

ROTATIONS

October Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct 24th: 7th and 8th grade students attend 'Les Mis' at LHS

Oct. 28th: LHS Junior High Choral Festival (Daytime field trip, 7pm concert at LHS)

Nov. 19th : Feeder School Art Show at LHS

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
- 6,7,8 Drama Club is still accepting new members.
- Shrek Jr Cast list went up on Thursday, October 9th!!
- 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

We want to introduce and welcome Ms. McClanahan to the art room! She is a student teacher from the University of Illinois and will be under Mrs. Vance's guidance. She is going to be observing and teaching many of our classes for the next few months.

KINDERGARTEN - Kindergarten is working on color mixing. They are learning the primary colors and mixing the secondary colors.

1st GRADE - 1st graders are learning how to use Artsonia and creating self-portrait collages.

2nd GRADE - 2nd graders marbled paper, and are finishing up their roller skate collages.

3rd GRADE - Just finished a smaller sunflower drawing using chalk and oil pastels. We even got to work outside one day and enjoy the warm fall weather. We are moving on to a brand new assignment where the students will get to be creative and tell a bit of a story with their drawings! This lesson will be co-taught by my student teacher Ms. McClanahan (University of Illinois)

4th GRADE - is working on a multistep pumpkin-based project inspired by Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama. They have drawn and painted their pumpkins. Next we will cut them out, make a composition and create a background with oil pastels.

5th Grade - Just completed their 'Wonder' inspired self portraits. We are moving on to a more difficult concept in art-- Perspective drawing. They are going to be creating their own glass museum hallways and will get to decide what's behind the glass.

6th Grade - Rotation 1 just ended and we wrapped up with our clay pinch pot creatures. The 2nd rotation has begun and we are starting with 1:1 ratio, grid assisted drawing and stippling techniques.

7th Grade - Quarter 1 is coming to a close this week and we are wrapping up our watercolor mosaic unit. I am incredibly impressed with the work that has been done all quarter long. There is so much great artwork and I'm having a hard time picking out pieces for our art shows!

8th Grade - Quarter 1 is coming to a close this week and we are wrapping up our watercolor mosaic unit as well. If you have a chance to walk the halls of OGS soon, stop by the art room and see the amazing Charcoal Celebrity portraits that the 8th graders finished up a few weeks ago. They are fantastic and we have been told numerous times that this is the best overall group of celebrity projects. This group is also giving me a run for my money in making art show decisions!

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

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DRAMA

Ms. Ludington

KINDERGARTEN actors have been acting out the classic story of the Three Little Pigs. Every child has had a chance to be a pig, a wolf and the house. We also acted it out with puppets!

2nd GRADE drama students have begun acting out a story called The Adventure of 3 Rabbits. They have been using some of their puppet voice skills to create voices for the elderly characters in the story. They have their bodies to become jars and rabbits.

4th GRADE actors took turns playing the scary witch Baba Yaga using their voices, bodies and preplanned dialogue. They also did a hilarious scene pretending to be talking frogs from the same story.

6th Grade drama students completed their final five person Commedia Dell'Arte Scene this week featuring Arlecchino, Dottore, Flavio, Capitano and Pantalone.

7th Grade Content Creator students are beginning to rehearse their final performance which will be entitled Truth or Lie for their 4th Grade audience and Pretend or Real for their 1st Grade audience..

8th Grade Shakespeare students have started their prop and costume design unit and are busy blocking and rehearsing a fight scene between Hermia and Helena from Midsummer Night's Dream.



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LIBRARY

Mrs. Rappaport & Mrs. Osterman

Kindergarten: We have been learning about the Cook Library Bookmark Contest, Author vs Illustrator, ABC order, and we did our first STEM Activity.

1st grade: We have been learning about the Cook Library Bookmark Contest, choosing a "Just right" book, different areas of the library, and staying safe online.

2nd grade: We have been learning about the Cook Library Bookmark Contest, choosing a "Just right" book, ABC order, and we did a STEM Activity.

3rd grade: We have been learning about the Cook Library Bookmark Contest, choosing a "Just right" book, staying safe online, and searching the library catalog.

4th grade: We have been learning about the Cook Library Bookmark Contest, the Bluestem and Caudill Nominees, how to locate a book using the call number, and a STEM activity.

5th grade: The students have been learning about the different genres in our fiction section. All 5th grade students checked out a chapter book that they are expected to finish by the end of October for their ELA class.

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: Last week every 7th grader came to the library with their ELA class to check out new books for their October One Pager assignment.

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

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MEDIA ARTS

Dr. Meltzer

6th Grade-Media Arts: We finished up by learning computer programming at the code.org website. Then we turned on the creativity by creating a “virtual vacation video. We used Adobe Express to create the backgrounds and then used WeVideo to add greenscreen videos of ourselves. Out of this world!

