



ASTUMBO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Butterfly Chronicle

NOVEMBER 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The month of November is upon us and it signifies the start of the holiday season. It is a time of gratitude, togetherness and reflection.

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, it is fitting to reflect on all the blessings we have had thus far. Indeed, we have much to be grateful for. Thanksgiving is a time to express gratitude therefore, encourage your children to take some time during this season of gratitude to reflect on the things they are thankful for in their lives. It could be their family, friends, a home, or even the little things that bring them joy. Encouraging gratitude develops a positive mindset and helps our children develop a sense of appreciation for the little things and the big things.

To close, we would like to thank you for taking the time to attend the Semester 1 Mid-Progress Parent-Teacher conference that was held last October 27th. Sixty Seven percent (67%) of our Parent and/or Guardians attended the Parent Teacher Conference. We believe that a strong parent/teacher partnership and good communication are important for a successful year! We want to thank you for continuing to collaborate with us in your child's education.

In conclusion, as I quote **John F. Kennedy,** "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." Again, Let us remember to take the time to count our blessings and to always be thankful and pair those words of thanks with actions. Let us also remember those who are less fortunate than we are. We wish all of you *A Happy, Safe, and Wonderful Thanksgiving!*



MRS. JOSEPHINE PAREL-FONTBUENA

GDOE MISSION STATEMENT:

Our educational community... prepares all students for life, promotes excellence, and provides support.

GDOE VISION STATEMENT:

Every student responsible, respectful, and ready for life.

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT:

"To give our students the opportunity to learn, promote academic and social skills, and to provide support to become responsible and productive citizens."


SCHOOL LEARNER OUTCOMES (SLOS):


- A - Academic Achievers
- T - Technology Literate Team Builders
- E - Empathetic Citizens
- S - Socially Responsible Citizens

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SAFETY FIRST

We are committed to the continuity of learning for our students therefore protecting the health and safety of our students and families, and employees is a priority. With that said, we need to make necessary adjustments on how we will educate our students and the need to follow certain health and safety guidelines.

Student Arrival

School Gates open at 7:15am for students. Students are not allowed on campus before 7:15am. Students have an option to wear a face mask/covering upon entry into the school campus. We would like to inform our parents/guardians that Astumbo Elementary is enforcing a **"DROP and GO"** morning Drop Off procedure.

Office Hours/Meetings/ Request for School Documents

Main Office Hours will be from 8:30am to 2:00pm. Only two (2) visitors are allowed in the main office lobby. Please ring the doorbell for assistance. All visitor(s) or Parent/Guardian meetings will be by appointment only to address any concerns or to request for school documents/withdrawals/registration or unless arranged by the school administrator or office staff.

Visitors

Please be aware that as per GDOE policy, all visitors are required to sign in at the main office. Please note that "Any person found on school campus without permission from the principal shall be guilty of a misdemeanor". Government Code of Guam, Section 11503. This is to ensure protection and safety of our faculty/staff and students on campus.

Visitors will be entertained from 8:30am to 2:00pm. Visitors will not be entertained during student arrivals and dismissals to avoid congestion. All visitors will adhere to the following guidelines:

- * Wearing a face mask/ covering is optional upon entry into the school campus.
- * All visitors are required to check into the main gate with the Gate keeper.

Front and Back Gate Walkers

Front and back gate opens at 7:15am and closes at 8:15am. Student(s) are to wait at the front/back walker gate until a staff opens the gate. Face mask covering is optional.

Dismissal

Please take note that dismissal is at 2:43pm, once all the buses leave the campus, to minimize the exposure on campus, parents will not be allowed to enter the campus to pick up their children. We ask that you wait by the front/back gate as your child is escorted to the designated gate. Please keep the 6ft physical distancing. On rainy days, please be prepared to bring an umbrella or raincoat when you pick up your child/children. There may be a delay in releasing your children as we wait for the rain to subside.

For walkers and student pick-up, both the main walker's entrance gate and the main gate will close at 2:00pm, and will re-open at 2:43pm.

For the safety of everyone, your continued support and cooperation in adhering with the drop-off and dismissal procedures is greatly appreciated. We also ask for your patience, as we think of the safety of everyone.





NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			01	02 ALL SOUL'S DAY HOLIDAY-NO CLASSES	03	04
05	06 Primary PICTURE DAY	07 Intermediate PICTURE DAY	08	09	10 VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY-NO CLASSES	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Luncheon	23 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY-NO CLASSES	24	25 School Clean Up 7:00am-12:00pm
26	27	28	29	30 Budget Meeting @5pm PTO Meeting @ 5:30pm		

Checklist Before Heading to School for Face to Face Learning

- ☒ 1. Temperature Check: Do a temperature check and visual symptoms screening.
- ☒ 2. Face Mask: Please ensure your child has a face mask before leaving the house. (Highly encouraged)
- ☒ 3. Hand Sanitizer: Please label and have your child carry their personal hand sanitizer for their use only.

Important:

- ☒ Please communicate with your child's teachers regularly.
- ☒ Please inform your child's teacher if any personal info has changed (telephone number, home address, etc.)
 - ☒ If your child's mode of transportation changes temporarily or permanently, please provide a note to your child's teacher. Phone calls will not be granted.



SAMPLE EXCUSE NOTE

Date: _____

To whom it may concern:

Please excuse my daughter/son _____ for not attending school
(student name)

on _____ He/she was _____ Please call me at
(date(s) of absence) (reason for absence)

_____ if you have any questions.
(working & valid contact number)

Thank you,

(print name & signature of parent/guardian)

Astumbo Head Start



Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2023



Dear Parents,

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation in your involvement and continuous support with your child's education.

This month we will continue our investigation with our Creative Curriculum "Balls Study" learning theme! The investigations incorporate indoor and outdoor activities about the scientific properties of balls-why they bounce, roll, move and opportunities for children to cooperate. Each investigation explores important concepts in science and social studies and strengthens children's skills in literacy, math, technology and the arts.

Listed are the focus questions for our month's learning theme:

- Do all balls bounce?
- Do all balls roll?
- What makes balls move?
- Who uses balls?
- What are balls are made of?

Thank you for all that you do for your Head Start Kid!
-Mrs. Moody, Ms. Roshelle, Ms. Camille



Thank you parents for the shirt donations, for supporting and attending all our activities for Headstart Awareness Month.

Get Connected!

Parent invites have been sent out for My Teaching Strategies Family Portal! Keep track of your child's progress as well as up to date lesson activities. You can also share photos and notes of your child doing our Head Start activities at home!



Happy Birthday Trinity- Nov. 17, 2023
HAPPY THANKSGIVING Everyone!!!



Important dates to remember:

- November 2: All Souls' Day (No school)
- November 3: Professional Development (Half day)
- November 7: Monthly CLPG Meeting
- November 8: GHSPC Meeting
- November 10: Veteran's Day (No school)
- November 23: Thanksgiving Day (No Classes)
- November 24: Flexible Make Up Day
- November 28: CPK Fieldtrip



Kindergarten



H101-Mrs. Patague



H102-Ms. Quenga



H103-Mrs. Frias

Your kindergartener is learning so much. Please continue to work with him or her on kinder skills on a daily basis. It is important to communicate with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Skills to be practice daily:

ELA

- know letters in first and last name
- letter recognition (uppercase & lowercase) and sound
- writing uppercase and lowercase letters
- beginning sounds of a word
- rhyming words

Math

- oral counting by 1's to 100
- oral counting by 10's to 100
- number recognition 0-10
- writing numbers 0-10
- 2-D shapes- square, circle, triangle, rectangle, oval, diamond/rhombus

- * The Pledge of Allegiance, Star Spangled Banner
- * Inifresi, Fanohge CHamoru
- * School SLOs, Mission Statement, School Song

Reminders:

- * Place an extra set of clothes in their backpack to be used in the event of an emergency.
- * Return all forms to school ASAP
- * Write an excuse note to the teacher on days your child is absent. 3 or more days a doctor's note is needed.
- * Provide daily snack/water bottle (no sharing is allowed).
- * Change of transportation must be in writing.
- * Students must be in uniform (Vendor- ROYAL BICS) and closed-toe shoes. (We encourage the use of shoes with Velcro or Step-Ins, if your child is unable to tie their own laces.) No crocs or sandals.
- * Turn in homework on due date.

Teacher Contact Info:

H101: Vivian O. Patague: vopatague@gdoe.net
 H102: Diana I. Quenga: diquenga@gdoe.net
 H103: Gloria Mae Frias: gafrias@gdoe.net



FIRST GRADE



NEWSLETTER



November 2023



Funtabulous 1st graders!



