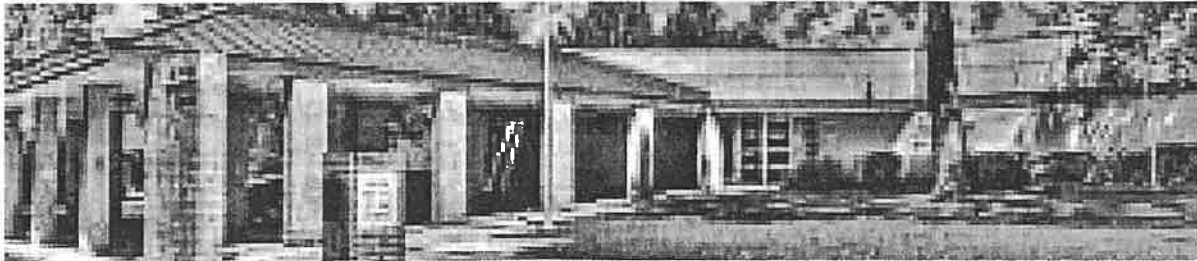


# MONTHLY REPORT

*The latest news and updates from W.W. Irby Elementary School*



## **From the Principal's Desk:**

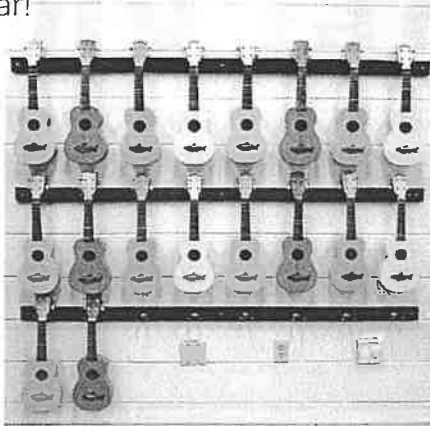
Parents/Guardians,

Beginning March 12, every household will be receiving both a letter and then a postcard from the U.S. Census Bureau with information on how to respond to the 2020 Census. For the first time ever, residents will be able to respond to the Census online. It's safe and secure. You can also respond by phone or by mail. Your response is critical! An accurate count of all residents ensures Alachua County gets its fair share of federal funding for our schools, hospitals and other critical programs and projects. It also ensures that our community is properly represented in the Florida Legislature and U.S. Congress. Be a part of the 2020 Census!

Mrs. Floyd  
Principal



We were able to acquire these amazing ukuleles and the racks with funding from the One Mill for schools initiative and PTA. 2nd grade will begin learning how to play them this year!



### Lost and found

The lost and found can be found in the cafeteria. Please take a moment to stop by and see if there are any items left that belong to your child. You can help us return items left behind by labeling jackets and other items with your child's name.

## Citizen of the Month Spotlight



### January Citizen of the Month

Kadence Addaya McMillan is an exceptional girl. She is 7 years old and enjoys reading, sewing, and spending time with family. Her favorite subjects are math and science. In addition to crafting she enjoys attending church. Kadence also volunteers at the food distribution with her grandmother twice a month. She has aspirations of becoming a dentist and owning her own lip balm/gloss line.

## Developing Passion and Perseverance

What is grit? Grit is passion and perseverance for long-term goals. However, it takes stamina and hard work to make those goals a reality. Every time your child does something that is challenging and does not give up, they are developing grit. It will allow them to be more motivated and help them perform better academically. So, how do you raise your child to have grit?

- **Growth Mindset:** Model and teach your child about growth mindset. Growth mindset is a belief in your ability to change and grow.
- **High Expectations:** Have faith in your child and expect that your child will be successful in following through on something he/she is trying to do... whether it is easy or hard. Support your child in their struggle.
- **Provide Support:** Encourage: "I believe in you." "You can do it, if you keep trying."
- **Empathy:** "This is hard." "I know how you feel." --- Encourage them and welcome their emotions.
- **Support Unconditionally:** Let your child know that if they are successful or unsuccessful, you love them no matter what!



### PTA News

Thank you to our PTA for sponsoring dinner and prizes for our Math & Science Family Night! It was a huge success and we would like to thank everyone for coming out to participate.



Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday

2 See Something, Say Something Week Read Across America Week	3 PTA Meeting 6pm Main Street Pie Co.	4	5	6 Flu Vaccination day PTA Fundraiser at Skate Station
9	10 PTA Fundraiser at Mi Apa (all day)	11	12	13 Head Start Field Trip to Harn Museum
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 End of 3rd 9-Weeks Grade level career presentations School Spirit day	19 Vehicle Day Golden Eagles on announcements	20 Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
23 Spring Break	24 Spring Break	25 Spring Break	26 Spring Break	27 Spring Break
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March Character Trait: Being Honest

# NEWS from the Media Center

## Homework Help

The Alachua Public Library provides homework help every Monday and Wednesday afternoon. Retired Irby Elementary teachers provide tutoring free of charge! If your child needs some extra support with their homework, please consider taking advantage of this wonderful service.

Monday homework help hours: 2-5pm

Wednesday homework help hours: 12:45-4pm



## Activities at the Public Library

Did you know that the public library has lots of interesting and fun activities for your kids each week? Check out some of these amazing things going on at our local branch in March:

**Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm: Read with a Dog**—Has your child been begging for a dog, but you just don't have the time to commit to a pet? This activity is perfect for your family then! Your child has the opportunity to read to a therapy dog after school.

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00-5:00pm: ChillSpace**—Elementary students hangout, play games, build stuff, and more.

**Make sure to check out one or more of the amazing activities that our local library has to offer!**

## NEW BOOKS!

Finding books that our primary students can read is always a challenge; however, a book order recently arrived with books written at the first and second grade levels. They are on display right in front of the counter in the media center. I encourage you to come check out up to five books for your child to read to you at home.

Is your child just starting to recognize a few words? Read to her, tracking the words with your finger as you read. When you get to a word you know your child can read, let her read it to you.

## Book Donations

Do you have books at home that your child has outgrown? We gladly accept donated books as long as they are in good condition and follow the guidelines required by our district. Let me or Mrs. Imler know if you have books you'd like to donate! ☺