

DMCS Specialist Newsletter

April 2019

Music Musings



A big thank-you to all who sang at the DMCC 10:00 am Mass on April 7! We had close to 40 students in the choir!

Students are busy preparing for Grandparent's Day and their Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 8. Performances are at 10:30 am and 7:00 pm in the BA Van Orsow Auditorium. Our program theme is: *Songs of Transportation: Planes, Trains, and Automobiles*. For the

evening performance students are asked to wear their Friday Class Color Shirts with khaki bottoms. If they have a bandana to wear like a train engineer or other transportation related clothing, it can be worn for the evening performance (no weapons, of course). Students will meet with their teacher at 6:45 pm in the designated BA location. The Band will warm up in the BA concession area at 6:45 pm.

Mrs. Kuklok



ART NEWS ~ Mrs. Deshane



The Original Works art projects have been mailed off for printing! I am excited that so many of you were able to participate in the fundraiser. I am happy that you see the value in reproducing your child's art work for them, yourselves, and other special people in your child's life. Thank you for supporting the art department!

This month in Art and Library classes, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to share the Art Adventures program with every class. The materials are provided by the Minnesota Institute of Art and sponsored by the PTO. This year's theme is "*Dress for the Occasion*". Please ask your students what they learned.

We are currently working on a variety of projects in the art room. Kindergarteners are creating 2-D buildings out of popsicle sticks. They have painted the buildings and will be adding their final details with markers. First graders have been creating 3-D paper sculptures. Second and third graders are painting flowers and buildings using a piece of bendable cardboard and black paint. These are being colored in using oil pastels and water colors. Fourth graders are finishing up weaving bowls. Fifth graders are weaving and creating linoleum prints



Student art work will be on display in the BA gym during the Spring concert. Please take a minute to find and admire your student's work before heading home!

April Physed ~ Mrs. Opsal

Has your child mentioned earning ninja belts for jump roping? Ask him or her about it! We have been jumping through April learning many jump rope skills made fun through our Jump Rope Ninja program.

Students in kindergarten readiness and kindergarten have been working on jumping with hoola hoops and jump ropes. Their goal is to jump and turn a rope one time, which earns them a "baby belt."

Students in first and second grades have been working on jumping forward and backward with a short jump rope, along with jumping a long jump rope with my help. Most students have earned their "white belts," jumping five

or more times, along with jumping backwards.

Third grade students have been performing jump rope tricks, while fourth and fifth graders have put together some fantastic jump rope routines!

We have also focused on kicking and fielding, and we will soon start striking with a bat and perfecting our throwing technique. This spring, students will assess the progress of their own physical fitness goals they set at the beginning of the school year. We are hoping for nice weather so we can enjoy some more spring days outside!



Library News

I can't believe the school year is almost over! The Spring Book Fair is coming up May 7th-9th and will be held at BA. Classes will be coming over during their library time to visit the Book Fair. I will also be open during both the morning and evening concerts.

There is a new purchasing option this year! You can now put money into an eWallet account for your child to spend at the Book Fair. This is a great way for your child to get books without having to send cash or a check to school, no worries about it getting lost! You can go online to our Book Fair website for more information. There you will find a great video that walks you through the steps to set up your eWallet. You can also purchase books from the website May 2nd-15th!

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/divinemericycatholicsschool>

If your child has any late or missing books a note will be sent home with your child in the coming weeks. Please help them resolve this before the end of the school year! There are lots of options if you can't find the book. Please email me at khealy@dmcs.cc if you have any questions! I would be happy to help in any way I can!

~ Mrs. Katie Healy

MEDIA BUZZ

NEWS FROM MEDIA & ROBOTICS

Media this month is busy with new ideas and the energy of spring.*

- Fifth grade has started a new project this quarter using Minecraft to explore concepts from social studies and religion while exploring ways to build an online community that enriches its members.
- The upper grades also had their internet safety lessons this month, and I am always impressed with how aware our students are of the topic.
- The younger students have been exploring early concepts in computer science using online apps.
- Next week, we gear up for our spring NWEA testing window in the lab.



- Robotics continues this spring, and the last weekend of April the middle school team will represent us at the Vex IQ World Championship. Our team will compete alongside teams from around the globe and have an opportunity to see how big the world really is. Please pray for us as we travel and compete!

~Mr. Robinson