



Library News

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Art News

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K: Students will continue to learn strategies to stay **safe** while **online**. We will be visiting interactive websites and touring virtual field trips this month.

Grade 1: Students continue to work on ways to be **good digital citizens** as they use technology both inside and outside of the classroom.

Together, we will understand how to navigate the Internet safely, and ways to be a respectful online citizen.

Grade 2: Students will **research bridge types** and landforms to create a prototype of a bridge that will successfully cross a given landform. We will be asking for some recyclable supplies to help us build!

Grade 3: Students will **explore** various types of **severe weather conditions**, in order to determine the best ways to remain safe in a severe weather situation. We will work to develop an emergency plan for survival.

Grade 4: Students will **research** Native Americans as we integrate a Social Studies unit in the library.

Grade 5: Students will combine what they have learned about the conventions of **graphic novels** in library and information about a historical figure in their ELA class. Together their will create their own historical figure graphic novel panels.

All CTES: Thank you to all those who purchased items and supported our *Share the Warmth* winter outerwear drive. Our 4th grade students really enjoyed helping to spread the word and worked extra hard to promote this service project!

Thank You



Happy New Year!

K: Students are continuing their exploration of the elements of art and literacy by creating art based on stories we are reading together!

1st: Students are focusing on their vocabulary word "Symmetry" and creating artwork that is the same on both sides.

2nd: Students are learning about artist Grant Wood and exploring Landscape artworks!

They are demonstrating their knowledge of creating space in their artwork by creating a landscape with a foreground, middleground, and background.

3rd: Students are wrapping up their pop art based on artist Romero Britto! These colorful works of art will be displayed in our school hallway!

4th: Students will explore composition and shape through Piet Mondrian's artwork! We will work together to apply our knowledge of composition and then create our own work based on Mondrian's geometrical paintings.

5th: CTES 5th grade students will participate in the MDSPCA annual art "Kindness for Paws" fundraiser. Students will complete a piece of artwork based on a photo of a shelter pet.

The artwork will be hung at White Marsh Mall from February 8th-16th. February 17th, MDSPCA will hold an art sale with all proceeds benefitting the MDSPCA. Students are very excited to use their work to help local animals get healthy and find homes!

Phys. Ed News
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All grades will be participating in the Heart Adventure Course. The Heart Adventure is another traveling unit from BCPS Office of Physical Education. It allows students to learn about the circulatory system in a hands-on obstacle course which focuses not only on fitness but science as well.

In addition, 4th and 5th grades will be concluding our Fitnessgram fitness testing. BCPS requires fitness testing of all students in grades 4-12. Scores are used to advocate for Physical Education and its programming. Students will not be graded for their actual scores, only for participation. Students can use their scores to identify areas of strength and areas for growth, as well, to design personal fitness goals and activities. While Primary grades do not complete fitness testing, fitness activities and concepts will be introduced and practiced.

Music News
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K: Students will continue to practice playing the steady beat on various classroom instruments. They will learn new songs and practice clapping games with a partner.

1: Students will continue to practice reading and composing with quarter notes and eighth note pairs. They will also learn a new music symbol, the quarter rest!

2: Students will start their orchestra unit. They will learn about the four instrument families and the characteristics that make each family unique.

3: Students will learn how to label notes on the lines and spaces of the treble staff. We will also begin our recorder unit! Please remember to send in money with your child if you are purchasing an instrument.

4: Students will practice singing with good diction. They will learn about rounds, and they will begin to sing in two-part harmony.

5: Students will sing rounds and partner songs to sing in two-part harmony. They will begin practicing rhythmic and melodic ostinati.

Instrumental Music News
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5th Grade Instrumental: Strings will begin using the bow on open strings and playing the D Major Scale.

Band will continue to learn notes and fingerings to play simple songs.

C&CRS - We will finish with the Financial Literacy lessons for Biz Town.

4th Grade- We will begin to play the Trumpet which is a member of the Brass Family.

Students will learn to buzz into the trumpet mouthpiece, and play the notes C, D, and E.

