



MIW Allied Arts Newsletter

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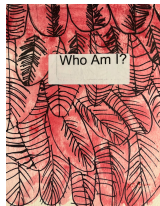
3rd grade classes were thrilled to visit the GMS Library and meet Mrs. Hall-Riddle, their middle school librarian.

GMS welcomed our students with smiles, excitement and a relaxed tour of the library. [GMS Library website](#)

Roger McCord, local author and photojournalist, will meet with our 2nd grade classes to share the process of creating a book.

Students worked diligently on their Picture Writing projects. This collaborative unit included writing, research, artwork, poetry, and even an autobiography.

Can YOU identify this animal??



Music

With Ms. Rivera
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Kindergarten and First Grade

In kindergarten and first grade, musicians have enjoyed playing hot and cold with egg shakers, and learning A Ram Sam Sam, Allee Galloo, and Row, Row, Row Your Boat all with the parachute. They have also begun learning I'se the B'y the folk song and its accompanied dance.

Second Grade and Third Grade

In second grade, students have just finished playing Orff instruments to Little Wind, a rhythmic song. They played glockenspiels, metallophones, and xylophones to accompany themselves speaking the song.

In third grade, students have been playing boomwhackers, and currently they are learning some folk dances and folk songs including I'se the B'y, which is a

Newfoundland folk song/sea shanty. They recently learned about Trombone Shorty, a jazz trombone player, and then played his song, "Where Y'at" on boomwhackers.

Composer of the Month

Each month in music class we have been learning about a different composer from around the world! This month we "met" Arvo Pärt from Estonia, who is our first living composer. The students learned a bit about Pärt's musical style, called *Tintinnabuli*, which translates from Latin to "ringing of the bells." For our final composer we will be "meeting" Chen Yi, who is another living composer.

Students have enjoyed "visiting" the places that each

composer is from by looking at pictures, and also hearing the composers' music! So far we have visited eleven locations, as some of the composers lived in multiple countries.

Musical Share Week

Musical share week was a success!! All classes had many instruments and musical items from home to share, and those friends that didn't bring anything from home got to use an instrument from the music room to create their own song. This is my favorite week in music class, because I love seeing the students so engaged in sharing what they brought to their classmates. We also practiced speaking in front of an audience, performing in front of an audience, taking a bow or curtsy to thank the audience, and being respectful, responsible audience members!



Music With Mr. G

As we near the end of the school year, I like to review some of our favorite songs and games and introduce new and fun activities for the following year. Some of my groups have started bucket drumming, while others have revisited folk dances and rhythm games. I plan a few more surprises this year, including an introduction to steel drums for 3rd grade.



MIW 3rd-grade Chorus:

Congratulations to our 3rd Grade Chorus students on an amazing concert! These musicians are ready for chorus with Mrs. Caton in 4th Grade!

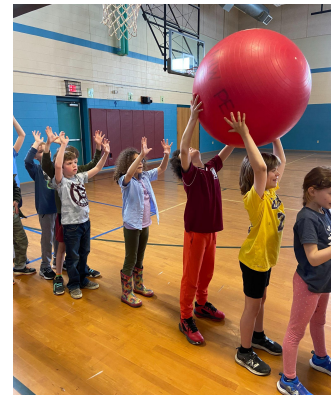


Reminder:

Just like in Phys. Ed., sneakers are the best footwear for music class. I love my crocs and flip-flops but are not the safest option for moving and dancing in music class. A good rule of thumb for music class is to dress like it's a gym day 😊

Physical Education

Miss Champagne's PE classes have been practicing different skills and activities such as teamwork and cooperative activities, fitness, jumping rope, and striking & fielding!



Our end of the year celebration, FIELD DAY, will be on Tuesday, June 11th! The last few weeks will be pre-teaching and learning all of the activities that will be there on Field Day so students will know what to expect and will be ready to go!



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Before we head off into the summer sunset, I want to share that I am retiring from MSAD#51 this June. The term retire does not fit my personality. Instead, I am calling it "endless sabbatical." Units inspired by East Asian art and culture that I designed are student favorites. It has been rewarding to direct and curate *Hashi-Maine: An exchange of student prints between Maine and Sister State of Aomori, Japan*. The prints we are creating now will be among those on display for Hashi-Maine 2024 at the Greeley Center for the Arts and in the Exposition Hall at the Cumberland Fair in the fall. The Japan Exposition is in March of 2025. This is the 30th anniversary of the sister state relationship!

Sharing my passion for art and creative expression with energetic artists has been a delight. At the same time, I look forward to focusing on my own artwork, and deepening my knowledge of East Asia to encourage wider participation in the Hashi Print Exchange, while enjoying time with family and friends. I will miss the capable colleagues, energetic students, supportive families and many opportunities I have enjoyed in MSAD#51.

Wishing you all a summer full of creativity! Fondly, Ms. Olson

Students creating block prints

