



Alexander Graham January 2019



Mark your calendar:

Friday, January 11th	PAC Meeting 8:00am
Monday, January 21st	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday— No School
Thursday, January 24th	Graduation Picture Day
Friday, February 1st	End of 2nd Quarter—No School for students

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Winter Concert and Santa Sing Along

Congratulations to all of the performers!!!!

DVDs of the shows are now available.

See Ms. Parker if you would like a copy.



December

Students of the Month

- 102 Nyla Collins
- 104 Joseph Hodo
- 201 Abby Novak
- 107 Shayla Chavez
- 106 Luis Santos
- 109 Ariel Alvarado
- 207 Mateo Perez
- 302 Milton Rodriguez
- 304 Giovanni Salinas
- 306 Ashley Salinas
- 307 Brianna Cortez
- 308 Jonathan Morones
- 309 Zuleyma Zacarias
- 110 Jaimee Ruvalcaba
- 112 Kameron Chavez



On January 25th Graham's Special Olympics athletes will be competing in the Basketball Skills Competition. This will be our first event and we are very excited to show off everything we have been practicing!

Graham School Water Bottles are available for purchase. Bottles are \$5 each and all proceeds benefit Graham's Special Olympics Team.



See Mrs. McDonagh in Room 204 if you are interested.



Congratulations to the winners of our school Science Fair:

8th Grade

- 1st Place: Sara Hentgen
- 2nd Place: Joey Henderson
- 3rd Place: Eddie Rowe

7th Grade

- 1st Place: Rosa Gonzalez
- 2nd Place: Alexis Swann
- 3rd Place: Natalie Kenny

6th Grade

- Room 106-Table 5
- Kiera Shew, Yadira Salinas,
- Samson Babarinde,
- Rayna Simental, Daniel Sanchez

Picture Day is coming!

8th Grade Graduation Pictures will take place on Thursday, January 24th. Boys are required to wear a shirt and tie and girls should dress appropriately.

Proofs and order forms will be sent home at a later date.



Attendance Incentive:

Students who come to school next week, Monday-Thursday, will have the opportunity to purchase Flaming Hot Chips on Friday, January 18th. Be sure to come everyday, on time. Attendance Matters!



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Facebook at: Alexander Graham School

Instagram at: grahamschool1



Classroom News



1st Grade: Hello first grade families! We are ready to hit the ground running after a nice long break. We are wrapping up our current math chapter and getting ready to dive into some new concepts. Please see the weekly first grade letter for all we are learning in reading. As always, keep practicing those sight words at home!

2nd Grade: Happy New Year! This is a wonderful new year and a new beginning for students to work toward reaching second grade learning goals. It is important for students to read for at least 20 minutes each night. Don't forget to sign the reading log. In math we will begin learning multiplication and division. Help your child out by practicing with them every night. Don't forget the daily review of addition and subtraction facts. Having school supplies is essential in completing class assignments. Please make sure your child has all of the needed supplies.

2nd/3rd Grade:

This month Room 306 is still working on multiplication and division. This chapter deals with multiplication patterns, knowing multiplication facts, and using different strategies to solve real-world math problems. Students are expected to be studying their multiplication facts every night. In English/Language Arts, students are completing their word work activities. Students have five days to complete five activities for their test on Friday. Students receive an extra copy at the start of the week to study all week at home. Students are also assigned activities on our online workspace, Freckle. Students will be reading articles and answering questions about the articles. Students are also going to be assigned a new novel during their Read-to-Self center. These novels are important for the students to read to their entirety. Students will also be completing a different type of Book Report on the novel that they read for this month. In Vocabulary, students are assigned six new vocabulary words that they will need to study and know. Students receive a copy of these words on Monday to study from. These words come from our Read Aloud that we read and discuss throughout the course of the week. Thursday Folders-Please take a look at the papers inside the folders, remove the papers, and sign the sheet on the left pocket, to be returned to school the next day. These papers give a good indication of what the students have been working on, a reflection of their grades, and any feedback from me regarding your student's work.

3rd Grade: Happy New Year! This month third grade is focusing on using text evidence to prove our answers after reading a text. In math, students are continuing to master their multiplication facts. Please make sure your child is practicing his/her math facts each night. Additionally, students will be researching the planets in science class, as well as creating their own planet!

4th/5th Grade: Welcome back! 4th and 5th graders will be finishing the 2nd quarter with Science in room 302. 5th graders will be working on a unit focused on matter. Students will work collaboratively to discover how new substances can be created, and the properties of solids, liquids, and gas. 4th graders will be focusing on waves and creating models of waves working together in small groups. Students will receive homework to supplement their learning on Freckle about 2 times per week, typically Monday and Wednesday. Best Regards, Ms. Caroline Berg

Room 307 & 308- Happy New Year! We are very excited to start 2019 with a bang! You student's NWEA Scores went home. Please be sure to look them over. If you have any questions, let us know! Also please be sure your student completes their homework each night. Welcome back!

Middle School News:

Welcome back to school, and welcome to 2019! I hope you all had a restful break and are ready to finish strongly in the Second Quarter which ends January 31st! Students are learning Ratios in Math class, Reading students are busy with their "Rules for Live By" project, and Social Studies is learning about 20th Century Europe. Students have completed their Winter Map Assessment in December and we will be looking at the data to determine our grouping for the 3rd Quarter. Students should be practicing on FrontRow at home to improve their scores. Please make sure your student is in school on a daily basis; we are so happy when we have 100% attendance!

Graduation News: Parents, a letter will be sent home next week regarding Graduation Fees and activities. When the 2nd quarter ends on February 1st, we will officially be half way to Graduation!