

# April

**AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**



Dr. Gilbert L. Porter Elementary 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 PTA Light it up BLUE! Wear <b>BLUE</b> for Autism Awareness Day \$1.00	3	4 FAST Writing Test 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>  ASD Field Trip 1st -5th Dade County Youth Fair	5
8 	9 LAST DAY OF 3RD NINE WEEKS	10 <b>NO SCHOOL TEACHER PLANNING DAY</b>	11 Vision Screening  FIRST DAY OF 4TH NINE WEEKS	12 Vision Screening  PTA Kona Ice Sale
15 	16 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Biscayne Nature Center	17 <b>PTA PURPLE UP WEAR PURPLE IN SUPPORT OF CHILDREN OF MILITARY FAMILIES \$1.00</b>  5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Biscayne Nature Center  EESAC Meeting	18	19 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Adriene Arsht
22 <b>PTA EARTH DAY WEAR GREEN</b>  Principal's Honor Roll Assembly K-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	23 <b>3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE FIELD TRIP ACTOR'S PLAYHOUSE</b>  A/B Honor Roll Assembly K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade  ASD 2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Field Trip Cultural Center	24 A/B Honor Roll Assembly 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade  <b>SPRING CONCERT 6:30 PM</b>	25 Take Your Sons and Daughters to work day. 2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade  First Grade Field Trip The Little Farm	26 Tarno/Mermelstein Field Trip to AD Barnes Park
29 <b>PTA TIE DYE DAY \$1.00</b>	30 <b>PTA ROCKING TUESDAY ROCK STARS DAY \$1.00</b> 	May 1 <b>PTA WESTERN WEDNESDAY \$1.00</b> 	May 2 <b>PTA THROWBACK THURSDAY-DRESS IN YOUR FAVORITE DECADE \$1.00</b>	May 3 <b>MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU! STAR WARS DAY \$1.00</b> 



# PORTER HEADLINES

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope this newsletter finds you well and refreshed after a restful spring break. As we step into April, we're greeted with the promise of warmer weather, blooming flowers, and exciting events here at Gilbert Porter.

I wanted to start by giving a shoutout to our Kindergarten and First-grade teachers for their amazing STEAM Showcases. Through events such as these, I see the dedication and time our teachers devote to making everything come together effortlessly. Parents enjoyed witnessing student creativity, problem-solving skills, and enthusiasm for learning. It was inspiring to see our youngest learners engaging with such complex concepts with excitement and curiosity. Amazing job!

Speaking of excitement, the Spring Fling Dance was a resounding success! The kids had a blast, and it was heartening to see some of our teachers joining in on the fun. Events like these not only provide moments of joy but also foster a sense of community within our school. Thank you, Mrs. Shams, for putting together an amazing event.

As we near the end of the third quarter, it's important to remind ourselves that we're in crunch time for testing. Our students have been working diligently throughout the year, and now is the time for them to demonstrate their knowledge and skills. Let's continue to support and encourage them as they prepare for these assessments.

Mark your calendars for Spirit Week, taking place from April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>! It's a fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase their school spirit through themed dress-up days and exciting activities. Let's come together as a school community and make this Spirit Week one to remember!

Lastly, don't forget about our much-anticipated Spring Concert on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Our talented musicians and performers have been practicing tirelessly to bring you an evening of delightful melodies and captivating performances. We encourage all families to join us for this special event and celebrate the hard work and dedication of our students.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together, we can make this April a month filled with learning, laughter, and lasting memories.

Warm regards,  
Jesús González  
Principal

### Autism Awareness Month:

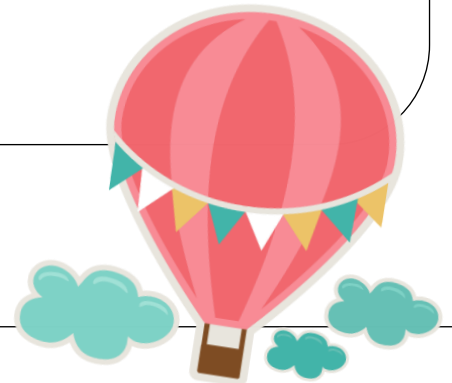
Meesha Makes Friends  
by Tom Percival

Too Sticky! Sensory  
Issues with Autism  
by Jen Malia

### Earth Day:

The Lorax  
by Dr. Seuss

We Are Water Protectors  
by Carol Lindstrom



## TESTING TIPS

- Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep before the test.
- Provide them with a nutritious breakfast on the day of testing.
- Ensure that your child is **PRESENT** and **ARRIVES ON TIME** for testing (children generally perform better when taking tests with their peers rather than at a makeup time).
- Don't forget to offer your child positive encouragement during test time.