

ROTATIONS

September Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept 12- LHS Marching Festival for
7th & 8th grade band members

Sept 17- Deadline to sign-up for
Beginning Band

Oct 28- LHS Junior High Choral Festival:
Day trip and evening concert

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
- Improv Club starts Thursday, September 25th
- Information about Shrek Jr Callbacks will be emailed to students and parents soon.

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

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ART

Ms. Spector & Mrs. Vance

KINDERGARTEN- Kindergarten is learning that art takes time! They are creating a wax resist with crayons and tempa paint.

1st GRADE- 1st graders are creating self-portraits and learning about line quality.

2nd GRADE- 2nd graders are learning about symmetry and designing their own roller blades or skates.

3rd GRADE - is working on a colorful flower vase still life painting inspired by folk artist Kerri Ambrosino. She uses simple lines and shapes with bold color in her paintings. Our goal is to be confident in what we are drawing and painting but to create a large, colorful painting that we are proud of right at the start of the year!

4th GRADE - is working on their "Road Trip Landscapes". We talked about visual perspective and creating visual space by making things closer to us bigger and smaller as in goes away from us. We are using markers and a special technique to add a ton of color to our landscapes later on.

5th Grade - is working on their "Wonder" inspired self-portraits. We are focusing on using descriptive language to help us make our simplified portrait portray us, putting the emphasis away from our visual appearance and more on who we are on the inside.

6th Grade - started the rotation working on s new drawing technique. Students learned how to draw utilizing a little math with a grid system and are using a dotting technique (stippling) to add value/shading to their piece. Now, we are building our printmaking boards with a design-based project and we will press and print their designs with printmaking ink next.

7th Grade - started the quarter with brushing up on our observation skills. We drew a standard plastic cup and then decided to make a more formal or abstract composition with multiple drawn cups. Students were then able to choose their own style to colorize or shade their compositions.

8th Grade - started the quarter with some still-life drawing as well. 8th graders learned how to draw various bottles and jars and then got to choose which compositional style they wanted to display them in. After drawing everything in pencil first, they were able to choose a specific style or coloring/shading technique to apply to their entire project.

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DRAMA

Ms. Ludington

KINDERGARTEN actors have been pretending to be magical and real animals with their voices and bodies. They have also worked as a team to act out their first “play” including farmers, vegetable plants and a very respectful audience.

2nd GRADE drama students have been creating character voices and names as they act out brief scenes with plush hand puppets.

4th GRADE actors were introduced to the theatrical concept of object pantomime which they are using as they begin acting out their first story of the year, Baba Yaga.

6th Grade drama students have been playing team building drama games and completed their first team scene called “The Gum.” Students will complete their first partner scene later this week.

7th Grade Content Creator students are exploring different ways to generate and share original performances including storytelling, improvised scenes and story drama.

8th Grade Shakespeare students have listened to the entire 1st Act of Midsummer Night’s Dream and performed in several modern scenes inspired by the play to deepen their understanding.



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LIBRARY

Mrs. Rappaport & Mrs. Osterman

KINDERGARTEN- We are learning how to check out, take care of, and return books.

1st GRADE- We are learning about the variety of books available and how to take care of library books.

2nd GRADE- We are learning how to locate different types of books and how to take care of books.

3rd GRADE- We are learning about what books can teach us and how to take care of books. We are learning about the Bluestem award.

4th GRADE- We are learning what books are available in the library and where they are. We are learning about the Bluestem & Caudill awards.

5th GRADE - We are learning about the different genres in the JH library.

6th- 8th GRADE - All students have now visited the JH library during their ELA class and should have checked out at least one book! Students are welcome to stop by and checkout books with a pass from their teacher!

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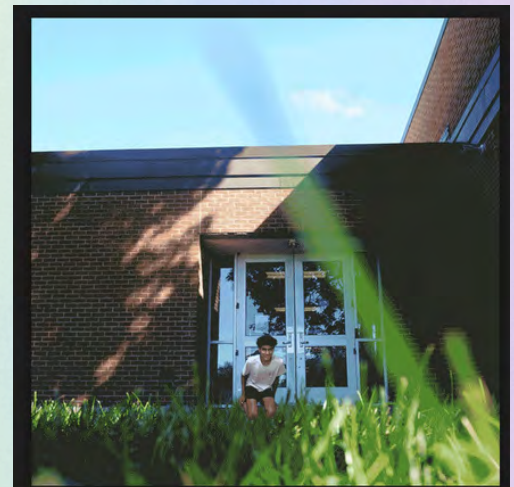
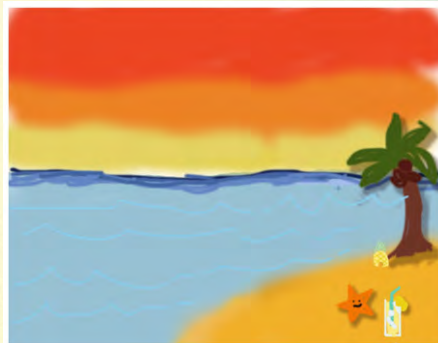
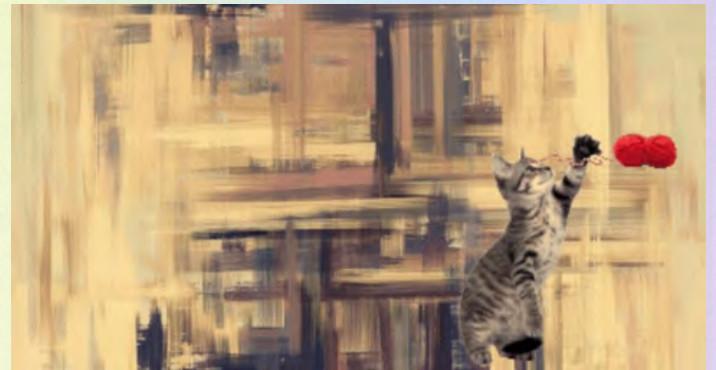
MEDIA ARTS

