



Library News

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Art News

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K: Students will be introduced to the research process in order to **research pets** and pet care. They will use print books and digital tools to gather information about pets!

Grade 1: Students will research different types of **clouds** in order to apply their knowledge about how clouds help people to predict the weather. As students conduct their research, they will need to differentiate between the physical appearances of different types of clouds, while also explaining the various types of weather the different types of clouds predict.

Grade 2: Students will use a variety of digital resources to gather information about famous **American Symbols**. Students will select one symbol to create an infographic to present their new information learned.

Grade 3: Students will be making connections to **economics** by developing real-life scenarios to show understanding of key terms, successfully counting money, and using Destiny Discover to conduct a variety of searches. They will be asked to decide how they should save or spend their "earnings."

Grades 4: Students will be participating in "**Genius Hour**." This means students will be researching a topic of their choice. They will search the databases and other digital, print, or non-traditional sources of information in order to select two resources that they will use to answer their questions. Students will use those resources to research their topic and create a project to share their new learning.

Grade 5: Students will be given an imaginary budget of \$10,000 to create a vacation to a **dream destination**. Students will prioritize aspects of their vacations and create a budget for their trip. Students will search online for flights, hotels, places of interest, restaurants, and cultural information about their destination.

I cannot believe we are already in the 4th quarter! As the flowers bloom, so do our artistic skills! Square 1 art packets should have come home this week. Orders may be filled by sending back the order form with money to school or online at square1art.com/shop using the access code on your order sheet. All orders must be in by Friday, May 4th.

I would like to congratulate Sydney Jones and Gianna Orsino. Their self-portraits were featured this past month at the State Of Schools Address for hundreds of Team BCPS members to see! Way to go girls!

We are currently getting to business making art for our upcoming ART & MUSIC show that will be on Friday, June 1st. All students will be featured in our show!

In The Classroom

K: Students are working on using different materials to create their artwork this month. Currently they are using coffee filters to create Hot Air Balloon art!

1st: Students are continuing their study of color families and how it applies to the color wheel. Through series of activities, we are learning the basics of color.

2nd: Students are continuing to work on their Chinese hand scrolls. They are currently practicing writing their name in Chinese lettering!

3rd: Students are studying Brazilian artist Romero Britto and re-creating an artwork in his style. Look for these brightly colored, patterns, and fragmented shapes at our Art Show.

4th: Students are wrapping up their Blue Dog paintings and they are FABULOUS. Next, we will be completing cartoon style portraits out of clay!

5th: Students are currently studying the artwork of Gustav Klimt to create their own metallic gold "Tree of Life." Students are also looking forward to creating clay animal planters and papier-mâché masks in the coming weeks!

Phys. Ed News
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Sports Day will be on Friday, May 25, 2018. 3rd-5th grades will participate from 9:00-11:30am, while K-2nd grades will participate from 12:45-3:00pm. We are seeking volunteers to help with running our events, preparing water, keeping score, as well as set-up in the morning. Volunteers need to have completed the volunteer training. If you are able to help with the event, please return the sign-up sheet that came home this week.

In addition to preparing for our Sports Day events in the month of May, Primary grades will be working on striking skills with bats as well as throwing and catching skills. Intermediate grades will work on diamond games-kickball and whiffle ball. This includes skills, as well as, rules and strategies.

Students did an excellent job exploring and creating new and exciting movement patterns on the Movement Education Equipment. We look forward to having it again next year!



Music News
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Kindergarten has been learning and practicing music games! In these games we work on singing, steady beat, doing a clapping pattern with a partner, and most importantly, following directions. We will continue to learn more songs and play games that go with them until the year's end.

1st and 2nd graders are spending time in class practicing songs, poems, and movement for their mini-show!!!

Their show will take place **June 1st** at CTES's ART and MUSIC SHOW. Our theme this year is: THE JUNGLE. All students will be assigned a character (jungle animal or an explorer) to be in the show. Parents, a note will be sent home shortly letting you know what part your child will play and what attire they need for their costume.

3rd Graders are in their recorder unit. They have been spending time in class learning how to label the pitch of a note and how to write music of their own. They **NEED** to practicing **AT HOME** at least 3x a week for 10 minutes each. Students are encouraged to use the recorder karate dojo website to help with their practice as the exact same music on the site is used to test them in class. A link was sent to ALL students for them to access the webpage.

4th grade is finishing up their unit on rounds and will soon begin to look at partner songs.

5th grade is learning about the culture of people from Western Africa. We are studying folk songs in class and will begin to layer percussion instruments into our songs. This will create an interesting texture of sound!

Instrumental Music News
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4th Grade Exploratory - Students will be using the bow and learning the notes on the A string of the Violin. Students will also decide what instruments they might be interested in playing during their 5th grade year. During June, I will try to speak to each child individually about the instrument they want to play. If time allows they will have the opportunity to play test the instruments.

5th Instrumental Music - Students are preparing for the Art & Music Show on June 1st. Band is working on Mickey Mouse March, Hand Clap Boogie. Trumpets are also working on a Jurassic Park theme. Select students are working on other selections. Strings are working on Petite Chanson and will have a Jurassic Park theme to work on beginning next week. Please email me ASAP, at dgingrich@bcps.org, to let me know if your child can not attend Art & Music.