



Library News

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Art News

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K: We will use nonfiction texts and digital resources to **research pets**. Students will take notes and choose a pet that they think would be a good pet to take care of in their homes.

Grade 1: We will use fictional stories and nonfiction texts in combination with digital resources in order to **research clouds**. We will learn to identify different types of clouds and the weather that they predict. Students will show what they have learned by creating a model of a cloud type.

Grade 2: We will spend the first part of the month finishing our journey around the world to find out all about different **cultures** and **traditions**. Each student will then choose a country to research and create a presentation to share.

Grade 3: We will be studying the concept of "**identity**" by learning how character traits (both positive and negative) form the foundation of identity. We will read stories and participate in interviews with classmates. By the end of the unit, each student will create a presentation sharing their special qualities!

Grade 4: We will participate in "**genius hour**" research. This means students will be able to select their own approved topic to research and then present their new learning to our class.

Grade 5: We will prepare for future budgeting by creating a **virtual vacation plan**. Students will be given an imaginary budget of \$10,000 in order to create and plan a vacation to a dream destination.

****The Book Fair will be back for a Buy 1 Get 1 Free Event!
This will be May 28th-May 31st! Look for more details soon!**

**I'm excited to announce that we will be having our annual Art & Music Showcase on May 31st!
More details to come!**

K: We will continue our exploration of materials and styles of art. Students are wrapping up their family portraits inspired by artist Faith Ringgold.

Grade 1: Students will continue learning about different artists while experimenting with a variety of art materials. Currently we are investigating the work of Paul Klee!

Grade 2: Students are working collaboratively on a paper mural! We will read *Maybe Something Beautiful* a true story about how artist Rafael Lopez transformed a community by working collaboratively with its members to paint a mural. Second graders will also learn how to prepare a print plate and create prints for their mural work.



Grade 3: Students continue to wrap up their self-portraits that are inspired by contemporary artist Kehinde Wiley. Next, students will begin work on their clay models to explore textures!


Grade 4: Students continue their study of George Rodrigue's Blue Dog series to explore how environment influences the artist. Next, students will make clay models of their dog!

Grade 5: We have become the resident mess makers while creating paper mâché' masks! Students have researched and modeled their masks off a variety of cultural masks. Next, students will begin to paint and design their masks.

We cannot WAIT to show off our work at the Art Show this month!

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<p style="text-align: center;">Phys. Ed News Mr. Jones tjones4@bcps.org</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Music News Ms. Michael amichael2@bcps.org</p> 
<p>K-3rd: Students will be developing cooperation and teamwork skills through participation in fitness games and relay activities.</p> <p>4th-5th: Students will be exploring strategies used in Invasion Games by learning and demonstrating Lacrosse skills.</p> <p>All grades will also be preparing for our Sports Day which will be held Friday May 24, 2019. 3rd-5th will be participating from 9:00-11:30am and K-2nd will be participating from 12:45-3:00pm. A little home practice can go a long way towards your student being able to help their team! We are excited to announce that once again, all students will be receiving Sports Day shirts. These will be handed out on the morning of Sports Day for students to wear at the event and bring home after. We look forward to seeing many of you there!</p> <p>Jump A Thon prizes should be arriving soon and will be handed out during PE class. In addition, students who earned VIP time with Mr. Jones will receive that award in early May.</p>	<p>K: We will be playing music games and learning dances that incorporate singing and moving with a partner to patterns.</p> <p>1st and 2nd: Students are beginning their preparation for their end of year performance. They will be busy learning songs, reading music, and applying their reading to playing various classroom instruments. All students will perform at the Art & Music show on Friday, May 31st. If you already know your child will not be able to make the performance, please let Ms. Michael know ASAP. Characters are assigned and I would hate to give a big part to a student who will not be present.</p> <p>3rd: Students have been learning how to label pitch on the treble staff. They are now applying their knowledge of pitch, rhythm, and steady beat to playing the recorder. All 3rd grade students will perform at the Art and Music show on Friday, May 31st. AS A REMINDER, STUDENTS SHOULD BE PRACTICING THE RECORDER FOR AT LEAST 10 MINUTES 3 DAYS A WEEK.</p> <p>4th: Students will be reviewing how to label notes written on the treble staff. They will continue music play through music games.</p> <p>5th: Students will be looking at and analyzing African American spirituals and making connections to American History.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Instrumental Music News Ms. Gingrich dgingrich@bcps.org</p>  <p>4th Music Exploratory - From now until the end of the year students will be learning about percussion instruments. We will also be discussing and trying instruments they can play in their 5th grade year. 5th Grade Band and Orchestra will be learning new songs to play during our Art and Music Showcase on May 31st. I will be speaking with both you and your children about playing in Band or Orchestra next year at Sparrows Point Middle School. Please email me with any questions that you or your child might have during this transition to middle school.</p>
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