Partner
reading



G101-Mrs. Ulloa

G102-Mrs. Pangelinan/Ms. Cruz

G104-Ms. Sandoval



What we're learning



Math

1.OA.A.1- Addition & Subtraction concepts.

1.NBT.A.1- Number sense to 50. Skip counting by 2s & 5s.

Science

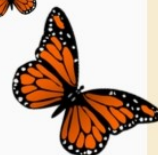
Unit 4:1-LS1-1- Living and Nonliving, Parts of a Plant, Functions of parts of a plant.

Reading

RL.1.7- Understanding Characters & RL.1.10- Realistic Fiction

Writing

W.1.3- Narrative Writing {captions}



Reminders

- Thanksgiving luncheon information will be forthcoming.
- Continue to send your child to school daily with an excused note upon return if absent the day prior.





Super 2nd Grade

Hafa Adai Parents and Guardians!

Friendly reminders for the month of November:

- Remind your child to always do their best in learning.
- Please continue to have students wear the school uniform daily.
- Check and monitor your child's homework folder.
- Utilize ClassDojo for updates and steady communication with your child's homeroom teacher.
- Practice reading and math facts daily with your child.



Skills that will be focused on this month:

- Reading: informational text, author's purpose, compare and contrast, answering story questions, story vocabulary, fluency for word recognition
- Language: short and long vowel sounds, CVC syllable patterns, kinds of sentences, punctuation marks, sentences that describe, narrative writing
- Math: number patterns, vocabulary, skip counting, repeated addition, arrays, even and odd numbers, sums of equal numbers, and problem

We would like to wish the parents and students a Happy Thanksgiving!



TERRIFIC 3RD GRADE

The 3rd Grade students leading October's Flag Ceremony



Subject	Standard/Skill	I Can...
Language Arts	Nouns - Common and Proper Nouns - Singular and Plural Nouns - Possessive Nouns	- differentiate between common and proper nouns. - differentiate between a singular and a plural noun. - use possessive nouns correctly in a sentence.
Reading	Literature/Informational Text - Ask and answer questions about a text - Main Idea	- ask and answer questions to show that I understand the story. - determine the main idea of a given text.
Math	- Comparing and Ordering Numbers - Rounding to the nearest 10, 100, and 1,000. - Addition/Subtraction with and without regrouping to the hundreds	- tell whether a number is less than, greater than, or equal to another number. - order numbers from least to greatest or greatest to least. - round numbers to the nearest 10, 100, and 1,000 place values. - add up to 3-digit numbers with and without regrouping. - subtract up to 3-digit numbers with and without regrouping.
Science	Ecosystems	- make a claim about the merit of a solution to a problem caused when the environment changes and the types of plants and animals that live there may change.
Social Studies	Maps	- identify the parts of a map. - find locations on a map using a map grid. - name cardinal and intermediate directions. - use a map key. - identify the 7 continents and 5 oceans.

Introducing our peer-elected Class Representatives:

C-101: Abigail Tallada
C-102: Aleyshia Limes
C-103: Thomas Medler
C-104: Amber Manzano



Great Guam Shakeout
"Drop, Cover, Hold"
10/19



Selling snacks after school



Unity Day
"Kindness, Acceptance, Inclusion"
10/18

****Thank you to all parents who attended Parent-Teacher Conference and supported our snack and Jamaican Grill Fundraisers!****

- Be on the lookout for this month's family project: "Disguise a Turkey" - Using recyclable materials found at home, disguise a turkey to keep it from becoming Thanksgiving dinner! *Project will be given on Monday, Nov. 6 and will be due on Wednesday, Nov. 15.*
- Please keep updated with information about school events through our website or Instagram.

• Friendly reminders:

- Please join Class Dojo to communicate with your child's teacher. Thank you to all those who are connected!
- Make reading a part of your daily routine.
- Practice your math facts and sight words daily.
- If your child is absent, make sure he/she brings in an excuse note upon their return (3 or more consecutive absences require a doctor's note).
- Provide current and updated contact numbers.
- If you have any questions for your child's teacher, please call or email:

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oMs. Flores, C-102, miflores@gdoe.net
oMrs. Leon-Guerrero, C-103, lhleonguerrero@gdoe.net
oMs. Villanueva, C-104, prvillanueva@gdoe.net





SY2023-2024 4th Grade

Hafa Adai FAB4th!



TARGET SKILLS

Math 4.NBT.4 I can fluently add and subtract multi-digit whole numbers using the standard algorithm.

