

ROTATIONS

March Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Grades 2-5 Art Clubs are active now!
- JH Art Club has resumed!
- 4 - 5 Drama Club started March 17th
- **SAVE THE DATE:**
 - April 2 - 2nd Grade Open House
 - April 16 - 1st Grade Open House
 - April 23 - 3rd Grade Open House

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 to control their paintbrush to make thick and thin lines. They used lines and rectangles to paint the Willis tower and will learn to create texture for the background.

1st GRADE - First grade just finished their winter tree landscapes. They mixed colors and learned about organic shapes. Watch for their finished work on Artsonia.

2nd GRADE - Second graders are learning about repetition. They are making colorful line paintings inspired by the Australian artist Sheree Smith.

3rd GRADE - Students are wrapping up their self-portraits and they are so excited to see them coming together. All of the self portraits will be on display at 3rd Grade Open House in April. After the portraits are complete we will make our textured ceramic bowls! The kids are VERY excited for their clay unit.

4th GRADE - Students just completed their clay weaving looms. We will learn how to weave in a circular pattern with those looms. We will stay in the 3D world with our next unit, working with cardboard and tinfoil to make a relief sculpture.

5th Grade - Students just finished up their kaleidoscope designs and they are so colorful and super unique. They are on display outside of the art room if you are in the building and able to take a look! We created our pinch pot animal planters before spring break. We still have to glaze them to make them "plant-safe".

6th Grade - Rotation 4 is wrapping up soon and we completed our pinch pot monsters before spring break. We are now working on our stippling (dot) animals and we will also be glazing our monsters to finish the rotation.

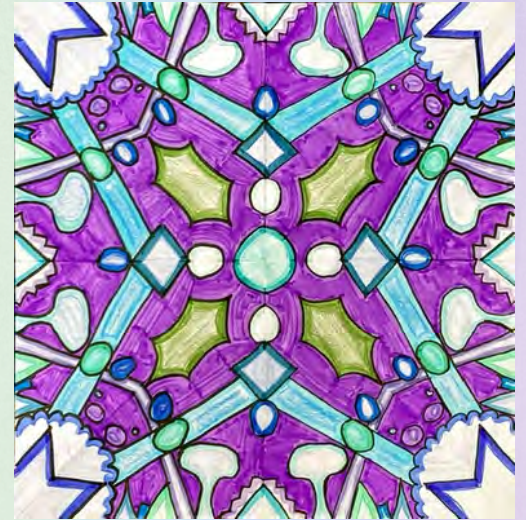
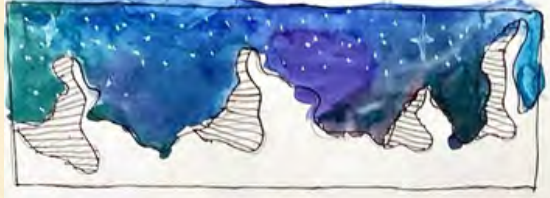
7th Grade - Mixed Media students wrapped up their quarter with a choice project. We have woven wall hangings, needle felting landscapes and copper tooling reliefs happening. We finish the year with Ceramics in the art room and I know those quarter 4 students are very excited to get started!

8th Grade - 4th Quarter ceramics starts now! 8th graders are very excited to be working with clay every day for the rest of the year. We are excited to show you all what they create by hand and on the pottery wheel.

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RECENT ARTSONIA SUBMISSIONS AT OGS



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DRAMA

Ms. Ludington

KINDERGARTEN students will finish their unit inspired by Three Billy Goats Gruff after Spring Break. They would love to act it with you. Start by saying, "Who's that tripping over my bridge." They will be your acting coach immediately:)

2nd GRADE students have been acting out a scene in which the Darling children meet Peter Pan. 2nd Graders had their first activity with a script and are all looking forward to flying to Neverland after break.

4th GRADE students have been enjoying acting out the Swedish Tale "Lindy and the Forest Giant." The kids added a lot of their own humor to our scenes which has been really fun.

6th GRADE Rotation Number Four has been exploring Commedia Dell'Arte Characters. We will begin our Il Dottore scene with four patients (Flavio, Pantalone, Capitano, and Arlecchino) after break.

7th Grade Director/Designer students completed their Directing Project. Many students shared during reflections that this was their favorite assignment this quarter because they had a lot of creative control and were able to use what they learned earlier in the quarter to complete the assignment.

8th Grade Musical Theater- After completing final reflections, the cast was split into three groups for the end of the quarter. The Drama Team created a wonderful performance for the entire 4th Grade. The cast members learned their blocking, picked costumes, and memorized their lines for this 11 minute performance in just over one week. It was impressive to watch them apply what they learned during Shrek JR to this smaller performance.

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Drama Pictures.

Ms. Ludington



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LIBRARY Mrs. Rappaport & Mrs. Osterman

Kindergarten: We are learning which 2026 Monarch Nominee won the stste book award. We will be learning what authors and illustrators do.

1st grade: We are learning which 2026 Monarch Nominee won the state book award. We will be reading and learning about poetry.

