



A NOTE
FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

Greetings, Idylwild families!
I can't tell you how glad we are to have our students back in school.

We are just past our midpoint for the first nine weeks, and learning is underway. Even though school looks quite a bit different this year than most, we are settling into new routines on our new campus as well as learning online. Together, we will S.O.A.R to Success this year.

COVID Update

We appreciate your support in helping us adhere to our COVID guidelines such as sending your children to school with a mask daily and keeping them home when they're not feeling well. At school, students are expected to wash their hands frequently and maintain social distancing. I'd like to give a special thanks to teachers and school staff for reminding students about social distancing, ensuring frequent cleaning protocols, and taking student temperatures daily. A new development is that playgrounds are now available for students during recess. Equipment will be sanitized several times per day. We expect to continue these protocols for the foreseeable future. Any changes to the current protocols will be communicated via email from the district office.

SKYWARD Family Access

You can stay apprised of your child's grades and attendance through Skyward Family Access. An email was sent to all parents on how to sign up. If you have not received an email or would like to update your email, please contact the front office.

Dismissal Changes

Please communicate with your child's teacher about changes to your child's after school plans. Please send in a note on the designated day so that the

teacher knows about the change. The front office can accept changes of dismissal in the event of an emergency. Your child's safety is our number one priority.

Parent Contact Information

Please make sure that we have multiple numbers to contact you in the event of an emergency. We would also like to communicate via email. Please share your current email with your child's teacher.

School Advisory Council Meeting

Our next SAC meeting will be held on October 29 at 4:00. This will be a digital meeting. Please contact me if you would like to attend.

All Kids Eat Free

Our school participates in the Community Eligible Provision (CEP) school lunch program where all students may have a complimentary breakfast and lunch. We encourage all students to eat breakfast with us daily beginning at 7:15. Students who elect to bring their lunch may also participate.

Volunteers

Sadly, volunteering in-person at school has been strictly limited during the pandemic. There may be ways to volunteer virtually by contacting Kelley Kostamo at the district volunteer office.

Curriculum Update

Our school implements the district adopted core curriculum in ELA, math science, and social studies. All students have an extra hour of reading instruction daily. We use a variety of supplemental materials to customize learning for each child. This includes using iReady for Reading and Math. We monitor student progress monthly using iStation for Reading and Math. Due to the extended period of school closure, the district has included additional progress monitoring in core subjects.

The One Mill at Idylwild Elementary School

- The One Mill is a renewal, NOT a tax increase
- The One Mill funds computers/laptops & other technology
- The One Mill guarantees there will be funding for a nurse at every school for the next four years
- At Idylwild, the One Mill helps fund the salaries of seven teachers, including:
 - ✓ Counselors
 - ✓ Music and art teachers
 - ✓ Librarian



The One Mill is up for renewal on the 2020 ballot. For more information, visit <https://fl02219191.schoolwires.net/Page/30131>. Then register and VOTE!

AVID

Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) is new this year. Our students are working on improving their organizational skills, focus on career and college readiness, and increased rigor in coursework. Be on the lookout for student AVID binders. To celebrate, Fridays are designated as COLLEGE GEAR day. Wear your favorite college colors!

Other News

Picture Day is October 29 for brick and mortar students and October 30 for Digital Academy students. Fall Festival is cancelled this year. We are hoping for a Spring Celebration.

Please let us know if you have any questions,
Lisa Peterson, Principal

DIGITAL ACADEMY ART

Hello, amazing families! In Digital Academy Art, we are exploring the world of art outside the traditional classroom! Focusing on thinking like artists, and seeing the world through our artist's eyes, we are taking a new look at our surroundings. We will be seeking out ways to make art using some unconventional materials – and maybe even in some unexpected places!

Mrs. Phillips

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Parents, check out our Virtual Media Center at bit.ly/IdysMediaCenter

There are links to read alouds, videos, and other fun things. It will be refreshed every two weeks.

Media Center Resources

Destiny (in the 4th section of myPortal labeled Media Center) eBooks, place books on hold to check out, write or read book reviews.

Alachua County Public Library (also on myPortal in the Media Center section) has eBooks and curbside pickup book requests.

Public Library Cards

Every student has a library card. Email me if you need the library card number for your student pagetl@gm.sbac.edu.

Wish List

Do you have a suggestion of a book we should order for the Media Center? Please email me any suggestions.

Ms. Page, Media Specialist

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear families,

Happy Fall! It is hard to believe we are already half way through the first nine weeks of school! Please be on the lookout for the progress report cards available soon. In the next coming weeks, we will continue with schoolwide baseline assessments. Please practice letter recognition, letter sounds, sight words, and counting to at least 20 with your child at home.

