

Specials Team Monthly Newsletter
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UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE/TIME	DETAILS/LINKS
Instrumental Music Demonstration Show	Wednesday, 9/13; Grades 4 and 5	Information will be sent to parents
Book Fair	Week of October 9th	Information will be coming soon!

CURRICULUM UPDATES

ART



WELCOME BACK TRES FAMILIES AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES!

Students come to art twice a week for a 40 minute period.

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- Getting acquainted with the art room.
- Students will learn to identify the directional lines horizontal, vertical, and diagonal.
- Students will be introduced to tertiary colors.

PreK

- Getting acquainted with the art room.
- Students will be learning about the art element line.

Kindergarten

- Getting acquainted with the art room.
- Students will be learning about the art element line and analyzing different lines types in works of art.
- Students will be learning about the warm and cool color families.

1st Grade

- Getting acquainted with the art room.
- Students will review the art element line and discover new ways to use it in their artwork.
- Students will be identifying patterns in works of art and everyday life. Using the art principle pattern in your own work of art.

2nd Grade

- Getting acquainted with the art room.
- Students will be identifying patterns in works of art and everyday life. Using the art principle pattern in your own work of art.
- Students will explore and use a variety of art tools.
- Students will learn about the art element of shape.

3rd Grade

- Getting acquainted with the art room.
- Students will learn to identify the directional lines horizontal, vertical, and diagonal.
- Students will use a variety of art media and art tools.
- Students will learn about the art element of space, using foreground, middleground, and background.

4th Grade

- Getting acquainted with the art room.
- Students will learn about parallel lines and review a variety of line types.
- Students will be introduced to tertiary colors.

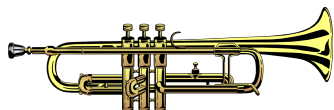
5th Grade

- Getting acquainted with the art room.
- Students will design their art portfolios and sketchbooks.

- Students will be introduced to the art style Pop Art and learn about the artist Andy Warhol.
- Students will learn about the art principle of emphasis by creating an artwork inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe.

Happy Creating!!!
Ms. O'Brien & Ms. Salamon

BAND



Band and Orchestra is about to get started!

Step 1: Mr. Hinkley and Mr. Berry will be at TRES on Wednesday, September 13th to demonstrate instruments for 4th and 5th grade students. Enrollment information has been sent home with your child. We will also send a Find Out First notification with the online enrollment information.

Step 2: Once students are enrolled, we will contact you with information on materials needed, how to rent an instrument, and when we will begin instruction. Instrumental Band instruction is only available to 4th and 5th grade students.

Happy performing!
Mr. Berry & Mr. Hinkley

LIBRARY



DEAR TRES Families,

My name is Maria Houston and I am the Library Media Specialist at TRES. I am honored to work with each of the students in our school. Your child will visit the Media Center once a week with their class for forty minutes. In addition to participating in a Media lesson, students will have the opportunity to check out books and take them home. Students may keep their books at home for two weeks before returning it to school. Students are allowed to return their books to their teacher any day of the week.

This year—for the first time—your child will enjoy an additional Media lesson with either Mrs. McKeivitt (Mondays) or Mrs. Smith (Fridays) in their classrooms. All three Library Media Specialists will ensure that your child will experience quality literature, learn how to conduct research, engage in coding, and understand the importance of digital citizenship and online safety.

During the month of September, my goal is to develop a culture of reading in our Media Center. I will teach students how to access and use the LS2Pac system on our two kiosk stations. Accessing the LS2Pac system at home on the Twin Ridge Media website will also be encouraged. That website can be located through this link: <https://edu.fcps.org/tres/media>. Students will learn to use the Shelf Location information provided in LS2Pac so as to find the desired book in the Media Center. Students will also have opportunities to browse for books by reading the signs and tags on the shelves. My goal is that each student learns to make wise book choices when selecting a book to read independently, with a family member, for academic purposes, or for reading for pleasure.

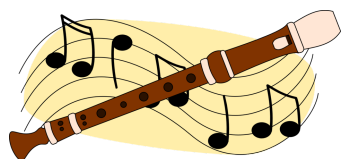
This year, during Media class students will use our Self Check-Out station to check-out their own books. This fosters independence and successful use of the TRES Media Center.

Students will also interact with various learning centers in the Media Center. The purpose of these learning centers is to provide opportunities to tinker and create. I am excited to watch your students explore, learn, and grow in our Media Center.

The Scholastic Book fair will be occurring between October 6th-October 13th. I would love to have volunteers for the event. Please make sure you have taken the volunteer training before asking to sign up. More information will be coming about this special event!

Please contact me at maria.houston@fcps.org if you have any questions.
-Mrs. Houston

MUSIC



Greetings TRES Families!

The Music Department is excited to welcome our students back for the 23-24 school year! Students come to Music twice a week for a 40 minute period.

PreK and Kindergarten

- Students will learn rules, routines, and procedures of the music room.
- Students will sing, play music games, use classroom instruments, and connect music with Kindergarten ELA & Math concepts.

1st and 2nd Grade

- Students will learn rules, routines, and procedures of the music room.
- Students will sing, play music games, use classroom instruments, and identify/practice steady beat.

3rd Grade

- Students will learn rules, routines, and procedures of the music room.
- Students will sing, play music games, use classroom instruments and practice various rhythms.

4th and 5th Grade

- Students will learn rules, routines, and procedures of the music room.
- Students will sing, play music games, use classroom instruments, and practice various rhythms.

Musically yours,
Ms. Gearhart and Mrs. Slick

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P.E.



WELCOME BACK TRES FAMILIES!

We are excited for a great year in PE! Students come to PE twice a week for a 40 minute period. Please ensure students are coming to school with proper footwear on P.E. days. This is for your students' safety! Sneakers, Tennis Shoes, or active shoes that are tight fitting. Please avoid Crocs, Hey Dude's, flip flops, sandals, and other shoes that are not suited for physical activity.

Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade

- Students will learn rules, routines, and procedures while in the gym.
- Students will learn several of the instant activity games that we will be playing throughout the year.
- Students will learn/review the locomotor skills of walking, jogging, running, galloping, hopping, jumping, skipping, and sliding.
- At the end of September, students will begin a Soccer Unit!

3rd Grade, 4th Grade and 5th Grade

- Students will review rules, routines, and procedures while in the gym.
- Students will review several of the instant activity games that we will be playing throughout the year.
- Students are currently finishing up a Football unit focusing on overhand throws at stationary and moving targets, as well as catching.
- Students will play several cooperative games to practice working together as a team as well as communicating well with others.
- At the end of September, students will begin a Soccer Unit!

PreK and Learning for Life

- Students will learn rules, routines, and procedures while in the gym.
- Students will learn several of the instant activity games that we will be playing throughout the year.
- Students will participate in a variety of activities to work on various skills within the P.E. curriculum.

Stay active!

Mr. Myers & Mrs. Lebois

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