2nd grade: We are learning which 2026 Monarch Nominee won the state book award. We will be reading and learning about poetry.

3rd grade: We are learning which 2026 Monarch Nominee won the stste book award. We will be reading folktales

4th grade: We are learning which 2026 Bluestem and Caudill Nominees won the stste book award. We are continuing to learn about digital literacy.

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

6th grade: Students visit the library every Friday. We will be covering 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 be covering topics in digital, information and media literacy.

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

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S.E.L.

Mrs. Kiefer

UNITY IN ACTION: WRAPPING UP OUR BULLYING PREVENTION UNIT WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM AI

To conclude our unit on bullying prevention, students across all grades focused on the power of connection. Since those targeted by bullying are often isolated, we explored how becoming an active "Upstander" creates a safer environment for everyone.

Here is how our students put their learning into practice:

- **Kindergarten:** Our youngest learners became "Bystander Heroes!" They celebrated by writing, singing, and dancing to an original song about helping others.
- **1st Grade:** Collaborative groups worked together to create sections of our school mascot for a unique "Unity Poster."
- **2nd Grade:** Students used symbolism to design protective shields. Using AI, we transformed their chosen colors and animals into professional digital posters representing strength and kindness.
- **3rd & 4th Grade:** Students identified specific areas where they wanted more practice. We used AI-generated skits based on real-life scenarios, allowing students to role-play and build the confidence to intervene safely.
- **5th Grade:** Taking on a leadership role, 5th graders used Adobe tools to design professional advocacy posters. These will be displayed throughout the school as a lasting reminder of how to prevent bullying.

By turning lessons into songs, art, and action, our students aren't just learning about kindness—they're living it!

Calming Down Strategies

Kindergarten and 1st grade focused on buddy breaths this month. Often, when we have a problem we are sent to our room. They learned how to use a stuffed animal to place on their belly and do calming breaths.



April Focus Problem Solving

Say the Problem

Think of Solutions

Explore the Outcomes

Pick the Best Solution

May Focus

Multicultural Fair Lessons

Please consider hosting a booth at our Multicultural Fair on Saturday May 16th at 3:00 PM! We'd love to learn about a country and their culture that is special to you!

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CLASSROOM MASCOTS, SHIELDS AND MORE!



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MEDIA ARTS

Dr. Meltzer

6th Grade-Media Arts: We are right in the middle of our 4th Rotation of the year. We have upped our Photoshop skills by creating "Travel Postcards to Ancient Civilizations." We are now learning Coding by creating interactive activities at www.code.org.

7th Grade-Programming: This class has continued to learn different programming languages. We learned about conditional formatting and If/Then statements using Google Sheets. We also learned the basics of HTML/CSS using KhanAcademy. We then had AI generate more advanced code based on our prompts.

8th Grade-Digital Production: In Q3 - we learned how to tell different types of audio stories using just by adding music, sound effects, and ambience. We then used these skills to create group Podcasts. We then returned to video to create our own TV show introductions.



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2	4x4=	16												
3	5x5=	25												
4	6x6=	36												
5	7x7=	49												



would you look like as an italian brain rot?

question, Bill Gates was very confused at first, obviously because he grew up with social media. He was frustrated and refused to give an answer. He said that he would look like a mix of a computer and the microsoft colors, something like the image below.



By Bode

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

Mr. Farris

Kindergarten - With spring upon us, we learned a safety song called 'Stop, Look, and Listen' about street safety. We have also been working on our steady beat on Boomwhackers with songs like 'Best Day of My Life.'

1st Grade - The students are very excited for their first Oak Grove evening concert on April, 16th. The students will be dressed up and it's always a very adorable concert. We have been working on memorizing our songs and lyric pages for our songs will be coming home soon!

2nd Grade - We have picked our concert selections, including a new song called 'The Great Outdoors to me', and we are getting ready for our Open House and Concert on April, 2nd. We have been polishing and memorizing for our big night! It's going to be so much fun!

5th Grade - They say the best learning happens when the student becomes the teacher. The students are now requesting songs that they'd like to have the class learn. They are so excited to start guiding their own learning.

6th Grade - These students have begun working with the application 'Yousician'. It uses a microphone to tell them if they're playing guitar correctly. It's like a video game but you actually are playing an instrument. We have a couple more weeks and then we'll give a great performance to their friends during lunch.

8th Grade- It has been a few weeks since the cast of 'Shrek Jr.' performed and we've enjoyed having the time to learn some more about musical theatre. We sang some songs from another show as well as watched some Broadway performances.

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

3rd Grade: 3rd graders are continuing working on songs for their concert. They have been doing a great job of earning more achievement stickers. We will be in the home stretch of getting ready for our concert on April 23rd.

4th Grade: 4th graders are starting their clarinets after we return from spring break! They are so excited to start working with our new instruments.

7th Grade: Students in the guitar class are learning how to finger pick chords to accompany Adele, and using play-along TABs to flat-pick famous Folk-Rock hits using the minor scale.

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STEM

Mr. Henneberry

4th Graders having some after school fun with Robotics for All Club



8th Graders brought these ideas to life during the 3rd quarter.

