

ROTATIONS

November Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov. 17-19 : K-5 Scholastic Book Fair
Nov. 19th : Band Concert at LHS
Nov. 19th : Feeder School Art Show at LHS
Nov. 19th : Design a Bookmark Contest
Winners announced by Cook Library
Dec. 11th: Choir Concert at 6:30 pm
Dec. 11th Improv Club Family Sharing 7:15pm

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

Ms. McClanahan is still with us this month. She is a student teacher from the University of Illinois and will be under Mrs. Vance's guidance. She is now teaching most of the grades 3-8 art classes.

KINDERGARTEN - Kindergarten finished their pumpkin paintings and just enjoyed their first art party! Next they will be learning about line quality and designing their own mittens.

1st GRADE - 1st graders are learning about Henri Rousseau and drawing tropical birds. In the next steps of this project they will be learning about foreground, middle ground and background and drawing tropical plants from observation.

2nd GRADE - 2nd grade is learning about Dia De Los Muertos and creating guitar collages. They are currently creating the background for their guitars by folding their painted paper and printing it to be symmetrical. Next they will create a guitar collage by cutting symmetrical shapes of construction paper and adding symmetrical designs.

3rd GRADE - Third graders are wrapping up their monsters in a jar where they got to be creative and create their own monster and color them with colored pencils. They learned how to draw a glass jar and they cut and pasted their monster into their jar. Next up, students will begin their Norval Morrisseau inspired animal collages, where they will layer multicolored paper overtop an animal silhouette.

4th GRADE - Fourth Graders just wrapped up their Yayoi Kusama inspired pumpkin compositions. They are so colorful and fun and all look awesome hanging in the halls. Take a look while you are here for conferences next week! Next up, students will begin their illustrated animal paperchains. Students will create a stencil to make their paperchain and illustrate each cutout differently.

5th Grade - Fifth Graders are working on their 1-point perspective museum hallways. They have completed the line and ink portion of the project and are moving forward with the creative portion-- deciding what kind of museum they are putting behind the glass walls and drawing their items so that they are bigger closer to the viewer and smaller as they recede to the back.

6th Grade - Rotation 2 has completed their stippling animals drawing assignment and their collagraph printmaking unit with inspiration from Henri Matisse. We just finished the wet clay portion of their ceramics unit, creating pinch pot monsters and now we wait for them to dry and be fired so that they can glaze them before Thanksgiving break. While we wait for them to dry, students are resuming their self-portrait caricatures-- learning about the proportions of the face and making them representative of themselves!

7th Grade - Quarter 2 Graphic Designers have been focusing on the Adobe Illustrator software learning all about vector-based imagery and creating a logo for themselves and their own custom drawn playing card. We will be shifting to Photoshop where students will be creating a parody poster as well as doing some theme based digital photography and photo editing. Before winter break we will be using iPads and Procreate to learn more about digital drawing and painting.

8th Grade - Quarter 2 Graphic Designers are working on the same projects as our 7th graders, please see above. Our Q2 Mixed Media students just completed their multi-color reduction printmaking unit creating some awesome pieces! We are now moving on to Copper Tooling, carving designs for a flat relief sculpture.

MAKE SURE YOU ARE CHECKING YOUR STUDENT'S [ARTSONIA](#) ACCOUNTS TO SEE OUR AMAZING OGS ARTWORK!

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DRAMA

Ms. Ludington

KINDERGARTEN students are doing drama activities inspired by "Where the Wild Things Are." We have been the ocean, forest and Max. Classes are currently having a monster photo shoot and will learn a monster dance soon.

2nd GRADE drama students have started a new unit about a dog named Arthur. when his birthday cake stolen, he must become a detective. The kids will take turns creating questions and improvising answers for each of the animal suspects using their imaginations and animal facts they learn in class.

4th GRADE actors have reached the satisfying conclusion of Baba Yaga. We will begin acting out a classic African folktale called "How Anansi Brought the Stories Down" after Thanksgiving Break.

6th Grade Rotation 2 is well underway. Drama students completed their two person scenes featuring Arlecchino, Dottore, Flavio, Capitano and Pantalone. Students will begin planning their final scene next week.

7th Grade Acting students completed their monologue auditions and will soon receive their roles for "Me Too Iguana" and "Turtle Throws a Tantrum" which they will perform for 3rd grade students in the weeks to come.

8th Grade Musical Theater students are hard at work learning all of the songs from Shrek JR, trying on costumes and highlighting their scripts.



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LIBRARY Mrs. Rappaport & Mrs. Osterman

Kindergarten: We are reading the Monarch 2026 Monarch Book Nominees, learning about internet safety, prediction, character traits, characters, and settings, and talking about the Scholastic book fair.

1st grade: We are reading the Monarch 2026 Monarch Book Nominees, learning about ABC order, the elements of a story, internet safety, book characters, Fiction vs. Nonfiction, and talking about the Scholastic book fair.

2nd grade: We are reading the Monarch 2026 Monarch Book Nominees, learning about internet safety, ABC order, inferences, character traits, chapter book series, talking about the Scholastic book fair, and we did a STEM Activity.

3rd grade: We are reading the Monarch 2026 Monarch Book Nominees and some of the Bluestem Nominees, book location using a call number, character traits, search engine vs database, and talking about the Scholastic book fair.

4th grade: We are reading some of the 2026 Bluestem Nominees, book location using a call number, a nonfiction scavenger hunt, internet safety, talking about the Scholastic book fair, and a STEM activity.

5th grade: We have been learning the history of I Spy, Where's Waldo?, and Spot the Difference books. All 5th graders are also reading a Fantasy book for their ELA class during November and December.

