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ROTATIONS

April Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- JH Art Club last day 5/8
- 4 - 5 Drama Club started March 17th
- K-3 Library books are due May 6
- Honda Art Show May 12 6-7:30 PM
- 4th grade library books are due 5/20
- SAVE THE DATE:
- **Peter Pan JR** Auditions May 18, 19, 20

ROTATIONS REMINDERS

- Make sure your devices are charged every night at home
- Headphones are required to have AT SCHOOL
- Check your email for reminders about library books.
- SEL- Homework - Write 2 safe adults (in home and out of home) sign and return.

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Check out what's going on in each class below!

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ART — Ms. Spector & Mrs. Vance

KINDERGARTEN - Kindergartners are learning about printmaking. They are making prints of the Earth and drawing space backgrounds.

1st GRADE - First grade just finished making Snow Cone collages and they are putting them on Artsonia this week. The next project is TBD.

2nd GRADE - Second graders are working hard on their Pinata collages. They are learning to fringe and layer paper.

3rd GRADE - Students just wrapped up their clay unit. They will be bringing home their bowls soon. They are very excited to use them. They are food safe and dishwasher safe but I don't recommend eating cereal in them as milk can leech into the clay since it is low fire clay and not more food-grade high fire clay. Self portraits will be coming home soon too as we are emptying out the art room in preparation for our Honda Art Show and end of year projects. 3rd Grade will finish with their jungle cats inspired by Henri Rousseau

4th GRADE - Students just completed their foil relief sculptures. They really enjoyed this project because everyone's is so different and the concept is pretty simple which makes for a high success rate. A few of these will be chosen for the Honda Art show and the rest will be coming home soon! We will finish the year working on our weaving looms and they are VERY excited about that since it's been a month since we completed the clay portion.

5th GRADE - Students are wrapping up their Op Art cones (Optical Illusion Art). There are so many different color combos and patterns to make them all look so different and I'm excited to put these up as the last project to go on display this year! All other artwork is coming home soon. My hope is that they carry the art so they don't fold or smash it into their backpacks! 5th Grade will finish the year with a favorite medium - Scratch Art!

6th GRADE - Rotation 5 is moving right along. They have completed their clay unit and printmaking unit and we are moving on to the drawing and painting intensive units.

7th & 8th GRADE - Ceramics students are having a blast creating clay sculptures and functional items. There are zero grades in the gradebook because it takes a long time to develop a clay project (Design, Create Dry, More Creating, Drying again, Firing, & Glazing). We are trying to get all of the wet clay completed before we run out of physical time so glazing is taking a backseat while we do that.

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RECENT ARTSONIA SUBMISSIONS AT OGS

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DRAMA — Ms. Ludington

KINDERGARTEN students just began a unit inspired by the classic tale Little Red Riding Hood. This week they are pretending to be Little Red and a parent. next week they will do scenes between the wolf and Little Red:)

2nd GRADE students are continuing to act out the story of Peter Pan. Hook's plan to feed the Lost Ones poisoned cake was foiled by the logic of Wendy. Hook has not given up, and his next plan will be even more fun to act out.

4th GRADE students have picked their groups and are brainstorming as they start an extensive unit in which they will write their own trickster tale plays set in Illinois.

6th GRADE Rotation Number Five is underway. This is a new batch of studetns so once again we are starting with the characters Pantalone and Dottore for their first major acting assignment after playing theater games and doing scenes with almost no dialogue the first few weeks of Rotation Five.

7th Grade Acting students completed a performance for Kindergarten and Early Childhood students. Teams of 7th Graders went into the elementary classrooms to perform the classic tale Three Billy Goats Gruff which the Kindergarteners have been studying in Drama Class. It was a wonderful tie in for our little learners.

8th Grade Improv- We have been focusing on the basic guidelines of Improv and playing some classic improv games. We will be working on creating two live performances in the weeks to come.

Enjoy all the pictures on the next page of Drama Students in Action !!!

