

Specials Team Monthly Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE/TIME	DETAILS/LINKS
First day of 4th and 5th grade band	10/5	
Scholastic Book Fair	10/6/23-10/13/23	Information will be coming soon! Please contact Mrs. Houston via email (maria.houston@fcps.org) if you would like to volunteer at the Scholastic Book Fair.
PTA performance- 3rd grade students	11/14/23	Permission slip/info will be sent home this month

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.

L4L

- Students will learn to identify the directional lines horizontal, vertical, and diagonal.
- Students will explore the difference between forms and shapes
- Students will create a 3-D work of art

PreK

- Getting acquainted with the art room.
- Students will be learning about the art elements line and color

Kindergarten

- Students will explore how artists represent the seasons through their artwork
- 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

- Students will learn about the art subject matter landscape
- Students will experiment with the use of warm and cool colors 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

- Students will learn about the art element of texture.
- Students will explore and use a variety of art tools.
- Students will learn about the art element of shape.
- Students will learn how to weave and show the art principle pattern

3rd Grade

- 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 monochromatic color schemes in art.

4th Grade

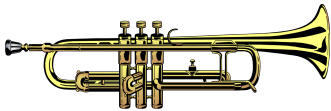
- Students will learn about parallel lines and review a variety of line types.
- Students will be introduced to tertiary colors.
- Students will learn about the differences between abstract and realistic art

5th Grade

- 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 Unity
- Students will explore a variety of art tools and media

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

BAND



Mr. Hinkley and Mr. Berry are excited to hold the first band lessons of the year on **Thursday, October 5!** Band/strings day is every Thursday. Remember, if school is in session, we will have class. We have band/strings on altered schedule days - planned or weather related. We have some of those coming up soon!

Happy performing!
Mr. Berry & Mr. Hinkley

LIBRARY



DEAR TRES Families,

Book Return

By now your child has brought home a few library books. Please make sure your child brings them back. Students who have more than five overdue library books will be unable to take more home until some are returned. Books can be returned any day of the week. Please remind your student to put the book in the library book bin located in his or her classroom.

Media Instruction

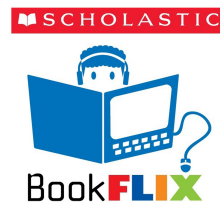
Our goal as Media Specialists is to use fiction and non fiction library materials to enhance what students are learning about in their classrooms. We use picture books, databases, and hands-on experiences to supplement the classroom curriculum. This year, Mrs. McKeivitt and Mrs. Smith are bringing an extra Media class to your child's classroom, while Mrs. Houston is continuing to meet with all the students in the Media Center.

Mrs. Houston is noticing that many students are remembering their Media Skills from last school year. Students are very successful with using the OPAC system, putting a book on hold, browsing for books, and using the self-checkout stations. If your child is still confused with some of these skills, do not worry! We will continue to work on these important library skills all year.

During the month of October, students will learn how to use our databases from the Media webpage. Students in grades k-5 are learning the relationship between asking questions and conducting research. Asking questions is important because it guides what we want to learn, why we want to learn it, and helps us decide if we found the information we are desiring.

Databases

Please become familiar with our media page <https://edu.fcps.org/tres/media>. When students use their FCPS account to log onto the Media page they can access wonderful resources at home. Take time to explore *Sora*, *Capstone*, *PebbleGo*, *Fact Cite*, and *Britannica School* with your child. For the first time, Twin Ridge Elementary School has a database subscription to *Scholastic BookFlix*. This wonderful database combines fiction and nonfiction resources for students to enjoy. Take a look.



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair begins on October 6, 2023 and ends on October 13, 2023. **Volunteers are needed!** We need help with set up/tear down, assisting students, and working the registers. **Please** make sure you have taken the volunteer training before asking to sign up.

These are the dates and times the book fair will be open:

October 6th: 8:30am-9am (Only pk and K may come in the morning)

October 9th: 8:30am-9am (Only Grade 5 may come in the morning)

October 10th: 8:30am-9am (Only Grade 4 may come in the morning)

October 11th: 12:30pm-1pm (Only Grade 3 may come in the morning)
and the book fair will be open during conferences

October 12th: 12:30pm-1pm (Only Grade 2 may come in the morning)
and the book fair will be open during conferences

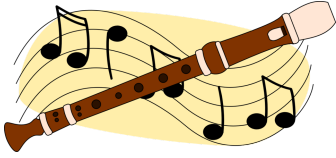
October 13th: 8:30am-9am (Only Grade 1 may come in the morning)
and the book fair will be open during afternoon conferences (1pm-3pm)

Families may pay with eWallet, cash, check, or credit cards. However, students may only pay with eWallet, cash, or check at school. Ewallet is the easiest and most preferred method of payment. Please see our fair website for more information: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/twinridgeelemschool>

Please contact me at maria.houston@fcps.org if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

-Mrs. Houston

MUSIC



Greetings TRES Families!

The Music Department is rolling with singing, playing instruments and movement!

PreK and Kindergarten

- Students will continue to learn rules, routines, and procedures of the music room.
- Students will identify a steady beat through singing, playing instruments, and movement.
- Students will also start to identify their four voices (whisper, talk, shout, and sing) through class activities.

Learning for Life

- Students will practice making music through singing, dancing, listening, and playing instruments.

1st Grade

- Students will sing, play music games, use classroom instruments, and identify/practice steady beat.
- Students will also review their four voices in various musical activities.

2nd Grade

- Students will review quarter notes, eighth notes, and quarter rest through various musical activities.
- After reviewing, students will learn about the half note and how to successfully play an ostinato.

3rd Grade

- Students will continue to sing, play music games, use classroom instruments and practice various rhythms.
- After reviewing, students will learn about the dotted half note, whole note, half rest, whole rest, and sixteenth notes through various musical activities.

4th and 5th Grade

- Students will continue to sing, play music games, use classroom instruments, and practice various rhythms.
- After reviewing, students will learn about dotted quarter/eighth note/eighth rest combinations and syncopation through musical activities.

Musically yours,
Ms. Gearhart and Mrs. Slick

Follow TRES Music on Twitter
[@NicoleSlickFCPS](#) and [@TRESMusicK5](#)

P.E.



Welcome Back TRES Families!

Please continue to 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

- Cooperative games unit which will allow students opportunities to work as a team and learn how to problem solve together.
- Students will partake in a fitness knowledge unit where they learn about various parts of the body and how they work to help us live a healthy lifestyle full of fitness. Students will do station work to work different muscles and health components.
- Students will learn about nutrition and healthy eating habits.

3rd Grade, 4th Grade and 5th Grade

- Cooperative games unit which will allow students opportunities to work as a team and learn how to problem solve together.
- Students will learn about the 4 health related fitness components and the 6 skill related fitness components.
- Students will participate in fitness testing, followed by a goal setting assignment to allow them to try and improve their scores in the spring.
- Students will learn about nutrition and healthy eating habits. Students will learn about calories and the relationship between calories and exercise.

PreK and Learning for Life

- Students will begin to complete Pre-Test data for the Young Athletes program.
- Students will participate in various skill station activities to help build skills to live an active lifestyle.

Stay active!

Mr. Myers & Mrs. Lebois

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