6th grade: The 6th grade students have been visiting the library every Friday with their ELA class. This is an opportunity to check out books and read.

7th grade: Recently every 7th grader came to the library with their ELA class to check out new books for their November/December One Pager assignment.

8th grade: The 8th graders checked out new books and wrote book reviews about their independent reading books in the OGS Library Catalog.

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MEDIA ARTS

Dr. Meltzer

6th Grade-Media Arts: Our 2nd rotation is off to a flying start. We just completed our Photoshop unit where students used this professional software for two projects: "Painting" and "Travel Postcard." Students learned about the power of layers in digital graphic design. We are now learning about computer code and creating our own interactive sprites.

7th Grade-Multimedia: This quarter finished up by learning about different microphones types and pick-up patterns. We then recorded our own Foley sounds such as crunching wax paper to sound like fire or using cups to sound like a horse running.

7th Grade-Programming: This quarter started by using coding to create musical composition. We are now learning how to draw and animate using JavaScript.

8th Grade- Filmmaking: We finished up the quarter by creating our own music videos. We were able to take advantage of great weather to lip-sync outside.

8th Grade-Digital Production: 2nd quarter started by making animated GIFs about our hobbies using Adobe Express. We are now writing and recording our own commercials with an understanding of camera angles and a director's eye.



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MUSIC Grades K, 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 8th

Mr. Farris

Kindergarten: We loved getting to experience our first Veteran's day celebration at Oak Grove. Learning the 'Thank you Soldiers' song is a tradition that was important to the students and they took it very seriously.

1st Grade: It's November so that means Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving in the music room! First grade was so excited to be invited to the Veterans Day Ceremony and they were thrilled to be able to sing 'Thank You Soldiers' with the rest of the students. They did such a great job and added so much to the ceremony! Now we're learning a song called 'I like Thanksgiving!'

2nd Grade: Veterans Day is an exciting day that many of the second graders looked forward to because they get to lead the 'Thank You Soldiers' song in the ceremony. Of all the grades they always sing it the most passionately so I we put 2nd grade in the center of the bleachers so they can lead the song. They did such a beautiful job singing the song with the rest of the students. With the whole school singing, I imagine the Veterans felt our gratitude.

5th Grade: We know the 'big 4' Ukulele chords (C, G, Am, F) and now we can play so many songs! We've been playing songs like 'I'm Yours', 'Counting Stars', 'Roar', and 'Shake it off'. The students love getting to play Ukulele and it's just going to get more fun as they get more comfortable!

6th Grade: Learning a new instrument is hard and there is a slow learning curve. We have now begun our upward trajectory and the new guitar students are sounding so good! We learned to tune our guitars using digital tuners and the students are more independent every day.

8th Grade: The 8th grade vocals class and the Junior High Choir had a great time singing at the LHS choral festival with Rondout and Highland's singers. They were able to see how much the high school students love being involved in the choir program and I hope they follow their lead and join them next year. Now it's on to Shrek Jr. musical rehearsals!

OGS @ THE LHS CHOIR FESTIVAL!



Mr. Farris and all of Oak Grove's singers past and present!



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

3rd Grade: 3rd graders are off to the races with their recorders. Most have begun checking off Hot Cross Buns and are nailing their first 3 notes. To come is Au Claire De La Lune and Mary Had a Little Lamb.

4th Grade: Students did a fabulous job for their first drum pad and sticking assessment! We have begun working on eighth notes and the differences between them and quarters. Our next skill to practice is listen to a rhythm and writing it out!

7th Grade: Students in the new rotation have learned the six strings of the guitar and the first eight frets, allowing them to play simple melodies. They have reviewed the first four chords and are now learning additional chords to expand their skills. This will help them play more complex songs and explore different strumming patterns.

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STEM

Mr. Henneberry



6th Grade Design & Modeling Foot Orthosis Prototypes

Up Next 3D design and
printing



3rd Grade Matatalab Lab Creating and Coding

Up Next TinkRworks
Luanchpads



8th Grade Automation Basics

Up Next
Prototype Design



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S.E.L.

Mrs. Kiefer

November SEL Focus: Empathy

This month, K-5 students practiced having respectful conversations about new foods.

K-4: Drew foods special to their families.

Grade 5: Used Google Slides to share foods they enjoy, dislike, or can't eat.

We talked about how words and tone can affect others' feelings and practiced asking kind questions, like: Is that spicy? Do you cook it at home? What are the ingredients?

BOOKS WE READ:

K: Yoko - Rosemary Wells

1st: The Sandwich Swap - Queen Rania Abdullah

2nd: A Yummy Lunch- Mercer Mayer; Manners in the Lunchroom-Amanda Doering Tourville

3rd: The Peanut-Free Café- Gloria Koster

4th: This Is How We Do It-Matt Lamothe

5th: The Barefoot Book of Children-Tessa Strickland, Kate DePalma

Home Connection:

At meals, practice asking kind questions about new foods!

Key messages include:

We also practiced using a kind tone and noticing how our voice, face, and body show feelings-connecting to our lesson: **It's not just what you say, it's also how you say it.**

November/December Focus:

Emotion Management

K-Identifying Feelings

1-Noticing Others Feelings

2-Strategies to change feelings

3-Identifying levels of emotions

4-Brain's Logic Center Vs. Emotional Thinking, Levels of similar emotions

5- Identifying stressors, stress symptoms and ways to prevent/manage stress

December Acts of Kindness

K-5 will participate in acts of kindness for all those who help make Oak Grove a special place! Students will also perform acts of kindness for each other!

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