

November 2022 “Arts Team” Newsletter

Art

Pre-K- Students create images and forms from observation, memory and imagination. They investigate a variety of ways that artists develop ideas and organize the elements of art in responding to what they see, know, and feel.

Kindergarten- Students describe the elements of art that artists use to express ideas and use line, shape, color, and pattern to express their own ideas. Students identify the materials and tools that artists use to create artwork. The fundamental learning this month will enable students to create artworks that represent observed forms and explore the use of shapes and forms to express ideas.

1st Grade- Students will continue working with lines, shapes, textures, and patterns by using them to represent observed physical qualities of people, animals, and objects. Students will identify ways that artists represent what they see, know, feel, and imagine and have opportunities to create sketches to develop ideas.

2nd Grade- Students categorize and compare themes in artwork and create thematic images. Students focus on the use of shape and balance to represent ideas visually.

3rd Grade- Students focus on artistic choices needed to create artwork. This provides students with opportunities to evaluate their options to achieve a desired result. Students analyze and experiment with composition, including balance and emphasis.

4th Grade- Students analyze an artist’s expression of personal meaning and techniques for creating artwork. This provides students with opportunities to develop solutions to visual problems in new ways. Students express personal meaning through point of view and mood. They will establish and use criteria for judging artwork.

5th Grade- Students explore how artists develop ideas and depict human experience. This provides students with opportunities to express their thoughts and feelings about human experience. Students analyze how artists develop ideas and experiment with media, processes and techniques to express thoughts and feelings. Students will also compare the aesthetic qualities of artworks using art vocabulary.

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Media

Pre-K- Students will begin their Eric Carle author study.

Kindergarten - 5th - Students will be learning how to be good digital citizens (doing the right thing online).

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Music

K and 1st grade scholars will continue their exploration of musical opposites -High/Low, Long/Short and seasonal songs.

2nd grade are becoming more familiar with orchestral instruments in preparation to hear a concert at Strathmore Music Center.

3rd grade scholars will begin singing in 2 part rounds and reading/notating music.



4th grade scholars will try improvising and creating songs.

5th grade scholars saw an extremely informative presentation at Strathmore Music Center on the development of blues, Jazz and a little Rock 'n' Roll. They will continue in the second quarter learning how to create and present a song.

Choir has been having weekly practices. Reminder, the winter concert will be on January 19.

Music team:

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Physical Education



PreK-2- Students will continue to work on locomotor skills and begin exploring ball handling skills using hands and feet. Students will work on kicking objects and bouncing balls.

3-5- 3rd- Students will work on basic soccer skills and begin working on basic basketball skills.

4th and 5th grade students will continue to work on finding various ways to improve on fitness test scores by participating in/or creating workout programs.

Ms. Shields (ReAnne_T_Shields@mcpsmd.org)

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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. On **Tuesday, September 6th**, 4th and 5th graders will attend an instrumental music assembly to learn about the instruments available to learn and how to sign-up for lessons. Please come visit my [virtual classroom](#) for more information :-)



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

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