

# DMCS Specialist Newsletter

October 2020

## Music Musings



We are back in the music room! It is so good to be able to play actual instruments! Students in 2nd through 5th grade are now working on playing real xylophones and singing Halloween Songs! First graders have continued to work on reading eighth and quarter notes. We wrote notes with pretzels, went “fishing for notes” and did a couple of beginning xylophone lessons. Kindergarten students have continued to explore their voices with all the fun Halloween sounds and songs. They are also learning to play the classroom percussion instruments. Fourth and fifth grade students are serving as cantors at our School Masses. We are allowed to have 2 singers at a Mass. Thank you to those who volunteered to sing.

Mrs. Kuklok

## ART NEWS

Greetings from the art room. Your children have been creating and stretching their imaginations, taking risks and trying new things. The art room is a happy place!

This past month Kindergarten Readiness students tried their hands at printing. They printed different objects and detailed their papers with construction paper and crayons. They also painted a variety of tubes and cardboard pieces to help create a collaborate sculpture on one of the bulletin boards in the art room.

Kindergarteners painted concentric circles with watercolors and added details with black colored pencil. They painted fall trees after examining real bark. K students also completed a collage made up of all squares.

Our first graders finished some houses made from craft sticks that they started last year. They created Wolf Kahn inspired 2D pieces using chalk and tempera paint.

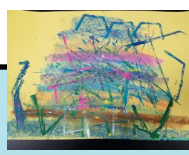
The second graders used oil pastels to draw some awesome pumpkins and created fall collage pictures.

Third grade students experimented with India ink to make black and white design papers. These papers were used in combination with other colored papers to create 2D animal pictures.

In fourth grade we examined trees and how they really look without leaves. The students created a colorful background with tissue paper and cut 2D trees out of construction paper using the information they learned about trees. Fourth grade also decorated their art sketchbook covers with colorful tape.

Fifth graders took a break from drawing to try a new technique with cardboard. They chose to either build up the cardboard or cut into it to create a layered piece of work. Some students used a combination of both techniques and the results were awesome! They finished the pieces with paint and oil pastels.

Have a Happy Halloween! See you at Trunk-or-Treat! Mrs. DeShane



## Physical Education ~ Mrs. Opsal

Students have been working on kicking, throwing and catching this month in Physical Education. Kindergarten and first grade classes are learning to throw underhand, using "point, step, tic-toc." Second 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 the opposite foot, and following through toward the target and across the body. October's Fastest Class 1st Place winner was 5-O, 2nd Place was 5-I, and 3rd Place was 2-H. These classrooms are all displaying their "Fastest Class" trophy for the month.

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



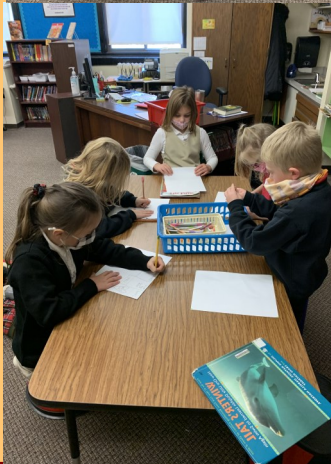
## Media Buzz

by Mr. Robinson

This October has been a month of building on lessons started in September.

Keyboard skills continue to be acquired in lower grades while students in 3rd and 4th have sharpened their digital writing skills. Fifth grade is halfway through their 3d modeling unit.

**Robotics is back in operation!** Sign up sheets for 4th and 5th grade students can be found in the office!



## Library News

We will be having our fall Book Fair the week of November 2nd. Your child will have an opportunity to come to the Book Fair during their library time. In last week's newsletter there was information about creating an eWallet for your child. This is a great way for your child to shop without you having to worry about lost money or checks! Parents will have an opportunity to shop during conferences. This is a great time to get Christmas presents for your child! One of the things I love about our Book Fair is that it is almost all books, no toys and trinkets. There will be bookmarks and posters available. If you are not able to come to the book fair and would still like to shop you can check out the Scholastic website for our online fair!

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See you at the Book Fair!

Mrs. Healy