

Specials Team Monthly Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE/TIME	DETAILS/LINKS
Evening of the Arts	May 8th starting at 6pm for 2nd and 3rd graders	Information will be sent home later this month
2nd & 3rd grade Chorus *2nd grade Rehearsals	Thursday, April 11th & April 25th 8:00-8:30am	Last rehearsal Thursday, April 25th
2nd & 3rd grade Chorus *3rd grade Rehearsals	Thursday, April 18th & May 2nd 8:00-8:30am	Last rehearsal Thursday, May 2nd

FCPS 5th grade Honors Chorus Concert	Weinberg Theatre @ 7pm	FCPS EVPA Event
4th & 5th grade Chorus Rehearsals	Wednesdays from 8:00-8:30am	*Last rehearsal Wednesday, May 8th
Kindergarten PTA Performance	Tuesday, May 21st @ 6:30pm	Permission Slip

CURRICULUM UPDATES

ART



Art Updates

L4L

- Students will create a work of art using symmetrical balance.
- 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 practice using overlapping to add interest to their artwork.

1st Grade

- Students will review the colors families primary, secondary, warm, and cool.
- Students will create a seasonal landscape.
- 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 learn about the art element of balance.
- Students will learn about symmetry and asymmetry in art.

3rd Grade

- Students will learn about the art subject matter still life.
- Students will continue identifying and creating a focal point in their works of art.
- Students will create a work of art using 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 create artwork inspired by the artist M.C. Escher.

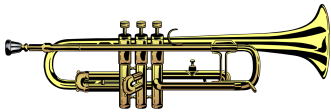
5th Grade

- 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.

***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. Students wear white shirts, black pants (no skirts, dresses, or shorts), black socks, completely black shoes. Just the black socks can be worn on stage if completely black shoes are not available. Please do not buy black shoes solely for the concerts.

Band and Strings students will also perform for their teachers and fellow students at TRES on Thursday, May 9 at 2:00 p.m. They should wear their white and black concert clothes on this day.

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

Hi Families,
I cannot believe we are in the fourth quarter of our school year. This year is flying by! April is going to be a wonderful month in the Media Center. Take a look at what we have planned.

Kindergarten-Fifth Grade

- April is World Autism month. We will learn more about Autism and the people in our world who have been impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

- April is also National Poetry Month. We will read different forms of poetry. We will discuss how poetry impacts our thoughts and feelings. We will create our own poems.

Kindergarten-Second Grade

- We will continue learning about various authors and illustrators and continue to enjoy their books.
- We will learn more from nonfiction print and digital resources. We will practice taking notes.

Third Grade- Fifth Grade

- We will use wordart.com to make our own word clouds for National Poetry Month.
- We will discuss creating healthy habits when using technology.
- We will create a works cited page and discuss why it is important to give credit to our sources when conducting research.

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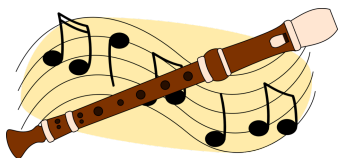
Did you know you are able to access our entire library catalog at home on the Media webpage? Please make sure your child is first logged into their FCPS account. Directions on how to do that are located on the Media webpage at <https://edu.fcps.org/tres/media>. To access the library catalog select either 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 April, students will sing, dance, and play a variety of classroom instruments.

Kindergarten

- In April, Ms. Gearhart's classes will begin a unit on the Science of Sound
- Mrs. Slick's classes will explore environmental sounds and playing the xylophone.

1st Grade

- In April, Ms. Gearhart's classes will continue a unit on rhythm.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will continue our unit on how to categorize percussion instruments into 3 categories- hit, shake, and scrape with instrument playing.

2nd Grade

- In April, Ms. Gearhart's classes will complete a unit on the Classroom Instrument Families: wood, metal, shaker, scrape, and membranes. Students will be taking home the instruments we have created throughout this unit.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will be exploring classroom instrument families through playing instruments. We will also explore musical forms through movement, singing, and playing instruments.

3rd Grade

- In April, Ms. Gearhart's classes will complete a unit on the Orchestra Instrument Families: string, brass, woodwind, and percussion. Students will also begin a unit on the Soprano Recorder.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will dive into instruments of the orchestra. At the end of April, we will start our recorder unit.

4th Grade

- In April, Ms. Gearhart's classes will begin as a unit on the Soprano Recorder.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will start our ukulele unit.

5th Grade

- In April, Ms. Gearhart's classes will begin a unit on acoustic and electric guitar.
- Mrs. Slick's classes will explore different styles of music as well as musical form.

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Musically yours,
Mrs. Slick and Ms. Gearhart

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P.E.



P.E. Updates

From this point forward, we could go outside any day we have P.E.! Please wear proper footwear so students do not get injured. Please do not wear Crocs!

Field Day Shirt ordering opens up on Monday 4/8. Please consider buying one! Here is the link!

<https://twinridge24.itemorder.com>

Field Day Volunteers!

We will be sending out the sign up form soon! Please be on the lookout! Field Day is on Friday May 24, with a rain date of Friday May 31.

Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade

Outdoor Stations and Skills

- This will be a review unit of skills learned throughout the year, as well as a way to prepare our younger students for Field Day.

3rd Grade, 4th Grade and 5th Grade

Track and Field

- Students will participate in a variety of events including sprints, distance runs, shot put and long jump.
- Students who qualify will be invited to participate in the Hugh B. Nolan Track Meet in May!

Fitness Testing

- Push Up Test (Muscular Strength)
- Curl Up Test (Muscular Endurance)
- Sit and Reach Test (Flexibility)
- PACER Test (Cardio-respiratory Endurance)

Mini Golf and Diamond Sports (Baseball, Softball and Kickball)

- Striking with long handled implements
- Kicking
- Offensive and Defensive Strategies

PreK and Learning for Life

Students will continue to practice skills for the Young Athletes Field Day at Urbana High School (L4L), and the Young Athletes Field Day at TRES (PreK and L4L).

L4L Students will push into General Education specials and practice Track and Field Events for the Hugh B. Nolan Track Meet in May!

Stay active!

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

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