

Specials Team Monthly Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE/TIME	DETAILS/LINKS
4th & 5th grade Spring Chorus	Wednesdays from 8:00-8:30am Beginning 3/6/24	Information has been sent home, please contact your child's music teacher for questions/concerns.
2nd & 3rd grade Spring Chorus	Thursdays from 8:00-8:30am Beginning 3/7/24	Information has been sent home, please contact your child's music teacher for questions/concerns.

CURRICULUM UPDATES

ART



Art Updates

L4L

- Students will create a 3-D sculpture inspired by the art subject matter still life.
- 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 create a seascape.
- Students will create seasonal artwork using different art tools & media.
- Students will be learning about the subject matter of portraits.

1st Grade

- 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 seascape.
- 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 the art subject matter still life.
- Students will create a work of art using the complementary colors.
- Students will learn about 3D artwork and create a sculpture using clay.

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 create artwork inspired by the artist M.C. Escher.

5th Grade

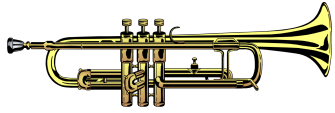
- Students will create a 3-D work of art.
- Students will recognize and create art by subject matter.
- Students will continue to recognize and discuss how they are using the art elements and art principles in their artwork.
- Students will explore a variety of art tools and media.

***Save the date!** *Evening of the Arts* will be held at TRES on Wednesday, May 8th. This event will feature artwork and

chorus performances for grades 2nd through 5th.**

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

BAND



Band Updates

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. Students should report to the theater at 6:15 pm. More details will follow as we get closer to concert time.

If you are wondering how your child is doing on their instrument, you can get a good idea by noticing if you hear them playing throughout the week. Generally, if a student plays their instrument several times throughout the week, they are doing fine. If you never hear the instrument, they are likely struggling.

Mr. Berry & Mr. Hinkley

LIBRARY



Library Media Updates

Kindergarten-Second Grade

During our Media Classes, students are continuing to learn about prominent Americans. In February we learned about outstanding African Americans for Black History Month and in March we will learn about remarkable women for Women's History Month. We will discuss the importance of studying people who have persevered through trials, hardships, and society's expectations at the time.

Third Grade

We are finishing up our research projects on our favorite pets. Students have the choice of presenting through a Google Slide or on a poster. Students thought of reasons their animal would make the best pet and were asked to find facts from two different sources to support their reasons. This assignment requires students to read for information, take notes, integrate information from two sources, and share their research in a meaningful way. Together, we have persevered through a challenging task. I look forward to seeing their final projects.

Fourth Grade

Students have chosen a prominent African American or woman to study in celebration of Black History Month and Women's History Month. Students are taking notes from a variety of sources. They are gathering information to answer their personal research questions using who, what, where, when, why and how. Students will have an opportunity to create a Google Slideshow or a poster to share their work.

Fifth Grade

Students have been researching inventions in their classrooms and in the Media Center. In their classrooms, students were expected to take their research notes and write a research paper on inventions. In the Media Center, students were expected to take their notes and create a Google Slideshow and present it to the class. We are finishing up our presentations and will then begin learning about prominent figures to support Black History Month and Women's History Month.

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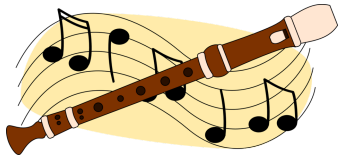
Did you know you are able to access our entire library catalog at home on the Media webpage? Please make sure your child is first logged into their FCPS account. Directions on how to do that are located on the Media webpage at <https://edu.fcps.org/tres/media>. To access the library catalog select either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



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

Happy Reading,
Mrs. Houston

MUSIC



Music Updates

PreK

- PreK students will explore steady beat through singing, movement, stories, and instruments.

Learning for Life

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

Kindergarten

- In March, Ms. Gearhart's classes will engage with classroom instruments categorized by method of sound production: hit, shake, and scrape.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will explore musical opposites (loud/quiet, fast/slow) through stories, movement, instrument playing, and singing. We will also take a look at children's literature and perform accompaniments to various stories.

1st Grade

- In March, Ms. Gearhart's classes will engage in a unit on rhythm.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will perform and create their own patterns using quarter rests, quarter notes, and eighth notes. We will also take a look at children's literature and perform accompaniments to various stories.

2nd Grade

- In March, Ms. Gearhart's classes will engage in a unit on the Classroom Instrument Families: wood, metal, shaker, scrape, and membranes.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will be exploring dynamics and tempo through movement, singing, and instrument playing.

3rd Grade

- In March, Ms. Gearhart's classes will engage in a unit on the Orchestra Instrument Families: string, brass, woodwind, and percussion.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will continue our dynamics unit and then move onto the Orchestra family unit.
- **ALL 3rd graders will begin learning the Soprano Recorder in April. If your child needs to purchase a recorder, please login to School Cash Online.**

4th Grade

- In March, Ms. Gearhart's classes will begin a listening journal incorporating: instrument families and musical styles.
- Ms. Gearhart's 4th graders will begin a unit on the Soprano Recorder in late March. **If your child is in Mrs. Austin's or Mr. Miller's class AND they need to purchase a recorder, please login to School Cash Online.**
- Mrs. Slick's classes will continue with their dynamics unit and start our ukulele unit.

5th Grade

- In March, Ms. Gearhart's classes will begin a listening journal incorporating: instrument families, musical styles, major and minor tonalities, and musical form.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will finish our dynamic unit and then move onto our Orchestra family unit.

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Musically yours,
Ms. Gearhart and Mrs. Slick

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P.E.

P.E. Updates

Students have done a fantastic job the last couple weeks with Magic Club! Here is a link to access the skills PPT that the students have been working on if they want to continue to practice at home!

We are having a lot of students not wearing proper footwear to P.E. Class.



Please ensure when your students have P.E, they are not wearing crocs, boots with heels, or any other shoe that is not meant for physical activity.

Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade

Introduction to Jump Rope

- Students will learn the basic steps on how to Jump Rope.
- Students will practice Jump Rope skills using Skip it's, regular and long ropes, as well as Hula-Hoops
- Students will identify parts of the body that get stronger as a result of jumping rope.

Striking with Hands

- Students will learn to strike an object with their hands. This could include balloons, volleyballs, or beach balls.
- Students will strike the objects with various parts of their hands. This includes palms, fingers, back of hand, wrist, etc.

3rd Grade, 4th Grade and 5th Grade

Jump Rope

- Students will participate in a new version of Jump Rope called " Jump Rope Ninja."
- Students will practice with normal size ropes for individual jumping, as well as long rope jumping with partners.
- Students will make connections with jumping rope and cardiorespiratory endurance.

Volleyball

- Students will work on volleyball skills including the bump, set, serve and spike.
- Students will participate in small sided games to practice volleyball skills.
- Students will be introduced to net games.

PreK and Learning for Life

- Students will continue to work on the Young Athletes Program.
- Students will begin experiential learning with Jump Roping skills. This includes individual and partner activities.

Stay active!

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

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