

# DMCS Specialist Newsletter

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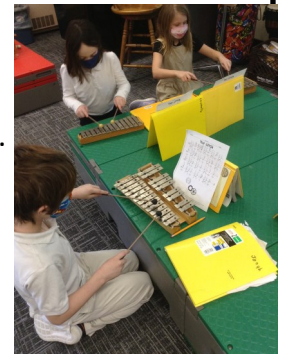
## Music Musings

Students in Grades 1-5 spent the month of February creating and notating their own music. In First Grade, students wrote and performed a 2 pitch melody. In Second Grade, they wrote and performed a 3 pitch melody. In Third Grade, students wrote and performed three different melodies that followed a given pitch pattern and text.

In Fourth Grade, students wrote and performed two different melodies in six-eight time. They also used a given pitch pattern and text. Fifth Grade students created and performed Question/Answer Melodies. They also learned to use music notation software!

Kindergarten students worked on identifying high and low pitches in songs. They also learned to play simple high and low melodic patterns on the xylophones.

Mrs. Kuklok



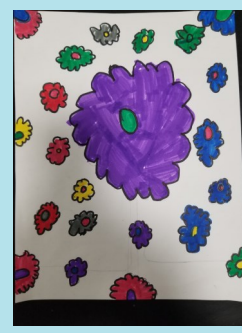
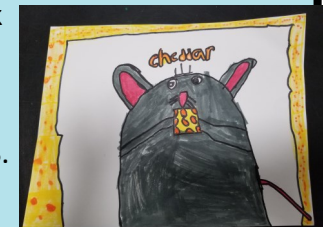
## ART NEWS

I really want to say Happy Spring, but we aren't quite there yet, so Happy February!

This month in the art room students have been creating pictures for our Original Works fundraiser. Students in K-5<sup>th</sup> grade were given free choice for their 2D artwork this year. Our Kindergarten Readiness students created heart art. Original Works packets will go home the beginning of March.

I also wanted to recognize and congratulate Hanah Stadler a 5<sup>th</sup> grader here at DMCS. Her art will be exhibited at the Paradise Center. She will be displaying 10-15 original pieces of her artwork. This work will be on display from April 5<sup>th</sup>-May 15<sup>th</sup> and can be viewed by the public during days when the Paradise is open. Way to go Hanah!

Mrs. DeShane



# Physical Education Mrs. Opsal

This month in Physical Education, we have been learning skills using long-handled implements. Students have learned the necessity of using extra safety precautions and spatial awareness when handling the equipment. We have been creating our own mini golf courses, playing, striking, passing, and scoring with hockey sticks, pillow sticks, and pool noodles. Students in grades K-2 have primarily used station activities, while students in grades 3-5 have been engaged in some small-sided game play. A Physical Education Virtual Classroom is posted each week via Google Classroom/Flipgrid and Seesaw for our online learners.



## Library News

I am very excited that the Spring Book Fair has been moved to March 8-12 during K-5 Conferences! This is a great opportunity for families to get books for spring break and summer reading! Students will have an opportunity to go to the Book Fair during their library time. Parents will have an opportunity to look with their children during conferences. If you are interested in shopping online you can go to our Book Fair website.

[www.scholastic.com/bf/divinemerccatholicshool1](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/divinemerccatholicshool1)

This is also where you can create an eWallet for your child to shop during their library time. This is a digital option, where you don't need to worry about lost cash or checks! Grandparents or other family members can also add to your child's eWallet!

See you at the Book Fair!

Mrs. Healy



## MEDIA BUZZ

By Mr. Robinson

This month in Media we're in the bottom half of quarter 3, and the warm weather this week feels almost like spring. Kindergarten has been working on some problem solving challenges, 1st grade continues to grind away at keyboarding, but shows a lot of progress. 2nd Grade is about to start a lesson on google drive apps, learning to type their first written work on the computer. 3rd grade has been exploring civil engineering and simulation to learn how communities work. 4th grade is delivering their long-awaited presentations, and so far they're pretty good. 5th grade is covering digital safety right now. Robotics, at long last feels like it's getting some momentum this year. After a lot of missed days and the long hiatus, we finally finished our first design challenge-- a hand-crank lift arm.