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Drama Pictures. Ms. Ludington

Kindergarten

4th Grade

8th Grade

2nd Grade

Kindergarten

4th Grade

6th Grade

2nd Grade

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LIBRARY Mrs. Rappaport & Mrs. Osterman

Kindergarten: We are learning about Earth Day, Poetry, STEM, Personal Narrative, Main Characters

1st grade: We are learning about Earth Day, Poetry, STEM, Fables, Color Poems, how to unplug

2nd grade: We are learning about Earth Day, Poetry, STEM, Legends, Trickster Tales, Pourquoi Tales

3rd grade: We are learning about Tall Tales, Mythology, Folktales, and the new Bluestem Nominees

4th grade: We are learning Earth Day, Digital Literacy skills, STEM Narrative Nonfiction, nonfiction text features, Plagiarism. Students will check out a book from the JH Library.

5th grade: Students will be checking out chapter books for their monthly ELA book projects. We will continue to cover topics in digital, information and media literacy.

6th grade: Students frequently visit the library to checkout books. We will continue to cover topics in digital, information and media literacy.

7th grade: Students come to the library to check out books for their one-pager projects. We will continue to cover topics in digital, information and media literacy.

8th grade: Students check out new books and write book reviews. We will continue to cover topics in digital, information and media literacy.

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S.E.L. — Mrs. Kiefer

APRIL~ SEL FOCUS: PROBLEM SOLVING K-5

We are having fun learning about how to be problem solvers! We are acting out the problem solving steps. The older grades are writing out solutions and solving OGS problems!

Multicultural Fair

Multicultural Day Fair is coming May 16th from 3:00-4:30 PM! Please come and share your culture! We provide the table, the board for you to decorate and you choose whaty ou want to share! We provide the stamps for the passports as well! **Sign Up Here!**

Kindegarten ~ Brazil
First Grade ~ Poland
Second Grade ~ China
Third Grade ~ India
Fourth Grade ~ Nigeria
Fifth Grade ~ Peru

NEW

SIGN UP TO TRY FOODS FROM AROUND THE WORLD SERVED DURING LUNCH!
FEATURING DESSERTS FROM POLAND, ITALY, INDIA AND RUSSIA!
YUM!

April Books/Folktales We've Read

Kindergarten ~ The Dancing Turtle ~ Brazil
First Grade ~ The Frog Bride ~ Poland
Second Grade ~ The Seven Chinese Brothers ~ China

May Focus

Fun Wrap up with Games, Problem Solving Activities and the School Store!

5th Graders are working on making a kindness project to celebrating the end of our SEL time with Mrs. Kiefer and as a rotation!

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MULTICULTURAL DAY LESSONS & OTHER FUN SEL ACTIVITIES

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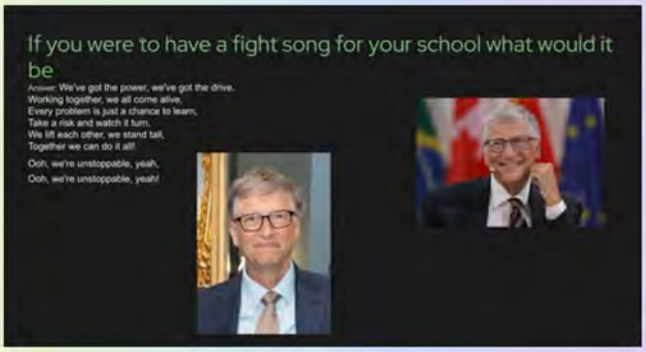
MEDIA ARTS — Dr. Meltzer

6th Grade-Media Arts: We finished up or 4th rotation with some impressive "Virtual Vacations." Using Adobe Express, we are able to create out-of-this-world backgrounds. Now in the 5th rotation, we are quickly learning the power of layers in Photoshop.

7th Grade-Programming/Multimedia: The Programming classes ended with a fun project where we used AI to "interview" famous computer scientists, alive or not. Now, in the new Multimedia class, we have created short movies and added diegetic and non-diegetics sounds to silent movies.

