

Specials Team Monthly Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE/TIME	DETAILS/LINKS
5th grade Honors Chorus Auditions	1/30 & 1/31 from 8:30-9am	In Mrs. Slick & Ms. Gearhart's music rooms
4th & 5th grade Spring Chorus	Wednesdays from 8:00-8:30am Beginning 3/6/24	Permission slips will be sent out in February
2nd & 3rd grade Spring Chorus	Thursdays from 8:00-8:30am Beginning 3/6/24	Permission slips will be sent out in February

CURRICULUM UPDATES

ART



Art Updates

L4L

- Students will learn about the art subject matter still life and create one of their own.
- Students will explore a variety of art media and art tools.

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 the art subject matter seascape.
- Students will create seasonal artwork using different art tools & media.
- Students will be learning about the subject matter of portrait.

1st Grade

- Students will learn about the art subject matter seascape.
- 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 and repetition.

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 form.

3rd Grade

- Students will learn about perspective and the strategies used to show it in a 2-D work of art.
- Students will continue to explore different techniques for showing the art element value.
- Students will learn about the complementary colors

4th Grade

- Students will continue to practice showing their understanding of different art styles.
- Students will continue using the art principles unity and variety in their compositions.
- Students will be introduced to tertiary colors.

5th Grade

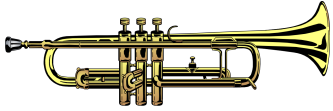
- Students will recognize and create art by subject matter.
- Students will continue to recognize and discuss how they are using the art elements and art principles in their artwork.
- Students will explore a variety of art tools and media.

****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

Be looking for a band/strings specific Progress Report coming in February It will have numerical representations on how we feel your child is doing on specific music skills. I can make this even easier for you. If you hear your child playing their instrument several times per week, they are doing fine, and likely loving band class. If you hardly ever hear them play, they are likely struggling, and might not be having the best band experience. 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

Library Notices and Fines

Take a look in your child's report card folder to see if he or she has a library notice. Depending on how many books your child has out, he or she may not be able to check out more books until the books on the list are returned. Every year our library program loses hundreds of dollars in lost books. If your child has lost one of the books on the list, please pay the replacement cost listed on the notice. Also, please consider paying any outstanding library fines from previous years that may be included on the notice. If you believe your child has already returned a book or you have already paid the replacement fee, please email me and I will look into the situation more closely.

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.

Due to snow days and assemblies, we are continuing our units from January.

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

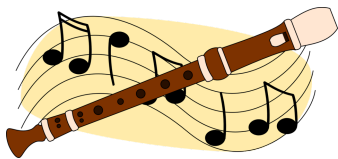
Research

Our students have more information at their fingertips than any previous generation. 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

PreK

- In February, PreK students will explore long and short through movement, singing, and playing instruments.

Learning for Life

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

Kindergarten

- In February, students will explore melodic direction through instruments and with their singing voices.

1st Grade

- Ms. Gearhart's classes will identify and perform solfege using so, mi, and la.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will perform and create their own patterns using quarter rests, quarter notes, and eighth notes.

2nd Grade

- Ms. Gearhart's classes will learn about expressive elements i.e. tempo and dynamics.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will be completing Chinese New Year composition projects.

3rd Grade

- Ms. Gearhart's classes will learn about expressive elements i.e. tempo and dynamics.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will be introduced to expressive elements (tempo, dynamics)

4th Grade

- Ms. Gearhart's classes will learn about expressive elements i.e. tempo and dynamics.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will review expressive elements from last year (tempo, dynamics) and complete a blues style composition.

5th Grade

- Ms. Gearhart's classes will learn about expressive elements i.e. tempo and dynamics, and engage in repertoire on the recorder.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will complete a Jazz musician project and review expressive elements.

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Musically yours,
Ms. Gearhart and Mrs. Slick

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P.E.



P.E. Updates

We have been reviewing rules and routines in the month of January. **Please ensure that your students wear proper footwear so that they are safe and can move. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to reach out and ask!**

Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade

Striking with Implements

- Students will work on various striking skills. Equipment being used will include Hockey Sticks, Mini-Hockey Sticks, Foam Paddles, and Hard Paddles.
- Students will strike a variety of objects to work on hand eye coordination and proper skill patterns.
- Students will use these skills to participate in a variety of partner based, and small sided games.

3rd Grade, 4th Grade and 5th Grade

- Students will participate in a Floor Hockey unit to work on skills including dribbling with a long handled implement, passing and shooting (striking), as well as offensive and defensive strategies.
- Students will work on their skills in order to build up to a culminating event which is a Floor Hockey Tournament. Students will work on safe play, sportsmanship, and teamwork skills.

PreK and Learning for Life

- Students will continue to work on the Young Athletes program and skills including balance, pathways, and levels.
- Students will participate in large group games allowing them to learn and practice how to play with a large group.

Stay active!

Mr. Myers, Mrs. Lebois, & Mr. Pritt

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