REPORT CARDS and INTERIM REPORTS

You can access your child's report card by logging into your child's Clever account. Click on the Virtual Counselor icon to access their report card. **Remember the Password is your child's birthday mm/dd/yyyy (no leading P)**

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

Mrs. Norrell, even though she is now retired, showed up for STEM class and assisted Mrs. Bencivenga with each student planting seeds for our school garden. Mrs. Bencivenga has been nurturing our tomato, lettuce, kale, and peppers. Mrs. Norrell will be back during STEM on November 15th and 16th to assist with them planting the seedlings in our school garden. Thank you, Mrs. Norrell and Mrs. Bencivenga, for ensuring our students can learn directly from nature.



Also, last year we applied for a TEA Food Forest grant and we were accepted! Our lead teachers, Mrs. Bencivenga and Ms. Underhill have been busy learning about edible plants and how to incorporate them into the curriculum. We will be repurposing an old asphalt bike rack into a new garden area with tables and seating to extend our outdoor classroom. Please feel free to come out and help us install our new section of food forest this Tuesday November 8th, from 8am to

12 noon. Wear comfortable shoes, sunscreen, a hat, and bring water. The soil, mulch and pavers have already been delivered! Email Mrs. Sanchez at jacqueline.sanchez@browardschools.com if you are interested in joining us. Thank you!

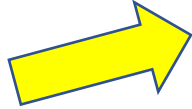
Our Food Rescue Program is going strong and since the beginning we have rescued and donated **635 pounds** of food to Feeding South Florida. This year we are lucky to have a great volunteer, Mrs. Scura. Thanks for making a commitment to our students and our Food Rescue Program! We are striving for less food waste.

Please talk to your children about donating any unopened/uneaten items to our program. One of our biggest items is unopened milk cartons. **Students are NOT required to take a milk. They are required to take 3 food items; one must be a fruit or vegetable.**

EXPIRATION DATES: JUST A REMINDER

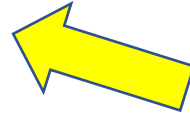
“BEST IF USED BY/BEFORE”

This date indicates when a product will be of best flavor or quality. It is not a purchase or safety date.



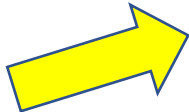
“SELL-BY”

This date tells the store how long to display the product for sale for inventory management. It is not a safety date.



“USE-BY”

This date is the last date recommended for the use of the product while at peak quality. It is not a safety date, except for when used on infant formula.



Also, remember to bring your **old towels, linens, clothes and shoes** to be recycled at Griffin. Please do not place any toys or household items in the bin. We get 10% of the proceeds. Collection bin has been relocated to the Bus loop parking lot, on the outside of the fence for easy off hour access.

Also, remember to recycle at home and keep it free of contamination. If you are not sure if it can be recycled, toss it in the trash. At school we recycle clean, empty water bottles, soda bottles and juice bottles; as well as cardboard (no pizza boxes), paper. **All film plastic, such as grocery plastic bags and storage bags can be recycled at Publix or Walmart, not in your city recycling bin.** Learn more at coopercityfl.org and search recycling.

Thank you for your support and have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family!

Mrs. Sanchez

CHARACTER COUNTS

Congratulations to the Griffin students who were recognized for their outstanding positive behaviors and efforts to promote good character. These students help create a safe and secure learning environment and are to be commended.

SEPTEMBER COOPERATION

Ms. Lynn	Alejandra Nunez
Mrs. Barcelona	Asher Eggnatz
Mrs. del Corral	Alessandra Umbarila
Mrs. Pritchett	Luke Johnson
Ms. Rezende	Nia Martin
Ms. Sanabria	Rhett Zyla
Mrs. Cohenour	Sage Marquez
Mrs. Dourvetakis	Aaron Rodriguez
Ms. Selby	Sawyer Hamilton
Ms. Tanner	Liam Diaz
Mrs. Zuckerman	Dylan Manter
Mrs. Alderman	Altaria Lundy
Mrs. Coxe	Nathan Perez
Mrs. De Ferrari	Teresa Lonth
Mrs. Menendez	Gabriela Gutierrez
Mrs. Shanley	Savannah Freeman
Mr. Anorga	Zephora Tossas
Ms. Goffney	Misha Litvak
Ms. Hajaree	Kennedy Umbaugh
Mrs. Keller	Elle Distelhurst
Mrs. May	Lucas Rynerson
Ms. Perry	Alexis Chalem
Mrs. Baquedano	Isabella Roiz
Mrs. Caruso	Benjamin Hackett
Mr. Feldman	Genesis Flores
Mrs. Torres	Trey Paz
Mrs. Brown	Luca Mazzola
Mrs. Hammell	Daehan Calle
Mrs. Roman	Isabella de la Cruz
Mrs. Shapiro	
Ms. Vega	

OCTOBER RESPONSIBILITY

Anakyn Castellanos
Katerina Correa
Jordan Schiller
Layla Stuve
Isabella Santos Lawrence
Sofia Layine
Mackenzie Kobrin
Juliet Mazzola
Alexandria Delgado
Cameron Quinn
Victoria Hensley
Samuel Farmer
Liam Layton
Braelyn Murray
Owen Mazzola
Nicolas Gonzalez
Jasmine Colon
Juliana Abenina
Samuel Diaz
Abigail Abernathy
Austin Keller
Macy Kwan
Leah Diaz
Jayesh Benty
Tomas Parra Ramirez
Amber Freeman
Angelina Imbrogno
David Shockley
Natalie Cruz
Kendall Kornfeld
Jenna Horowitz