

## Specials Team Monthly Newsletter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE/TIME	DETAILS/LINKS
PTA performance- 3rd grade students	11/14/23	Permission slip/info will be sent home

# CURRICULUM UPDATES

## ART



### Art Updates

#### L4L

- Students will learn about positive and negative space.
- Students will explore ways to show perspective in a 2-D artwork.

#### PreK

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

#### Kindergarten

- Students will be learning about the art element texture.
- Students will learn about the art element color and the color wheel.
- Students will create a seasonal artwork using different art tools & media.

#### 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 texture.
- Students will explore and use a variety of art tools.
- Students will learn about the art element shape and identifying geometric and organic shapes.

#### 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 the art element of value.

#### 4th Grade

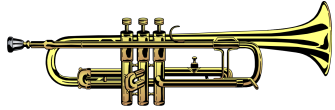
- Students will learn about positive and negative space.
- Students will be introduced to tertiary colors.
- Students will learn about the differences between abstract and realistic art.

#### 5th Grade

- Students will learn about the art principle of unity.
- Students will learn about abstract art.
- Students will explore a variety of art tools and media.

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

# BAND



## Band Updates

Mr. Hinkley and Mr. Berry are impressed with the progress of students in the few weeks we have had class! Students should try to practice their instrument every day at home. Make sure the student's name is clearly written on the instrument case, music stand bag, book, folder, and all band materials. We have already had several items go home with the wrong student because the name was not prominently displayed. 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.

Happy practicing!  
Mr. Berry & Mr. Hinkley

# LIBRARY



## Library Media Updates

### Book Return

Please make sure your child brings back their library books. 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

During the month of November, we will discuss the importance of digital etiquette, digital citizenship, and online safety. Since online usage is such a substantial part of our lives it is important that we discuss how we should behave online. We will discuss online bullying and brainstorm ways we can be an upstander in these situations. We will talk about the difference between private and personal information and how students should be careful regarding what they share online. Private information is information that can be used to identify you (i.e. birthdate, full name, address, phone number, and social security number). Personal information is information that many people also share (i.e. favorite sports, food, music etc).

In all grades we will discuss how rules keep us safe. Just like we have rules at home, at school, and in our neighborhood we also need rules to keep us safe online.

**Please reinforce these three rules regarding how children access the internet at home:**

- 1) Ask permission before going online**
- 2) Use websites for kids**
- 3) Only talk to people you know**

Every year, I am always surprised at how many students tell me that they have discussions with strangers while playing online games. Many students tell me that they share their names, ages, and where they live with their online friends. Out of an abundance of caution, please monitor your child's devices and who

they are talking to online. It is important that they keep information about themselves private and do not disclose information that would help a stranger steal their identity or find them.

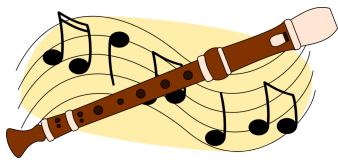
### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make the Scholastic Book Fair a success. I could not have done it without you. Thank you to everyone who helped with setting up, running the fair, and cleaning up. We raised a lot of money for our school.

As always, please contact me at maria.houston@fcps.org if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

-Mrs. Houston

## **MUSIC**



### **Music Updates**

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

Want to become familiar with what your student(s) will be learning in music throughout the year?

[PreK-2nd grade click here!](#)

[3rd-5th grade click here!](#)

#### **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.
- Students will be introduced to high/low pitches in music through singing.

#### **PreK:**

- Students will continue to create movement to various music genres.
- Students will be introduced to the xylophone this month.

#### **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.
- Students will be introduced to quarter and eighth notes as well as quarter rest through 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.
- Students will participate in various singing activities that include the following pitches- *sol, mi, la, do* and *re*.
- Students will be able to visually identify parts of the music staff.

### 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.
- Students will participate in various singing activities that include the following pitches- *sol, mi, la, do, re, low la, and low sol*.
- Students will be able to visually identify parts of the music staff.
- Students will be able to identify pitches on the staff that are located a step, skip, or leap apart.

### 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.
- Students will be identifying pitches that are a leap apart on the music staff.
- Students will have practice identifying notes on the music staff through various musical activities.

Musically yours,  
Ms. Gearhart and Mrs. Slick

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## P.E.



## P.E. Updates

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

- Students will interact with multiple different types of fitness and skill stations focusing on different muscle groups.
- Students will understand that concept of fitness and know what activities can help improve it.
- Students will interact with the MyFood Plate and learn about healthy eating habits.

### **3rd Grade, 4th Grade and 5th Grade**

- Students will complete Fitness Testing that evaluates their level of fitness in the areas of the 4 health related fitness components.
- Students will interact with the MyFood Plate and learn about healthy eating habits.
- Students will learn about the relationship that healthy foods have with a healthy lifestyle.

### **PreK and Learning for Life**

- Students will continue to work on skills to improve their ability to be active.
- Students will continue to work with the Young Athletes Program in the areas of balance, jumping, and other locomotor movements.

Stay active!

Mr. Myers, Mrs. Lebois, and Mr. Pritt

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