Dr. Meltzer

6th Grade—We are off to a good start by learning about graphic design using Google Drawing and Adobe Photoshop. We are learning the power of graphic layers as we paint fun scenes. We are currently learning about layer styles such as drop shadow and outer glow.

7th Grade—We started out by learning elements of video by creating animated GIFs using Adobe Express and Adobe Photoshop. They are two very powerful tools that are fun to use. We are now learning camera angles

8th Grade—We started learning about filmmaking by creating GIFs that use AI and greenscreen photos. We are now learning advanced filmmaking techniques such as framing, depth of field, and focus pulling.



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MUSIC: K, 1ST, 2ND, 5TH, 6TH, 8TH

Mr. Farris

KINDERGARTEN: It has been so great getting to know OG's newest musicians! We've been having a blast singing with our different Pigeon stories and we even got to try the BoomWhackers!!! We're having so much fun!

1st GRADE: It has been so nice welcoming the first graders back to the music room! We started off the year with a song called 'I like me' about positive self-talk and we're about to start a song called 'Otoño', a song with Spanish words about Fall. We also played the surfing song 'Wipe Out' on the Boomwhackers and Maracas.

2nd GRADE: The second graders have been so happy to be back in the music room! We have been working on a song called 'We're Back' and we're about to start our next song, 'Superhuman'. We also played the William Tell overture on Boomwhackers.

5th Grade: The fifth graders are having the time of their lives learning Ukulele. We learned 3 chords and we have been working on our 'Muscle memory'. They are starting to really sound great, I wish you could hear them!

6th Grade: The students are really getting confident at playing Guitar! We have learned a handful of chords and are putting them to work learning different songs.

8th Grade: Vocals class has been learning music for the LHS Junior High Choir Festival on October 28. We are so excited to sing with the students from Rondout, Highland, and LHS.



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MUSIC: 3RD . 4TH . 7TH Mr. Frankowski, Mr. Jones

3rd GRADE- It's been great meeting and getting to know your children during music class! We have started the year with a lot of movement and rhythms in preparation for our recorders. They will be arriving in early October.

4th GRADE- Students are learning about the instrument families- what characteristics instruments have in common within their families and how they make their sound.

7th Grade- Guitar students are making great progress this rotation! They are learning to pick out simple pop melodies by reading tablature, while also developing their ability to play chords with more complex strumming patterns. As part of their practice, students are preparing to sing and accompany children's songs, which they will share with elementary students later this quarter.

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S.E.L.

Mrs. Kiefer

K-5 SEL Summary

- We are excited to have our very own classroom for SEL! We start each day with a zone check in, green-calm/focused, yellow- nervous/excited, blue-sad/tired, red-angry/out of control.
- We play games that help us identify our feelings, manage our emotions and solve problems!
- All students K-3 took a trip to our buddy bench and learned how to find a friend on the playground when we are looking for someone to play with!

Grade Specific Goals

KINDERGARTEN - We are learning to focus, listen and use self-talk.

1st GRADE - How we ignore distractions and stay focused.

2nd GRADE- We are learning how to get better at things and how mistakes help us grow!

3rd GRADE- We are learning how practice creates stronger neuropathways making difficult tasks easier.

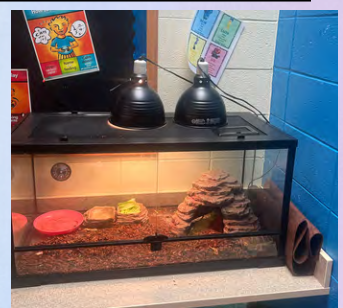
4th GRADE- We are learning how to make plan to accomplish group goals and learning to work together in a team. Our goals need to be specific, challenging and doable!

5th Grade- We are setting personal goals and making individual plans on how to achieve them.

Ask Your Child

How do we check in? How do we check out?

Pics below show our check out!



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STEM

Mr. Henneberry

6th Grade Prototypes



6th grade foot & ankle brace prototypes.

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1st Grade Engineers



1st Graders creating their own chain reactions.

7th Grade Straw Jets



7th Graders design, build and test their straw jets

**LAKE COUNTY
STEM FOR GIRLS**

Where? Lakes Community High School
1600 Ekle Wky, Lindenhurst, IL

When? October 25, 2025
(8:00-12:00)

Who? Middle School Girls
(Grades 6-8)

Middle school girls in Lake County are invited to an interactive exploration of Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math. Join us to be inspired by local women STEM professionals!

Register by October 18th!

Visit us @ lcstemforgirls.com
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