



Weaving is the perfect project to see perseverance and the growth mindset in action! 3/4 Graders are finishing up their CD weavings and will be taking them home soon! This project is always a favorite. The change in students from the first to the last day weaving as they become used to the process is always fascinating. Do you do any Fiber art at home? Stitching, sewing and weaving are all examples of Fiber Art. The pattern and focus is sometimes a calming activity for students. Next, students will be creating snowflake banners to celebrate all of those snowy days ahead.

5th graders are working in clay on their clay snowpeople unit. Students are learning to create pinch pots, slabs, and fill their sculptures with details. Next, they will be fired in our kiln and get a coat of shiny glaze to finish them off!

1/2 Graders just got done learning about Henri Matisse. Matisse didn't give up on his art because he was confined to a wheelchair, later in life. Instead he "drew with scissors" and made paper cut-out art. Students practiced cutting and gluing to create their own collages.

6-8th graders are working on a variety of projects including clay gargoyles, clay coil pots, Aboriginal dot paintings and Gustav Klimt inspired patterned drawings.

Thank you for supporting the Visual Arts!

Sara



Theatre class is taking a blast to the past courtesy of "Mamma Mia" and dancing to the music of Abba's "Waterloo"! We're also exploring improvisation and many styles of acting. We're learning about the roots of Western theatre and its beginnings in ancient Greece. Lastly, we're becoming informed critics by learning how to explain the reasons we like or dislike something we see and experience.



LMC News

During the next six weeks, third, fourth and fifth grade students will be concentrating on Internet Safety and will be doing Hour of Code during the week of December 3-7.

"The Hour of Code is a global movement introducing tens of millions of students worldwide to computer science, inspiring kids to learn more, breaking stereotypes, and leaving them feeling empowered." - From the [Hour of Code website](#).

The district is encouraging all schools to participate in this global movement. Students continue to enjoy many new titles to the Library.



Instrumental music is busy at working on a variety of music.

Band 1 and 2 is playing Star Wars Theme, The Tempest, and Windquest. Band 1 has also been working on the B flat concert scale.

Band 3 is working on On Wisconsin, Sleigh Ride, and Bohemian Rhapsody. Band 3 just finished learning the chromatic scale. Band 3 is also starting to sign up for Solo and Ensemble.

Mixed Choir is working on Bohemian Rhapsody, Linus and Lucy, and Tiritomba. Mixed choir will also start to sign up for Solo and Ensemble.

Orchestra 1 is working on Gaelic Castle, Peanut Butter and Celli, and Skating. They have been working on starting to use their full bow, and 4th finger.

Orchestra 2 is working on Finale from William Tell, Canon in D, and Let it Snow. They know D, G, and F major scales. We are looking at hooked bowing. Orchestra will start to sign up for Solo and Ensemble.

THANK YOU ALDO FAMILIES!!!



The Sting Cancer collection for our first hat day was \$354.85! Thank you for all you do to help others!



SAVE THE DATE!!

Gretchen's Middle School Choir Winter Concert: January 8th at 6:00 PM in the auditorium

K-5 Elementary Choir Concert: February 1st 1:30 pm in the gym

All music classes are currently in "concert mode" and working very hard on their concert music. We work on lyrics to clearly tell the story of our songs, rhythmic accuracy so we stay together as a group and dynamics to create the appropriate mood for our music. Middle School Popular Music Workshop has begun a new trimester in music. We are currently working on our drumming skills. In the next several weeks we will begin keyboarding and then end with guitar. This is a non-performance class however, each student comes out of the workshop being able to play several songs on each instrument.



P.E. NEWS

Hello from the PE Dept! Now that it is starting to get cold we tend to want to shut ourselves inside and hibernate. Remember it is important find time to exercise. In December The middle school kids will be working on some basketball and floor hockey skills. In Elementary we will also be working on some basketball skills, as well as some strategy based games. Enjoy you fall and as always keep moving!



Spanish classes are hard at work learning new vocabulary and increasing our speaking skills. Kindergarten, first, and second grade will focus on talking about themselves and the weather. We're also working hard on counting, and being able to tell how we feel.

Grades 3 and 4 are focusing on some of the cultural observances in the Spanish speaking world this time of year! Some of them are VERY different than what we see in our country! Be sure to ask your 3rd/4th grader about all the special December cultural activities that Spanish speaking countries engage in.

Grade 5 students continue to work on telling what they are doing, and how they feel. They're beginning to work on language structures that they'll see in middle school, if they choose to take Spanish for high school credit in 7th and 8th grade. Be sure to ask your student about the benefits of speaking more than one language!

Middle school students are moving through our high school curriculum and doing great! We're beginning to watch and discuss December commercial ads from Spanish speaking countries, and to reflect on how they show the culture of the place they come from.