



CTES Special Area News



Library News

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Art News

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Grade K: Students are working on perfecting their library citizenship by caring for books and materials. Students will begin selecting books this month. Please help your child remember to return his/her book each week. This is also a great opportunity for you to read with your child as part of a nightly routine.

Grade 1: Students will be working on their 2nd unit with a focus on digital citizenship rules. Together we will learn how the digital world impacts our lives, why is it important to be safe and respectful online, and how we can stay safe while visiting websites on the Internet.

Grades 3-5: This month we will finish our Digital Citizenship units as we continue to learn and share the safest ways to participate in an online community. Together we are continuing to practice good digital citizenship by creating mock profiles, evaluating websites and using safe search options. Students are also focusing on the impacts of cyberbullying. We will be recognizing the impacts of bullying and cyberbullying as we read and share stories in library.

****All families are welcome to participate in our 1st Character Pumpkin Contest. Please see the information flyer being sent home for more details.**



Kindergarten: We are getting Art Smart! We will continue to experiment with Art centers while we fine tune our cutting, coloring and writing skills through artist exploration!

1st: Students are exploring the elements of art! We are currently studying artist Georgia O'Keeffe and learning how to blend oil pastels to create a large Georgia inspired flower drawing.

2nd: Students are exploring the concept of space in their artwork by using observational skills to look at a still life, overlap items, and draw them in the correct space on their paper.

3rd: Students are investigating the Aboriginal Dot paintings of Australia! By looking at animal forms, they will choose an animal to base their dot painting on. I can't wait to see these colorful works of art!

4-5th: Students are planning and creating hats from recycled materials for our "Trashy Fashion" unit! Students who have demonstrated responsibility and hard work during this unit may be selected to participate in the Trashy Fashion Show at Sparrows Point High School November 22nd! Students may bring in their own materials to use for their hats! Please have students bring in a box or bag with their name and teacher's name clearly labeled.

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Music News
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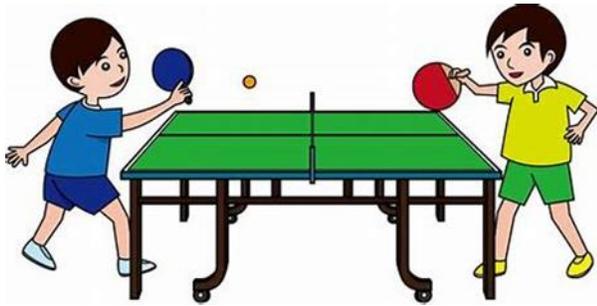


Table Tennis tables are coming to CTES! Table Tennis is part of the BCPS Office of Physical Education rotating equipment program. The tables will be at our school from October 14-November 8, 2019. Our primary students will work on table games and focus on getting to know the tables, as well as the concepts of moving equipment over a net, taking turns and playing your side. Intermediate grades will develop concepts of Table Tennis including paddle control and technique, scoring, volleys, and playing strategy.

The cold/flu/allergy season has started and the music room is in need of tissues. If you can spare a box, it would be greatly appreciated!

Kindergarten: We are singing songs in class that focus on following directions, counting, and moving to the steady beat.

Grade 1: Students will practice finding and moving to the steady beat in songs and instrumental listening pieces.

Grade 2: Students are singing and listening to songs that have multiple verses (parts that are different) and a chorus/refrain (the part that repeats multiple times). We are also identifying notes and rests in rhythmic examples.

Grade 3: Students are practicing switching between patting the steady beat (same sound) and clapping the rhythm (the way the words go). They are practicing this using body percussion and classroom instruments. We are also identifying notes and rests in rhythmic examples.

Grade 4: Students are signing songs that create community. This month we are working on learning a song in Spanish. We will focus on singing with proper posture and volume to create a balanced pleasant sound. We are also identifying notes and rests in rhythmic examples.

Grade 5: Students are singing patriotic songs and making connections to events in American History. Students are highly encouraged to take notes in class as they can use notes during the end of unit assessments.

Instrumental Music News
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Grade 4: Students will be learning about the woodwind family, in the month of October. Students will learn how to hold and produce a sound on a woodwind instrument.

Grade 5 Instrumental: I am finished testing students, and I am sending out paperwork for parents to sign. In the meantime, I am pulling students to work on instrument specific technique.

Grade 5 College and Career Readiness Seminar (C&CRS):

Over the next four weeks we will work on the following topics (Not in any specific order).

-Introducing another student to the class. -Reading a poem or selected reading to the class.

- Fluency while reading to another student and the class.