7th Grade-Multimedia: We have had a busy month creating “Special Effects” movies and then switched to music composition where we created new rock beats using Drumbit. Next, we added our own diegetic and non-diegetic sounds to cartoons. (ask your students the difference!)

8th Grade- Filmmaking: We learned the art of ADR (automated dialogue replacement) where we re-recorded our voices after recording videos outside. Next we created our own “Greenscreen Adventures” by combining AI graphics and greenscreen technology. Finally, we created short animations using Keyframe technology



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

Mr. Farris

Kindergarten: Loves starting each class with a new Pigeon book and the students burst into song about how our 'Pigeon there is no way' song should go. We also love playing instruments and learning rhythms! We learned about high and low sounds playing our High C and Low C Boomwhackers to the song 'I can play High C'. We are loving to Read, Move, Sing, and Play in Kindergarten Music!

1st Grade: Has been welcoming fall in music class! We sang a song called 'I'm a little scarecrow' which had a glockenspiel accompaniment we performed while we sang the song! We also sang a funny song called 'I'm having a bad scare day!' about a vampire who couldn't scare anyone! We learned about Haydn's Surprise Symphony using a listening map and our Boomwhackers. The students loved the surprise!

2nd Grade: Has been loving the good fall vibes in the music room!

We played a percussion piece on rhythm sticks, hand drums, and tambourines called 'Freedom March'. We also learned about Vivaldi's Autumn movement from the Four Seasons concerto using Boomwhackers and even did a leaf themed scarf movement activity.



We also sang 'Spooky Night' a Halloween song that reminded us of Thriller!

5th Grade: Is loving the Ukuleles! Learning a new instrument is very challenging in the beginning but we've made it through the hard part! We now know 3 of the 'Big 4 Ukulele Chords': C, Am, and F. We are putting our new chords to work with many popular songs. We can't wait to learn more!

6th Grade: The first rotation guitar class performed a concert for their friends during lunch. It was a great way to end our rotation together. They really became such confident guitar players! I hope they continue to play on their own. A new rotation has just begun and these students are starting to get acquainted with their guitar!

8th Grade: The 8th grade vocals class is finishing their preparations for the LHS choral festival on Oct. 28th. They are really singing well! It will be great for the students to see how singing works at the high school level. I hope they sign up for choir next year!

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

3rd Grade: Recorder distribution has begun! Students are starting out with learning how to hold their instruments properly and making their first sounds. Over the coming weeks, recorders can start going home to practice after we learn our first couple notes.

4th Grade: Students are working on rhythm with our drum pads and sticks. We start out with proper stick grip and technique and gradually increase the amount of notes and rhythms we can play.

7th Grade: Guitar students are getting ready for their final performances. Half of them have chosen to record pop melodies by reading tablature along with pre-recorded accompaniments. The other half have teamed up and are preparing to sing and play accompaniment for children's songs for elementary students next week.

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S.E.L.

Mrs. Kiefer

October Bullying Prevention & Personal Safety

The past two weeks we have focused on recognizing, reporting and refusing bullying. We have learned about the power of being an upstander. The phrases we use most often are:

- "Stop — that's not kind."
- "I don't like that. Please stop."
- "That's not funny to me."
- "You can choose to be kind."
- "Let's do something else."
- "I'm walking away — I don't treat people like that."
- "That's not how we treat friends at our school."
- "Everyone deserves respect."
- "It's okay to be different."
- "You don't have to be mean to fit in."
- When reporting to an adult, we practiced saying: "I need help."

Erin's Law Focus by Grade Level

Over the next two weeks, students will explore how their brain is the most "Powerful Computer in the World!" They'll learn to trust their instincts, listen to their inner siren, and always go to a trusted adult if something feels uncomfortable.

🧠 "My body belongs to me."

👤 "Always ask permission before touching or hugging."

🚩 "Lures are tricks!"

Key messages include:

Older students (grades 3–5) will also learn about specific lures such as Assistance, Pet, Authority, Affection, and Emergency lures.



September Recap:

"Our first SEL unit wrapped up with lessons on positive self-talk, perseverance, overcoming roadblocks, and goal-setting! K-1 practiced using encouraging words when things felt hard, 2nd-3rd learned to make changes, try again, and ask for help, while 4th-5th set and tracked individual and team goals. We celebrated it all with a cup stacking challenge—planning, building, reflecting, making changes, and cheering each other on! #SEL #Perseverance #Teamwork #GoalSetting"

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STEM

Mr. Henneberry



1st & 3rd Graders

Engineering in 2D & 3D