Reading 4.RI.1 I can refer to the details and examples in informational text to draw inferences.

English Language Arts (ELA) 4.L.1 I can demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when speaking or writing.

4.L.1a I can use relative pronouns (*who, whom, whose, which, that*) and relative adverbs (*when, where, why*) correctly in a complete sentence.

Guam History 4.SS. 2.5 I can discuss the reasons for the Spanish settlement on Guam.

Science 4-ESS2-1 I can explain the effects of weathering and erosion.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- ★ Stay up-to-date and connected on ClassDojo!
→ View announcements, reminders, photos, and communicate with your child's teacher.
- ★ Come to school prepared on a daily basis.
- ★ Read daily and practice your math facts.
- ★ Be a socially responsible citizen by completing all of your assignments and homework.
- ★ Parents, review and sign your child's planner daily. If you have any questions and/or concerns, kindly contact your respective FAB4th teacher.

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D102 Mrs. Conner	mmconner@gdoe.net	635-4363 ext. 6946
D103 Mr. Paet	sdpaet@gdoe.net	635-4363 ext. 6947

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOVEMBER BABIES!



4 Rhylee Reyes
13 Jolie Nathan
17 Ifow Jonas
20 Jacob Pong
27 Javier Mesa



Students participated in several activities to learn and explain the effects of weathering and erosion.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS OFFICERS!



D101

President: Jayver Quejadas
Vice President: Jeanelle Calma
Secretary: Aiden Cruz
Treasurer: Noah James Pestanas
PRO: Ha'anima Lizama



D102

President: Daemarie San Nicolas
Vice President: Chad Tyler De Chavez
Secretary: Jacob Pong
Treasurer: Raikko Rupido
PRO: Myisa Teodoro



D103

President: Noah Lizama
Vice President: Sophia Sabas
Secretary: Sheyanne Ingram
Treasurer: Alan-Ronald Love
PRO: Zayden Reyes



Students created an ancient CHamoru civilization showcasing what they learned in Guam History.

SY 2023-2024 5TH GRADE

TARGET SKILLS

- ☐ **MATH**
 CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.5.NBT.B.5 FLUENTLY MULTIPLY MULTI-DIGIT WHOLE NUMBERS USING THE STANDARD ALGORITHM.
- ☐ **ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)**
 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1.B: FORM AND USE THE PERFECT (E.G., I HAD WALKED; I HAVE WALKED; I WILL HAVE WALKED) VERB TENSES.
 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1.C: USE VERB TENSE TO CONVEY VARIOUS TIMES, SEQUENCES, STATES, AND CONDITIONS.
- ☐ **READING**
 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.1 QUOTE ACCURATELY FROM A TEXT WHEN EXPLAINING WHAT THE TEXT SAYS EXPLICITLY AND WHEN DRAWING INFERENCES FROM THE TEXT.
- ☐ **SCIENCE**
 5-ESS1-2 REPRESENT DATA IN GRAPHICAL DISPLAYS TO REVEAL PATTERNS OF DAILY CHANGES IN LENGTH AND DIRECTION OF SHADOWS.
- ☐ **SOCIAL STUDIES**
 5.3.1 USE MAPS, GLOBES, PHOTOGRAPHS, PICTURES, OR TABLETS TO LOCATE OR RECOGNIZE PARALLELS OF LATITUDE AND MERIDIANS OF LONGITUDE.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

DAMIEN NANPEI 11/09
KYLAN LLANETA 11/09
ELIZE OCAMPO 11/17
DANIEL BERONDO 11/18
NAVAEH ROSARIO 11/27



LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

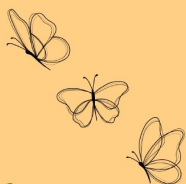
E103 MS. TANDOC **CMTANDOC@GDOE.NET**
E104 MRS. PESTANAS **CDRPESTANAS@GDOE.NET**
E106 MRS. BENAVENTE **JQBENAVENTE@GDOE.NET**

REMINDERS

- ☐ STAY CONNECTED ON CLASSDOJO!
- ☐ READ DAILY AND PRACTICE YOUR MATH FACTS
- ☐ CONTACT YOUR RESPECTIVE TEACHER IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS OFFICERS!

