

# DMCS Specialist Newsletter

September 2018

## Music Musings

In September music classes, Kindergarten students sing lots of vocal exploration songs and learn to play everybody's favorite game: Bee Bee Bumble Bee!

First graders learn to read and write quarter notes (ta), eighth notes (ti-ti), and quarter rests (sh).

2nd Graders work on reading and writing 2 pitch songs (sol-mi) and 3 pitch songs (sol-mi, la). We also learn to play the songs on xylophones.

3rd Graders learn how to read the notes on the staff and begin playing recorders!

4th Graders have reviewed how to play 3 note songs on recorders and go from there.

5th Graders worked on describing music by listening to the "Overture Candide" and learned about Leonard Bernstein, the great American Composer.

Our DMCS 5th Grade Band is 26 members strong and has already starting working on music for the Christmas Concert!

All students review songs for Mass in preparation for leading the music at school Masses!

~Mrs. Suzette Kuklok

## SEPTEMBER PE

Physical Education is off to a "kicking" start! Soccer is our first unit. During this unit the students worked on control of the ball, dribbling and learned basic rules of the game. The students are learning how to work together and speak positively to teammates. The games played in this unit of soccer are developing spacial awareness, cardiovascular endurance and sportsmanship.



~Mrs. Julie Corbett



## ART THIS MONTH

**#OTHER PEOPLE MATTER**  
in Art Class!

DMCS artists have been learning why it is important to leave the art room and supplies the way they found them for the next person.

During our first art lesson, students K-5 worked together as a class to create the letters needed for our beginning of the year school-wide cooperative art project - **#OTHER PEOPLE MATTER**. Students decorated the letters by creating FANCY colorful DOTS. This was the perfect way to introduce and review the Art Elements: color, line, and shape. Ask your students what the difference is between a circle and dot, see if they know the answer. (*September 15th was International Dot Day!*)

Students have also created their beginning of the year self-portraits. We discussed face and body proportions then worked on grade level, 2-dimensional pieces using a variety of different art medium and techniques.

Make sure to check out the **#OTHER PEOPLE MATTER** sign in the hallway by the music room.

~Mrs. Lynette DeShane

## MEDIA BUZZ

### NEWS FROM MEDIA & ROBOTICS

~ Mr. Matt Robinson



This Month in Media classes, we're focusing heavily on logins, accounts, and making sure everything we need for the year to come is working smoothly. We've also had NWEA testing this past month, with kids visiting the lab to take their fall standardized tests.

The first meeting of the DMCS/BA Robotics club met the second week of school! Twenty two students ranging from 4th grade to 8th grade! Thanks to all of these kids for joining this new program and making it a great addition to our school.

We're still accepting members, and we meet from 3-5pm on Mondays and Thursdays at DMCS! Grade 4-8 students come check us out!