

# CTES DECEMBER Special Area News



**Library News**  
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The Scholastic Book Fair was a tremendous success! So many students and families came out to shop and support our school! Thank you!

Here is a glimpse of what we have been learning:

**Pre-K** – Story elements: characters, setting, retelling, parts of a story

**Kindergarten**-Awesome authors with Eric Carle. Next month we will continue to learn about more authors like Melanie Watt, Mo Willems, and Kevin Henkes!

**First Grade**- Making text connections.  
Families- How are families alike and different?

**Second Grade**-Discovering your destiny with Destiny!  
Exploring e-books. Holiday traditions this month.

**Third Grade**- Investigating electronic books using Destiny Discover. Researching healthy habits like eating, sleep, and exercise.

**Fourth Grade**-Reading in the digital age.  
Distinguishing between print and digital media.

**Fifth Grade**-Writing E-Book Reviews. This month we will be examining award winning books (Coretta Scott King Award & Newberry Award) by applying reading skills.

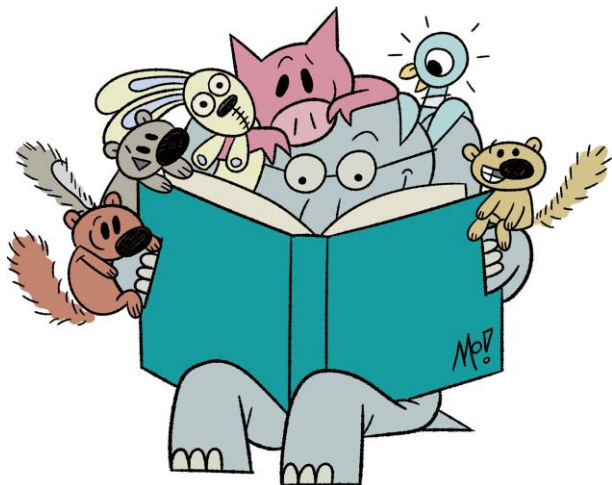


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**Art News**  
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## *In Art:*

PK- Began their ocean mural by creating fish, sea turtles and jellyfish.



1<sup>st</sup>- Made polar bear collages and learned about their habitat on the north pole


2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>- Created Day of the Dead masks to celebrate the famous Mexican holiday.

4<sup>th</sup>- Identified the warm and cool colors and painted an abstract hand painting using both color groups.

5<sup>th</sup>- Honored deceased loved ones and pets by creating an altar collage inspired by the Mexican tradition on Day of the Dead.



<b>Phys. Ed News</b> <b>Mr. Jones</b> <a href="mailto:tjones4@bcps.org">tjones4@bcps.org</a> 	<b>Music News</b> <b>Ms. Brought</b> <a href="mailto:kbrought@bcps.org">kbrought@bcps.org</a> 
<p><b>Congratulations</b> to our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade PUNT, PASS, KICK grade level winners!</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>-Abby Mason, Phoenix Brown, Kendall Polasky, Chase Rodgers</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>-Kaelynn Collier, Marshall Hill, Ava Loverde, Aiden Borst</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>-Avery Dawson, Grayson Fritz, Lilly Powell, Logan David</p> <p>All grades will be working on Jump Rope Skills for the month of December, from beginning skills to advanced jumps.</p> <p><b><u>7 Benefits of Jumping Rope</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumping rope provides a full-body workout.</li> <li>• Jumping rope builds muscle power and strength.</li> <li>• Jumping rope boosts athletic performance.</li> <li>• Jumping rope increases bone density.</li> <li>• Jumping rope improves your heart health.</li> <li>• Jumping rope enhances balance and coordination.</li> <li>• Jumping rope is fun and adaptable.</li> </ul>	<p>We had a great SHOWCASE in November! Thanks to all those who were able to participate! We loved showing parents, grandparents, and friends what we do in music class.</p> <p>In Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, we've sung our hearts out but we've also used rhythm scarves, xylophones, jingle bells, wood blocks, drums, Boomwhackers, cymbals, tambourines, shakers, triangles, and rhythm sticks. Whew!</p> <p>The students are super excited to begin some holiday music in class this December, including playing the Dreidel game and listening to classics like Sleighride and music from The Nutcracker Suite.</p> <div data-bbox="971 850 1386 955" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>I'm looking forward to spreading some holiday joy!</p> <div data-bbox="906 993 1455 1176" data-label="Image"> </div>

<b>Instrumental Music News</b> <b>Ms. Gingrich</b> <a href="mailto:dgingrich@bcps.org">dgingrich@bcps.org</a> 
<p>4<sup>th</sup> Exploratory – We had a great recorder concert on Nov 14<sup>th</sup>!!!! The students played very well and I am so proud of them. In 4<sup>th</sup> grade we are going to continue play recorder up until winter break. Students bring your recorder to class! We are receiving Violins for our class to use and will play them in Jan and Feb.</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band – Students are working on playing beginning notes and beginning sound on their instrument by the time our first concert comes around students should be able to recognize and play 5 notes with good tone.</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Strings – Students are working on reading notes in the D Major Scale. In the next week or so we will be starting to use the bow. All of our students are working hard and I am looking forward to playing for the parents.</p>