

# DMCS Specialist Newsletter

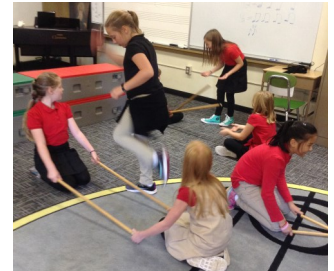
October 2019

## Music Musings



A big thank you to all students that sang at the DMCC 10:00am Mass on October 27! We had a choir of 50 students! We are scheduled to sing at DMCC again on Sunday, January 27, to help kick-off Catholic School's Week. Hopefully you can join us!

- During October, Kindergarten students worked on Halloween songs & feeling the beat as they moved to the music.
- First Graders learned to read quarter notes, paired 8th notes, and quarter rests.
- Second graders reviewed singing and playing the xylophone with 3 pitches.
- Third graders learned to play 4-5 songs on the recorder!
- Fourth Graders worked on folk dances from India & the Philippines. They even learned to play a song from the Philippines on their recorder!
- Fifth Graders researched music from around the world and shared what they learned. They also created "Tea Chants" and had a tea party!



Mrs. Kuklok



## ART NEWS

This month DMCS artists have been happily creating and learning! New to art class this year our Kindergarten Readiness students have begun to explore paint. They love mixing colors and the joy on their faces when they are painting is priceless!

Kindergarten students just finished creating their primary color shape paintings.

First graders created mixed media (chalk and tempera paint) landscapes inspired by the artist Wolf Kahn.

Second and third grade artists created fall collages while learning about space (foreground, middle ground, and background). They also explored texture and practiced overlapping.



DMCS fourth graders just finished their moveable self-portraits and are working on a background design for their poseable-self photo shoot. Fourth graders also learned how to self-evaluate and grade their own artwork.

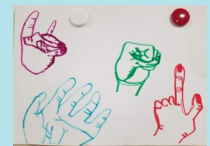
Fifth graders completed their self-portrait collages made from newspaper, magazines, paint, and markers. They are working on contour line drawing and had fun trying to draw their hands without lifting their markers. We had some good laughs at how wacky our drawings looked, mine included!

If you have an artistic talent you would like to share with some of our students, please let me know.

If you have free time and would like to help hang up artwork or prep projects, please contact me at

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Happy Autumn-Mrs.DeShane



# Physical Education ~ Mrs. Opsal

October has brought us tons of fun and learning in Physical Education!

Preschool through grade five students have been working on throwing and catching. It is key that students are learning to throw using the critical elements. Kindergarten Readiness and Kindergarten classes are learning to throw underhand, using "point, step, tic-

toc." First through fifth grade students are learning and perfecting the overhand throw using the critical elements, such as the arm back and extended, with the elbow



leading, stepping with opposite foot, and following through toward the target and across the body.

We have introduced the components of fitness for kids in grades three through five. They ran the "pacer" assessment to assess their cardio-respiratory endurance. We will do this again in the winter and spring, so they can measure their progress and see if they are meeting their goal of increasing their endurance. We are also working on other fitness components, such as flexibility, muscular strength, and muscular endurance.

We will wrap up the end of October with some fun Halloween activities, stations, and obstacle courses.



## Library News



The fall Book Fair will be held next week during conferences! A flyer went home earlier this week with your child for a preview of some of the books that will be available. Your child will be coming to the book fair during their library time on either November 5th or 7th. We will be offering the eWallet again this year. This is a great way for your child to get books without you 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. On the website you will find a video with instructions on how to Get Started with eWallet. You may also purchase books from the website now through November 12!! <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/divinemerccatholicchool1> The Fall Book Fair is a great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping and support our school at the same time! All proceeds from the book fair will go directly to the library!



Mrs. Healy

## MEDIA BUZZ

### NEWS FROM MEDIA & ROBOTICS

October has been a whirlwind in the technology classroom:

- ❖ 5th grade is in the midst of their 3d Design unit, having finished the first project and starting on the second.
- ❖ Fourth grade has been hard at work preparing their Saint reports in cooperation with their classroom teachers.
- ❖ Third Grade has been honing their keyboarding and digital writing skills.
- ❖ Second grade has stayed busy this month practicing their keyboarding and sharpening their STEM knowledge.
- ❖ First grade has started their keyboarding journey, and will continue to sharpen those skills throughout this year.



- ❖ Kindergarten is getting comfortable with login and navigating on the laptops.

On November 23rd, the robotics team will travel to Adams, Minnesota for this year's first competition. That leaves us less than a month to prepare! The teams robots are shaping up and we have diverse solutions to this year's challenge.

**Mr. Robinson**