E103 PRESIDENT: HAZEL BORJA VICE PRESIDENT: HA'ANI MENO SECRETARY: T-MSON RUBEN TREASURER: RHIANNE ROSENDO PRO: JARED GUYAL	E104 PRESIDENT: SOPHIE GABUTIN VICE PRESIDENT: HANNAH ABAR SECRETARY: MECONAH MANGLONA TREASURER: NOAH QUICHOCHO PRO: ALYSSA SOTELO
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5TH GRADERS IN ACTION!



Biba Ha'ānen Mannā'i Grāsia!

Tungo' Este Siha Na Palābra:

Taotao Eskuela:

- **Ma'estra:** Teacher (Female)
- **Ma'estro:** Teacher (Male)
- **Prinsipāt:** Principal
- **Laibirihadora:** Librarian (Female)
- **Emfetmera** (Nurse)
- **Konsehera:** Counselor (Female)
- **Taotao numa'gasgas:** Janitor
- **Sikritāria:** Secretary
- **Ayudānten Eskuela:** School aide

Pāttēn i tataotao:

Ulu: Head

Gapotulu: Hair

Sehas: Eyebrows

Āttadok: Eye

Gui'eng: Nose

Pāchot: Mouth

Fāsu: Face/cheek

Talanga: Ears

Pecho: Chest

Tuyan: Stomach

Kānnai: Hand

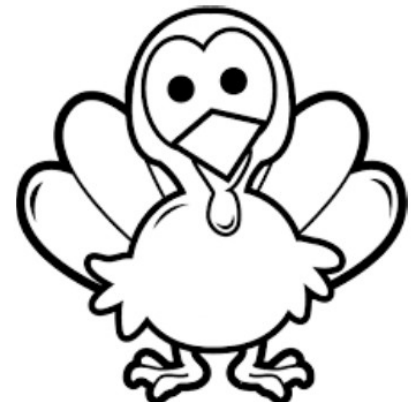
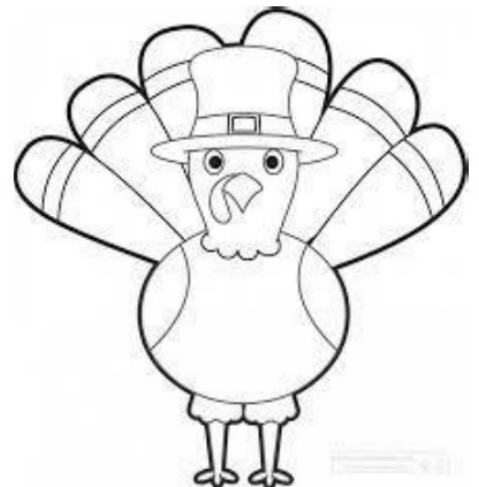
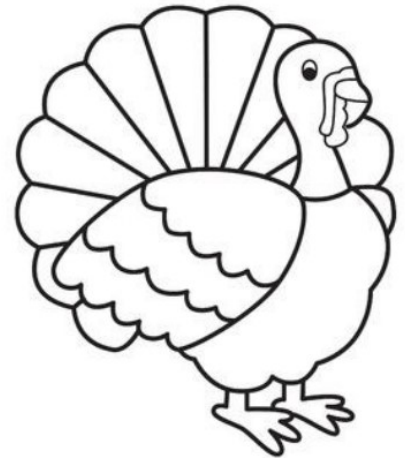
Tatalo': Back

Āddeng: Foot

Agā'ga': Neck

Penta i pābo siha.

Color the turkeys.



G.A.T.E. NEWSLETTER

Peek into the Thrilling World of the K-5 GATE Classroom!



Our little champs from 1st and 2nd grade are beaming with pride showing off their hurricane-proof houses! Give them a holler and quiz them on how their structures held up against a whopping category 5 hurricane!



Last October, Mrs. Gomez dazzled those math whizzes with fraction skills during their Math Enrichment session!



Our little detectives from 4th Grade went full-on CSI and analyzed some sneaky shoe prints.



Learn about Simple Machines through Paper-Folding with Little Einsteins!

UPDATES:

GATE Testing is in full swing! We are grateful for your support and we thank you for your patience.

LIBRARY CORNER

NOVEMBER 2023

[SITES.GOOGLE.COM/GDOE.NET/ATESLIBRARY](https://sites.google.com/gdoe.net/ateslibrary)

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

- Native American Heritage Month
- Picture Book Month
- Nov 1: National Authors' Day
- Nov 11: Veterans Day
- Nov 23: Thanksgiving

WHAT ARE WE UP TO?

