

Breaking News!

Specialist news will now be a monthly update. We hope this supports you in both gaining information and reducing the amount of items you have to read. Please let us know if you have comments or suggestions.

Art (updated 10/18/2021)

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G'Day to you!

It has been a pleasure to teach your children Q1 electives and to continue to teach your children Specials throughout the week.

Be on the "look-out" for more information regarding Q2 electives that start this week.

We have:-

Puppetry 4,5

Behind the Scenes: Sets and Costumes 3,4,5,

Printmaking 2,3

Shape of Things k,1

Animals in Art 1,2

*Please scroll down for some items from my **wishlist**.

Wishlist items for the art room:

Clorox wipes, paper towels, baby wipes, styrofoam meat trays, (please wash in the upper rack of dishwasher) non-coated paper plates, google eyes, glitter glue, ribbon, tulle, glitter, water jugs, **styrofoam egg cartons,** large yogurt containers with plastic lids, plastic lids, (different sizes) yarn, fabric, foam letter, shapes, cardstock, or other art and craft items that you may have on hand that you no longer need.

Band: (11/01/2021)

BAND ELECTIVES!!!

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We continue to make great progress. Making better sounds every day. Thank you for all the hard work of our students. I hope you parents are seeing much progress at home when they practice. You will begin to see some written homework coming home about once every three or four weeks. Students have all week to turn it back in. It's just a way for me to double check everything they are doing. Also, speak with your child regarding instruments being left at school. We're starting to see an uptick in that and of course that does not allow them to practice, and more importantly it's very unsafe in case of any type of theft situation. Instruments always go home each day.

Looking forward to continuing to make great musical sounds. And thank you parents for giving your child this opportunity.

Mr. Richardson

Dance: (updated 11/1/2021)

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It's time for new electives!

- 4th/5th Grade - Intro to Ballet
- 3rd/4th/5th Grade - Tap
- 2nd/3rd Grade - Dance Ensemble
- Kindergarten/1st Grade - Let's Move 1
- 1st/2nd Grade - Storybook Dance

If your child is in one of these classes look for more information in their Elective Letter. They'll bring it home on Tuesday.

Drama: (updated 11/1/2021)

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We are excited for a brand new quarter in Drama class. We recently painted my front wall green which transformed the drama room into a TV studio. We'll be doing a lot of creative video work a bit later in the year.

We recorded the audio for Theater Production for the music. We'll move into choreography and blocking the dramatic parts of the script.

For Behind the Scenes we will be prepping for the Winter Theater Production which will include editing, sound design and video work.

For Creative Drama and Acting we'll do a lot of creative games that will develop personal esteem and confidence.

Media/Tech: (updated 11/01/2021)

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- Newly hired library assistants will finish training on Nov. 1st. The schedule for assistants will be shared through homeroom teachers by Wednesday Nov. 3rd.
- **Technology Wizards elective** students finished their Makey Makey projects and uploaded the results to their portfolios. We have had a great quarter.
- **Fine For Me elective** we have had a great time learning and growing our fine motor skills.
- Upcoming media electives include Intro to STEM, UGTM Book Club and Tech Wizards K-1.
- **Book Fair** will be held December 2nd-10th both in person and virtually. Information will follow.
- Thank you for sending in photos of students with their pets for Leo's friends and family wall. Feel free to email them.

Music: (updated 11/01/2021)

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I really enjoyed working with students in first quarter elective classes. Congratulations on your accomplishments!

I am looking forward to seeing students in second quarter electives on Monday, November 1st!

Theatre Productions: Grades 4-5

Orff Key: Grades 3-5

Chorus: Grades 2-3

Music We Can Play and Sing: Grades K-1

Chorus: Grades 1-2

PE: (updated 10/28/21)

Specials & Electives: All students have been working hard this first quarter: Bravo! We are honoring Halloween, Native American Heritage Month, and Thanksgiving PE Style! We will continue to practice social distancing and exercising in our personal space, focusing on manipulatives, and playing different games to improve cooperative learning.

International Games (4th/5th): Students learned the history and global connection internationally with Baseball. During this unit, students worked on passing, batting, and throwing associated with the sport.

Track & Field (3rd/4th/5th): We are wrapping up our Post Fitness Assessment for the quarter. We completed the Trunk Lift, Curl Up, and Push Up Test. Students reflected on their scores and if they were in the Healthy Zone for every event?

Racquet Sports (2nd/3rd): This week, we worked on Badminton Skills. Students enjoyed working in singles and in pairs on serving, striking and rallying.

Rhythms, Ropes, Hoops, and Chutes (1st/2nd): We wrapped up our unit of Jump Rope. We explored challenges independently, partners, small groups and the whole class. Students had a blast trying different skills at their level.

Sincerely,

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Spanish: (updated 10/29/2021)

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2nd Quarter Electives start on Monday, November 1st! I am very excited about the new classes and upcoming activities.

Please have your child accept the invitation to their Spanish Elective Google Classroom coming by November 3rd. It is a great resource of supplemental materials for learning Spanish!

The Spanish Elective Classes for 2nd Qtr. are -

4th/5th Grades Beginning Spanish

3/4/5 Grades Continuing Spanish

2nd/3rd Grades Continuing Spanish

K/1st Grades Beginning Spanish

1st/2nd Grades Continuing Spanish

If you have any questions about the Spanish Class please email me at mmckenna@wcpss.net I would love to hear from you. *¡Gracias!*

Strings: (updated 10/21/21)

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Hello,

Pathway to Orchestra II: Students performed for their first showcase of learning! The performance was recorded and will be shared in our virtual elective share next week.

Pathway to Orchestra I: Students recorded their showcase of learning. Next week is the end of the quarter and end of our class for 2nd graders! I will truly miss them :)

Specials: Students are learning about Hispanic Heritage Month. This week's artist spotlight is Gloria Estefan (b.1957).

Activity 2: "Turn the Beat Around" -Rhythm Composition

Students will review quarter notes, eighth notes, 16th notes, and rests. Students will compose a four measure composition and perform their composition during class.

Activity 3: Digital Portfolio

Students will write a reflection about their composition. Students will upload their composition and reflection to their digital portfolios. Students who do not have a digital portfolio will create a google slide until their digital portfolio is complete.