DMCS Specialist Newsletter

March 2019

Music Musings

By Mrs. Kuklok

March was the month of song writing in music class. 1st Graders wrote a 2 pitch song. 2nd Graders wrote a 3 pitch song.

3rd Graders & 4th Graders wrote songs for their recorders. Then they chose one to write on staff paper and drew a picture to describe their music. They are all hanging in the music hallway. Be sure to check them out!







5th Graders wrote Question & Answer melodies for xylophone or their band instrument.

Kindergarten students explored high & low pitches and prepared songs for their Mass on March 13.

Students in K-5 will sing at the DMCC 10 am Mass on April 7!

MEDIA BUZZ by Mr. Robinson

March is a short month this year. With spring break cutting a week away, Our focus has been on tidying up for the end of third quarter.

In K-2, we are hitting hard the critical lessons of keyboarding to prepare our students for the work to come in upper grades, with good progress to show for it.

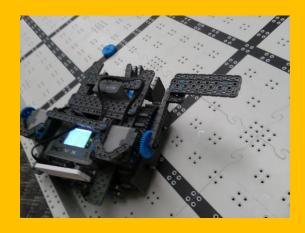
Third grade is polishing their digital skills with an assignment that ties together some of the logic and process thinking from second quarter's programming unit with word processing to create a recipe flowchart.

Fourth grade is finishing up their presentation unit and sharpening their research skills with a project about computer parts.

Fifth grade has worked hard this guarter and is drawing to a

close on their robotics and programming unit.

The robotics teams have transitioned to our new space in the BA cafeteria and the middle school team is looking sharp and ready with a month to go until the World Championship in Louisville, Kentucky. We're all breathing a little easier as the weather turns and the end of the year comes into view.



Art by Mrs. DeShane

I am excited to announce that we will be partnering with Original Works for a Spring fundraiser!

Students created an original artwork that you can have reproduced onto a variety of high-quality products through the Original Works program. The products range from magnets to mugs and nearly two dozen other products.

Each child is eligible to participate in this wonderful program. The artwork has been created and parents and children can select which product or products they would like to feature their artwork. The program was designed to encourage creativity and student self-esteem. The resulting products make unique gifts that are practical for any season or occasion.

Your student's art work and complete details on the program will be sent today, Thursday, March 28th.

Proceeds from the program will be used to support the Art program at DMSC. For more information on Original Works please visit their website at www.originalworks.com

Thank you for supporting this unique and creative program!

If you have questions about the artwork or ordering information, please contact me at ldeshane@dmcs.cc





LIBRARY BY MRS. HEALY

Our Tournament of Books winner is <u>Click Clack Moo Cows</u> <u>That Type!</u> It was a tight race with <u>Love You Forever</u> coming in a close second and <u>Blackout</u> right on their heels in third place. It was fun getting to see what book each student voted for! Ask your child which one they voted for!

I have been recommending a website to students for ebooks. Bookbub.com is a site that sends out emails once a day or once a week (you choose) with books that range from free to \$2.99 for a limited time. When you click to get the deal you are given options of where to buy the book. When setting up the account you choose which genres you are interested in, those will be the types of books that come in the emails. The genres likely to be of interest to DMCS students are Children's, Middle Grade and for older students Teen and Young Adult. This is a great way to get free or inexpensive books!

The Spring Book Fair is just around the corner! It will be May 7-9 during our Spring Concert. This is a great time to get books for summer. More details to come!



PHYSED BY MRS. OPSAL

Students have been busy tumbling around the gym working on their gymnastics skills! We have worked on rolling, travels, cartwheels, donkey kicks, jumping, and balancing.

Preschool, kindergarten, first, and second graders have been traveling in different pathways, such as zigzag, curvy, over and under. They are also having fun pretending to be different animals in their travels.

Third through fifth graders have been busy planning their own "showtime" gymnastics routine to present to their classmates. Their creativity and collaboration is so fun to watch!