If you have not yet met your child's teacher, or you are interested in an update on their progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to set up a conference.

Some teachers may choose to have a Halloween or Fall party later this month. Please look for notifications from your child's teacher for details. Thank you all for your support with your child's education!

The Kindergarten Team

FIRST GRADE NEWS

We are very excited to partner with the UF/IFAS Family Nutrition Program to provide weekly nutrition lessons for all first graders from October to December virtually during our science block. The YUM curriculum lessons cover ChooseMyPlate, food safety, and more.

Please continue to read with your child everyday and have your child practice their sight words and spelling words everyday. It is very important that students continue that practice at home so that they memorize those words and increase their automaticity and fluency. We suggest flashcards, copying their words with pencil, crayons, markers, or pens, and fun games such as using sidewalk chalk, paint, playdough, magnetic letters, or letter stamps to spell their words.

Also make sure your child is bringing their folder to school everyday and that you check their folder everyday as well to check for any important information that has been sent home.

Thank you!
First Grade Team

SECOND GRADE NEWS

We are halfway through the first semester. The first nine weeks end on November 2nd. Students will receive report cards on November 12th. We encourage all parents/guardians to discuss their child's academic progress with them and schedule a virtual meeting with your child's teacher to discuss areas that require further growth. It is vital to celebrate you child's success with them as well as discuss strategies about ways to improve with

specific goals in mind. If you have not received The Second and Third Hundred Fry Words from your child's teacher, please request a copy. We are asking that you review these words daily with your child. It is important to practice and repeat! The more opportunities your child has to become familiar with these words; it promotes their confidence, reading comprehension, and increases their ability to identify context clues. In addition, we are asking that each child reads for 20 minutes daily and complete their homework assignments.

Parental/Guardian academic engagement is essential for student success. When parents are involved in their child's education, their child is more persistent when implementing challenging tasks. Also, please continue to model effective reading strategies when working with your child at home.

All students both brick and mortar and Digital Academy (DA) are required to take a Mini AIMS Math assessment by Tuesday October 6. If your child is brick and mortar, he/she will take the test during the day at school. If your child is in Digital Academy, he/she must sign into Schoolspire to complete the assessment. Students can access Schoolspire through myPortal at sbac.edu. Overall, parents thank you for your continued support with your child's education during these trying times. Stay safe!

The Second Grade Team



Students will be taking individual pictures
Thursday, October 29th.

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Parents or Guardians,

Third grade would like to thank parents and guardians for all of the support thus far. We have several important reminders for the months of November and December. In November, students will be taking the first district-wide assessment (AIMS) for math, ELA, and science. Continue to support your child by reading daily, completing homework, and if you're able to, log into **iReady** and **iStation** for more support. Always feel free to contact your child's teacher to check on their progress in class. In Reading we have learned about asking and answering questions, finding the central message of a story, finding the main idea of an informational text and more. In math, we have covered place value, adding/subtracting strategies, and started multiplication/division. Be sure your child is practicing multiplication facts. Start off easy (x1s, x2's, x5's), then go on to the more difficult facts. In November, schools are closed for the Thanksgiving break from November 23rd through November 27th. Also, we will go on winter break from December 21st through January 1st. Please, continue to reinforce academic skills at home through any extended break. Additionally, feel free to visit our third grade website at:

<https://sites.google.com/gm.sbac.edu/thirdgradeeagles/home>

The Third Grade Team

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back Eagles for the 2020-2021 school year. We are off to an amazing start in Fourth grade. We are thrilled at the opportunity to get to know all of you this year and engage in the educational process together. Our school day begins at 7:45 AM every day. Please be sure to have your child/children here on time.

Students who are consistently tardy are at a clear disadvantage and usually arrive feeling frantic and unprepared. To help your child have a successful year, please read with your child every night, review math/ELA assignments, and check your child's folder.

The Fourth Grade Team

OCT&NOV Calendar

TUE OCT 6th

Interim Reports
Flu Mist

THU OCT 29th

Picture Day

MON NOV 2nd

End of 1st Nine Weeks

FRI NOV 6th

Teacher Workday
NO SCHOOL

WED NOV 11th

Veteran's Day
NO SCHOOL

THU NOV 12th

Report Cards

**MON NOV 23rd -
FRI NOV 27th**

Thanksgiving Holiday
NO SCHOOL

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Welcome Back! The fifth grade team is excited to have the opportunity to teach your children this year. Our goal is to help our students grow academically, socially, and emotionally throughout the year. We all look forward to working with you to help your child reach their greatest potential.

Throughout fifth grade, your child will further develop the skills they learned in fourth grade and will continue to become more fluent readers, writers, scientists and mathematicians.

Fifth Grade Team