

# May 2022 “Specials” Newsletter

## Art

**Kindergarten-** Students will identify ideas that come from observation and create artwork to express ideas about animals. Students will identify ideas that come from observation and create artwork to express ideas about weather and seasons.

**1st Grade-** Students experiment with pattern (repetition, center of interest) in the creation of artworks and identify reasons why artists create artworks. Students apply their knowledge of art elements and design principles to express what they see, know, feel, and imagine. They identify reasons why artists create by studying artworks and other sources of information.

**2nd Grade-** Students study how artists respond to what they see, know, and feel and are inspired by the work of other artists to create artworks with personal meaning. Students interpret works of art as inspiration to express ideas visually and verbally about people, places, and events.

**3rd Grade-** Aesthetic standards are developed and used to critique artwork. Students explore the communication of ideas.

**4th Grade-** Students examine how advancements in technology have impacted artwork. Throughout the marking period, students will discuss the aesthetic qualities of artwork.

**5th Grade-** Students take a closer look at the role that innovation plays in the creation of art. This is another opportunity for students to study art of different times and places to develop new ideas for creating art.

Art Team:

Mr. Varno ([Michael\\_R\\_Varno@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Michael_R_Varno@mcpsmd.org))

Ms. Foust (part-time Art Teacher) ([amanda\\_foust@mcpsmd.org](mailto:amanda_foust@mcpsmd.org))



## Media

During the next several months students in grades K-5 will be learning about Digital Citizenship using the Common Sense Media curriculum. Common Sense is the nation's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of all kids and families by providing the trustworthy information, education, and independent voice they need to thrive in the 21st century.

Today's students are using chromebooks everyday for school, etc so it is important that they know how to use them appropriately. All students need digital citizenship skills to participate fully in their communities and make smart choices online and in life. Lessons will vary per grade level but will be about balancing media, being aware of one's digital footprint, knowing what information to keep private, cyberbullying: what it is and how to avoid it?, etc.

[Click here to access and review the Common Sense Family Media Agreement](#)

[Common Sense Digital Citizenship Resources for Family Engagement](#)

[Common Sense Media Articles - Parenting, Media, and Everything in Between](#)

Mrs. Savoy ([Lori\\_Savoy@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lori_Savoy@mcpsmd.org))



## Music

**K-2nd Grade:** Are utilizing vocal sounds and body percussion to improvise musical phrases to create class generated songs.

**3rd-5th Grade:** Are using the music software QuaverEd to compose their own songs.

**5th Grade-**Students will be preparing a song to perform at their promotion ceremony in June.

**The Burnt Mill Chorus** is preparing for the Instrumental/Chorus Spring Concert, in-school May 22.

Music team:

Mrs. Hughes (full-time General-Vocal Music, [amy\\_m\\_hughes@mcpsmd.org](mailto:amy_m_hughes@mcpsmd.org))

Ms. Griffin, ([christina\\_l\\_griffin2@mcpsmd.org](mailto:christina_l_griffin2@mcpsmd.org))

## Physical Education

**Pre-K- 2-** Students will learn about the components fitness and apply them to exercise routines.

**3rd-5th-** Students will go over the FITT principles and work on applying those principles to fitness testing goals and personal health related goals.

P. E. team:

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## Instrumental Music

Hello! My name is Mr. Levine and I am the new Instrumental Music teacher at Burnt Mills. This year we will have our lessons on Mondays. I am incredibly excited to begin working with 4th and 5th grade students and cannot wait for the start of lessons in early October. Please come visit my [virtual classroom](#) for more information :-)

Ready to sign-up for lessons now? Great, do so [here](#)

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