

Specials Team Monthly Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE/TIME	DETAILS/LINKS
2nd grade PTA Performance	Tuesday, January 16th	Info will be coming home soon
Honors Chorus Auditions	TBA	Info for 5th graders will be addressed in music class.

CURRICULUM UPDATES

ART



Art Updates

L4L

- Students will create art by subject matter.
- Students will learn about the art subject matter cityscape and create one of their own.

PreK

- Students will be learning about the art elements of shape and color.

Kindergarten

- Students will be learning about the art element texture.
- Students will learn about Geometric Shapes.
- Students will create seasonal artwork using different art tools & media.

1st Grade

- Students will learn about the art subject matter portrait.
- Students will review the colors families primary, secondary, warm, and cool.
- Students will experiment with the use of warm and cool colors in their artwork.
- Students will continue to learn about the art principle pattern.

2nd Grade

- Students will learn about the art subject matter cityscape.
- Students will explore and use a variety of art tools and media.
- Students will learn about the art element shape and identifying geometric and organic shapes.

3rd Grade

- Students will learn about perspective and the strategies used to show it in a 2-D work of art.
- Students will practice identifying the foreground, middleground, and background in a work of art.
- Students will learn about the art element of value.

4th Grade

- Students will continue to practice showing their understanding of different art styles.
- Students will create an abstract portrait.
- Students will be introduced to tertiary colors.

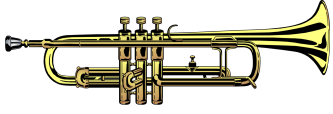
5th Grade

- Students will recognize and create art by subject matter.
- Students will continue to recognize and discuss how they are using the art elements and art principles in their artwork.
- Students will explore a variety of art tools and media.

******Please save the date! 2nd-5th graders will have a Night of the Arts event at TRES on May 8th. More info to come!******

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

BAND



Band Updates

Yes, Band and Orchestra continues in January! We will have class until the end of the year. **All of our students will have a Spring concert the evening of Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 pm. at Linganore High School.** This will include our 4th and 5th grade Band and String students. More details will follow as we get closer to concert time.

Mr. Berry & Mr. Hinkley

LIBRARY



Library Media Updates

Dear TRES Families,

I hope you had a wonderful break with your children and were able to spend some quality time reading good books together. We have wonderful books, activities, and projects planned for 2024!

Twin Ridge Elementary School Library Catalog

Did you know you are able to access our entire library catalog at home on the Media webpage? Please make sure your child is first logged into their FCPS account. Directions on how to do that are located on the Media webpage at <https://edu.fcps.org/tres/media>. To access the library catalog select either the LS2 Kids logo or the LS2 PAC logo.



Families can take a peek at all the print and digital books we have available at Twin Ridge. If you are logged into your child's FCPS account you can even place a book on hold. When that book becomes available I will get a notification and can ensure your child checks out the desired book.

Grades K-2

Author Appreciation

My goal is for all students this year to grow in their enjoyment of quality picture books. So many of the picture books in our library allow students to understand themselves, others, and our world in a more vivid way. Together, we will explore quality children's authors and illustrators (i.e. Eric Carle, Tomie dePaola, Matt De La Pena, etc) and uncover what makes them outstanding contributors to children's literature.

Grades 3-5

Coding

As part of our coding unit, we will explore the resources located on the Hour of Code website. Your child may access these resources at home at

<https://hourofcode.com/us/learn>

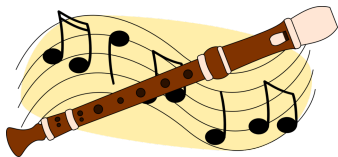
Research

Our students have more information at their fingertips than any previous generation did at their age. It is important for students to learn how to distinguish if the information they are consuming is trustworthy. We will use the T.R.A.P.P. method (Trustworthy, Relevance, Authority, Accuracy, and Purpose) to determine the reliability of multiple information sources. We will also learn how to evaluate resources based on their research needs. We will compare and contrast books and databases to determine the most effective information resources for specific research topics.

As always if you have any questions please contact me at maria.houston@fcps.org.

Happy Reading,
Mrs. Houston

MUSIC



Music Updates

Kindergarten

- In January, students will explore musical opposites and engage in singing familiar songs and singing games.

PreK

- In January, PreK students will explore loud and soft through movement, singing, and playing instruments.

Learning for Life

- In January, students will sing, dance, and play a variety of classroom instruments.

1st Grade

- Ms. Gearhart's classes will identify and perform solfege using so, mi, and la.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will be exploring melodic direction through stories and singing activities.

2nd Grade

- Ms. Gearhart's classes will learn about expressive elements i.e. tempo and dynamics.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will be exploring singing in rounds and completing a Chinese New Year composition project.

3rd Grade

- Ms. Gearhart's classes will learn about expressive elements i.e. tempo and dynamics.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will be composing their own music using notes on the staff- B-A-G.

4th Grade

- Ms. Gearhart's classes will learn about expressive elements i.e. tempo and dynamics.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will compose their own music using notes learned on the treble clef this year and will perform them on melodic instruments.

5th Grade

- Ms. Gearhart's classes will learn about expressive elements i.e. tempo and dynamics.
- Ms. Gearhart's classes will also learn and perform songs on the soprano recorder.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will compose their own music through various activities.

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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.

Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade

- Students will work on skills associated with bowling including underhand roll and team cooperation
- Throwing and Catching - Students will participate in a modified version of Magic Club to work on throwing and catching skills with a variety of different sizes of playground balls.

3rd Grade, 4th Grade and 5th Grade

- Students will work on bowling skills and learn how to keep score with assistance of chromebooks. Students will use a 3 or 5 step approach to improve their power and accuracy of their underhand roll.
- Magic Club - Students will participate in a variety of challenges related to their throwing and catching skills.

PreK and Learning for Life

- Students will continue to work on the Young Athletes program and skills including throwing, catching, and rolling.

Stay active!
Mr. Myers, Mrs. Lebois, & Mr. Pritt

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