Library Priority Skills this month include:

- Fiction Classification
- Nonfiction Classification
- Story Elements
- Sequencing

Continue to take of your library books so that other readers may enjoy them! If you received a notice for a lost or damaged book, please clear the fine as soon as possible. Happy reading, Butterflies!



Fire safety presentation with ARFF

LIBRARY RESOURCES

Learn something new from home!

Library Website:

sites.google.com/gdoe.net/ateslibrary

BrainPOP:

brainpop.com

username: ateslibrary password: Access1!

EBSCO:

search.ebscohost.com

username: astumboes

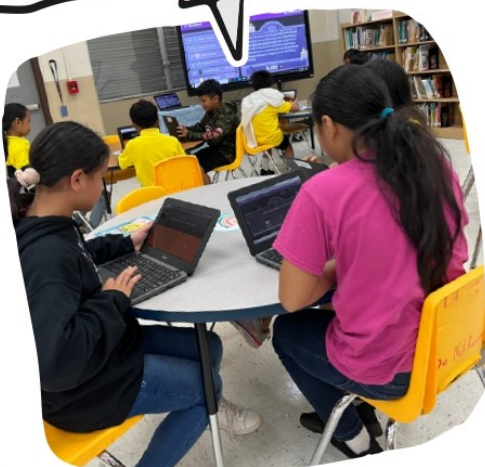
password: ATES2023!

EPIC: Available Mon-Fri during school hours

getepic.com/students

class code: juz4844

Guam Public Library: Visit the Hagatna or Dededo Branch to sign up for a free library card!



First Quarter Review

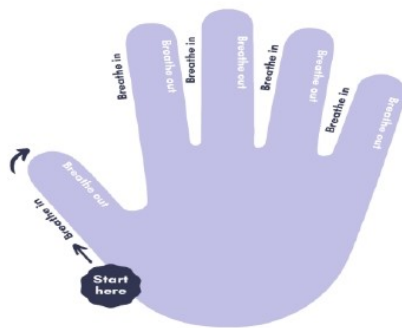
HERE'S the SCOOP

COUNSELING CONNECTIONS – November 2023

LOOK WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Wellness Wednesdays – our butterflies K-5th continues promotes state of calmness with 5 Finger Breathing Brain Break. We are also going to learn SEL (social and emotional learning) character traits – SELF-MANAGEMENT for this month.

- 5 Finger Breathing




CONTACT

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EVENTS

Thank you for supporting our October dress up theme and spirit week. 😊

Congratulations to our Red Ribbon Week Drawing Contest for the intermediate level: Jovana Nathan and  Hazel Borja from E103.

Continue to check out our school website and social media for updates and photos 😊

Happy Thanksgiving Butterflies!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

988 has been designated as the three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. People can call or text [988](https://988lifeline.org) or chat 988lifeline.org for themselves or if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.



ESL Article for October Newsletter

The ESL program continues to work on the four domains of Literacy- Speaking, Listening, Writing and Reading, with identified English Language Learners. This School year, results of various assessments has prompted the need for the ESL Program to shift from a Sheltered Program to a Pull-Out program. The Pull-Out Program combines students from different classes for intensive English Language Instruction. Students are grouped according to age, grade, English Language Proficiency or a combination thereof. The Pull-Out Program will start in the second half of the first semester.



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PTO NEWS

NOVEMBER



3rd Grade "Makes a Mark!"

Big thanks to the amazing 3rd graders for rockin' the October PTO Meeting! Not only did they give us the lowdown on their awesome, creative learning, but they also treated us to a head-bopping performance of Emily Arrow's "Make a Mark."

Check out these superstars (L-R): Riley Echon, Serenity Salas, Kaley Pieper, Jacob Bass, Mason San Nicolas, Amarie Cundiff, Darren Roberto, and Anna Marathag. And let's not forget the phenomenal teachers (L-R): Mrs. Leon Guerrero, Mr. Villones, and Ms. Flores. You guys are the real MVPs!

Attention Parents! Join us for PTO's Thanksgiving luncheon on November 21st and indulge in some delicious Jamaican Grill. Order forms will be distributed by your child's homeroom teacher, so keep an eye out for them.

Also, please note that we have an upcoming school clean-up on Saturday, November 25th, 2023, before inspection week. The clean-up will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

November 30, 2023

**5PM - Budget Meeting
5:30PM- PTO Meeting**