8th Grade-Digital Production/Filmmaking: In Q3 - we finished up by creating our own TV show introductions and learning the challenges of live multi-camera recording. Now, in Q4, we created animated GIFs of us imitating super hero landings. We are in the process of recording and editing full scenes that take place in 3 locations.



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MUSIC Grades K, 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 8th — Mr. Farris

Kindergarten - Kindergarten has been having so much fun singing in music class! One song that they have been especially fond of is 'The class came back' and they think you'll love it, too!

1st Grade - First grade did an amazing job on their concert on April 16th! They sang and performed so well! We are now working on creating our own music using GarageBand.

2nd Grade - Second grade did an amazing job on their concert on April 2nd! They sang and performed on BoomWhackers so well! We are now working on composing our own music using GarageBand.

5th Grade - The students are going to get the chance to sing along on microphones while the rest of the class performs the background music on Ukuleles, just like a real band!

6th Grade - This group has been working very hard on learning the guitar so they are moving quickly! We already know 5 chords and can play a bunch of fun songs.

8th Grade -8th Grade is working on creating podcasts in groups. Their groups have chosen a topic and a style of podcast and now they are working on planning the delivery of the content. We have started recording and it's going great!

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MUSIC Grades 3rd, 4th, 7th Mr. Frankowski, Mr. Jones

3rd Grade: 3rd graders did a fabulous job at their concert! After catching up on achievement stickers, recorders go home and stay home. We will be exploring different instruments and working on different rhythms to finish up the year.

4th Grade: 4th graders have been working on making their initial sounds on their clarinets. We will continue working on exploring those instruments in addition to starting our discussion about the Beginning Band for next year.

7th Grade: Students in the guitar class are learning how to flat pick melodies to famous songs, and strum the chords to accompany each other in duet style.

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Pictures from the Symphonic and Jazz Concert

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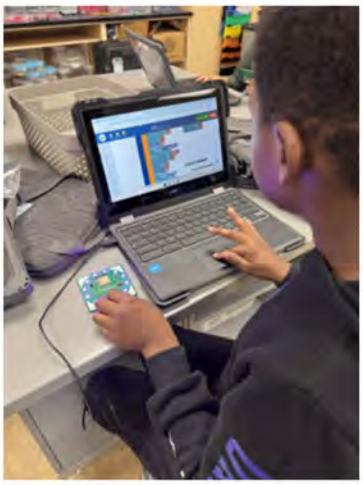
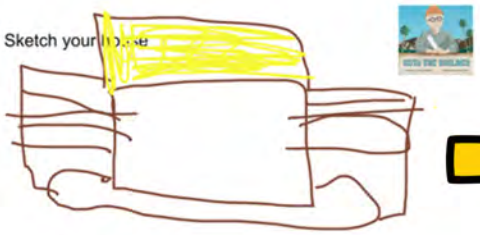
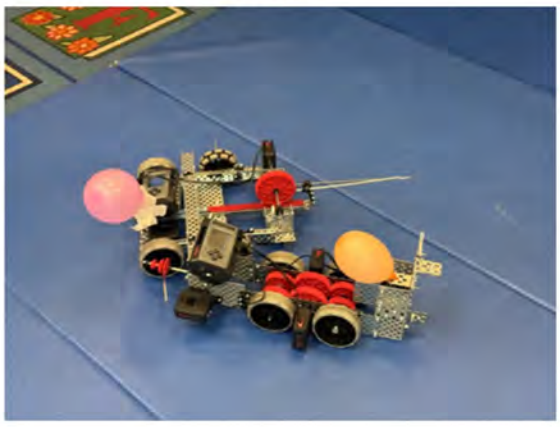
STEM — Mr. Henneberry



3rd Grade Code Engineers working on their own creations on their Launchpads!

1st graders building their own houses, from idea to prototype



Pool play in the Balloon Bot tournament has begun in 8th grade.