



Flower Hill Happenings

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Message from the Principal

It is hard to believe it, but our students have already completed one month from the 2011-12 school year. It is my pleasure to report that the year is off to a great start. Our students have transitioned smoothly from the summer break and are adjusting nicely to the regular routines of their classroom.

Over the last month our teachers have been getting to know our students as learners. Through their observations, assessments, and the work students do, our teachers have been collecting data that they will use to guide instruction over the coming weeks. I encourage you to keep in contact with your child's teacher so that we can work together for the benefit of our students this school year. One of the most important elements that help to build school success is a strong home/school partnership. With that said, I would like to thank the parents who were able to attend "Meet the Teacher" night in September. During this time our teachers were able to provide an overview of the curriculum, classroom routines, and expectations for the year. For those parents who were not able to attend, your child's teacher will be contacting you to schedule Parent/Teacher conferences.

We look forward to your continued support, and we are confident our students will have a fantastic year.



Upcoming Flower Hill Events



COLUMBUS DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	10/10
BOOK REVUE 4-6 PM	10/12
FALL PICTURES	10/13
PTA MEETING 9:30 AM	10/18
K & 1ST GRADE SOCIAL	10/28
HALLOWEEN PARADE	10/31
FALL FESTIVAL	

September



Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following Flower Hill students: Shannon Milner, Jack Giamo, Kyle Colleluori, Kyle Dunn, Luke Bastible, Sergio Aguilar-Araujo, Michael Mathews, Sylvia Belanger, Bryce Vitulli, Dominick Vidota, Ella Naima, Charlie Blitz, Elson Gonzalez, Sebastian Romero, Nadeera Ali, Markella Markotsis, Katherine Guevara-Jandres, Charlotte Gordon, Keira Coulter, Luke Calabria & Jordan Ross. Great work!



Kindergarten Highlights



Dear Parents,

We are off to a great start in Kindergarten. We had a fun-filled exciting month! We started off reviewing our colors and shapes. We had a visit on 9/11 from some firefighters that taught us about safety. We are learning more this month about fire safety. We have read some Aesop's fables and books about autumn, families and music. We have been practicing our names and letters in Handwriting. We are also beginning to learn how to write numbers and letters and work in cooperative groups at center time. We are ending the month with our Harvest Festival and Kindergarten social! Thanks for all the support from our families. The students have all transitioned so well into Kindergarten!!

The Kindergarten Teachers



First Grade Highlights



Our first graders are off to a great start! In language arts, we are focusing on analyzing story structure, sequencing and comprehension skills using fiction and non-fiction literature. We began learning many new sight words, word families and vowel sounds. The children have been learning proper sentence structure including beginning a sentence with an upper case letter and ending with a punctuation mark. We have also been discovering all of the things that make us special. In Writer's Workshop, we have been writing personal narratives and descriptive sentences. In science, we began our unit on properties as well as living and non-living things. In math, we are learning about finding numbers inside bigger numbers, patterns and geometric figures. Please continue to read with your child at home. We look forward to a fun filled month of October which includes the Harvest Festival and the 1st Grade Social!!!

The First Grade Teachers



Second Grade Highlights



Welcome Back! September has been an exciting month for the incoming second graders. They have all settled into their new classroom and routines. The second grade teachers were pleased to have met many of our student's families at "Meet the Teacher" night. If you did not sign up for a November parent teacher conference, we will be contacting those families to schedule a meeting.

Language Arts is an important component of our core curriculum. We are working on our fall assessments. Please have your child read to you on a daily basis. It is important that children not only read during the school day, but also at home. Time spent reading at home can include having your child read to you as well as reading aloud to your child. Also, ask you child questions, such as, who are the characters? Where does the story take place? Does the story have a problem? This ensures if your child comprehends the story.

Math is also an important part of our curriculum. We have begun our first math unit, which includes solving word problems using addition or subtraction, adding and subtracting using 10 and counting dimes, nickels, and pennies. Please have your child review basic math facts and practice counting coins.

We look forward to beginning our new Social Studies curriculum. We kick it off by learning about communities and where we live. For Science, we are focusing on germs and the importance of keeping healthy.

The month will end with our annual Harvest Festival. Our students are looking forward to participating in all the events of the day, including the costume parade.

The Second Grade Teachers



Third Grade Highlights



The lazy, hazy days of summer have transitioned to the hustle and bustle of September's school days.

The third grade students embraced this exciting change with vigor. September was filled with new routines, schedules, and learning new expectations. Third grade is a year that develops writing techniques, math concepts, and world and community awareness.

In language arts we are covering cause and effect, main ideas and detail. Math and science have provided the students with many fun, hands-on opportunities to learn new topics.

Community was our theme in social studies. The students learned about different types of communities, what makes a good citizen and the various cultures that comprise communities. The third grade students will be taking a trip to the Festival of Cultures that will enhance this social studies unit.

We look forward to working together to make this an exciting and rewarding school year! Please be mindful to check your child's folder and agenda nightly.



The Third Grade Teachers



Fourth Grade Highlights



Welcome back to our new group of Fabulous Fourth Graders! We also extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Walsh, who joined the fourth grade team this year. We are off to a speedy start, jumping right into a schedule full of academics and activities. In Math, we have been busy learning about Place Value, Estimating and Rounding. We continue to embed problem solving within these concepts. In Science, the students have been enjoying learning about classifying Living Things, while in Social Studies, we have started to tackle the geography of New York State. The Treasures Reading Program is in full swing! The children have enjoyed reading various selections of fiction and non-fiction literature, while expanding their vocabulary and identifying story elements.

It's also an exciting year for some of our fourth graders, as they begin their journey in the instrumental music program by participating in band and orchestra. Back to school night was a success, and we look forward to meeting with all of our parents during the upcoming Parent/Teacher conferences!

The Fourth Grade Teachers





Library Literary Corner



A huge warm welcome to Mrs. Blanchard
our new Librarian at Flower Hill.

Please await the new and exciting things
that Mrs. Blanchard has in store for our
library this year!!!!



Notes from Nurse Pirollo



Welcome back to Flower Hill! I am looking forward to meeting all the new students and helping to make this a healthy, happy school year.

A reminder, that physical exams are required for all kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grades, and all new entrants to the Huntington School District. Please be sure to get your child's forms in to me as soon as possible!



Please see your child's health care provider about getting a flu shot this fall. The CDC recommends that everyone from ages six months and older get the vaccine.

Also, please remind your child to cover their coughs and sneezes and to wash hands often to prevent spread of germs. If you have any questions or concerns about physicals, immunizations, or any other health related issue please call me at 673-2139.

Nurse Pirollo

