

# FINE ARTS / STEM / LIBRARY / SPANISH ROTATIONS NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



### Specials Rotations Reminders

- Be sure to charge your laptops and iPads when you get home from school.
- Make sure you have headphones at school for ALL classes, even rotations use them from time to time!
- K-5: Know when you have Art, make sure we aren't wearing our nicest and whitest clothes to art class.
- Check out OGS Art on Artsonia!

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- November 16th was the LHS Band Festival field trip and evening concert
- November 16th was the LHS Feeder School Art Show opening at the LHS artwork will stay up till winter break
- Choir Concert Dec. 18 @ 6:30 PM Pat Patt Gym

### K-5 ART

Miss Spector & Mrs. Vance

- Kindergarten is learning paintbrush control techniques and how to create texture using oil pastels.
- 1st Grade is learning about Henri Rousseau. They are learning about foreground, middle ground, and background and how to overlap in their artwork.
- 2nd Grade is learning about Jasper Johns and the printmaking process.
- 3rd Grade recently learned how to draw various cups three dimensionally. They are adding their own creativity to their hot beverages and will color them brightly soon!
- 4th Grade learned how to use some new digital drawing tools and will be transferring their images onto styrofoam to complete a printmaking unit.
- 5th Grade is working on a LEGO self portrait where they are transforming a mini fig into their own.

### Junior High ART

Mrs. Vance

#### QUARTER 2

- 6th Grade Art Survey Q2 just finished up their self portrait caricatures and are starting our printmaking unit learning how to create a geometric collagraph.
- 7th and 8th Grade Graphic Design started the quarter making personal logos using the Adobe Illustrator software and now are starting to work on Parody Posters using Photoshop skills learned during a fun exercise last week. Ask your students to show you their fruit monster and logo!



# DRAMA

Ms. Ludington

- Kindergarten began acting out the classic picture book "Where the Wild Things Are." Before the unit is complete the kids will pretend to be naughty children, frustrated parents, the ocean, a magical forest and dancing monsters.
- 2nd Grade is acting out scenes inspired by "Detective Arthur on the Scent". They are brainstorming questions and taking turns pretending to be suspects. Who STOLE Arthur's birthday cake?
- 4th Grade continues to explore the creepy story of Baba Yaga the witch. This week students took on the roles of director and designer. Students were given objects to spur their imagination and wrote their own light cues to make the story come to life.
- 6th Graders in Q2 explored physical and vocal choices with characters of different ages. Students will perform their first Commedia Dell'Arte Scene featuring Pantalone and Il Dottore next week.
- 7th Grade (The Actor) Students are creating two person comic duos inspired by Abbott and Costello, Donny and Marie and Bert and Ernie as part of our unit called "The Joke is Not the Joke." The Comic Duos will perform for 3rd Grade Classes next week.
- 8th Grade (Musical Theater) Students completed their first read through of this year's 8th Grade Musical "Newsies JR" and have already begun learning two songs from the show.

# SPANISH

Señora Loch

- Kindergarten is working on colorful turkeys. They are learning to say and read the colors.
- 1st grade is working on a weather wheel. They are learning a weather song in Spanish called "¿Qué tiempo hace?"
- 2nd Graders are learning about classroom objects. They are making a poster project and learning to name the items in their backpack in Spanish.
- 3rd Graders are currently on the calendar unit. They are learning songs for days of the week, months of the year, weather and seasons. They are practicing counting to 31 in Spanish.
- 4th Graders are learning different verbs and learning to express their likes and dislikes in Spanish.
- 5th Graders are learning about holiday traditions in Spanish speaking countries. They are creating a project called "Doce Uvas" to learn about a New Years Eve tradition in Spain.

# K-5 MUSIC

Mr. Farris, Mr. Frankowski & Mr. Jones

- Kindergarten had some spooky fun in music class during the end of October! We read books about monsters and learned a song called 'Up the Creaky Stairs'. We even got to go up and down the music room's creaky stairs! We also loved getting our first glimpse of Oak Grove's Veterans day. Learning the 'Thank you Soldiers' song is a tradition that was important to the students and they took it very seriously.
- 1st Grade - The end of October is always spooky in music class! We loved singing 'I'm having a bad scare day' and 'Skeleton Shake' and even got a chance to be a composer with our 'Candy Corn Rhythmic Compositions.' First grade was so excited to be invited to the Veterans Day Ceremony and they were thrilled to be able to sing 'Thank You Soldiers' with the rest of the students. They did such a great job and added so much to the ceremony.
- 2nd Grade - Nothing says the end of October like songs with the sounds of rattly bones! We loved singing 'Shiver and Shake' that had a fun percussion accompaniment for us to learn. We pulled out all the classroom percussion instruments and accompanied ourselves singing. Veterans Day was a day that many of the second graders looked forward to because they get to lead the 'Thank You Soldiers' song because of all the grades they always sing it the most passionately. They did such a beautiful job singing the song with the rest of the students. They melted many hearts that morning.
- 3rd Grade Students are working on reading and playing the first three notes on their recorders!
- 4th Grade - The clarinets have arrived! We have begun our 8 week clarinet unit.
- 5th Graders are learning new strumming and picking style on our ukes!

# JH MUSIC

Mr. Farris

## QUARTER 1 / 2

- 6th Grade - The first quarter guitar students gave a lunch performance for their friends before we switched rotation classes. They performed everything from Taylor Swift to John Denver. The class played the chords on their guitars while different groups of students took turns singing on microphones. We have switched rotations now and we are starting with a new group. The new guitar students are working on switching between the chords D, A7, Em, G and C by playing different songs that use those chords. New chords are coming soon!
- 7th Grade - The first quarter guitar ensemble students gave a lunch concert to their friends before we switched rotations. It was the very first 7th grade lunch concert in Oak Grove History!! They played Beethoven's Ode to Joy, the Japanese folk song 'Sakura' and others. They did such a great job and their classmates were so quiet and attentive while they played. We have now switched rotations and a new group of students are getting acquainted with learning how to play individual strings and reading tablature.
- 8th Grade - Last quarter's 8th grade vocals class participated in the Libertyville Junior High Choral Fest on Nov. 2. From singing with the other Junior High and High school singers from all over Libertyville to break out sessions where they got to chat with High School students about their experience in high school choir, we got such a good taste for what singing at LHS would be. The evening concert was amazing and they did such a great job. Musical Theatre class has now started and we are beginning to learn the songs to 'Newsies Jr.' We are having so much fun!



# S.T.E.M.

MR. HENNEBERRY

- 1st Grade and 3rd Grade Engineers are all about chain reactions right now, we watched some amazing domino chain reactions and will have a chance to construct and topple our own.
- 5th Grade Engineers are working on constructing flat top pyramids. They will use these to try and land drones, I hope they can support the weight!?!?
- 6th Grade- A new crop of doctors are working together to diagnose and treat the patients they encounter.
- 7th Graders are planning their trip to Bonnaroo, they have to plan their flight and estimate fuel cost to see if they have money left for tickets!
- 8th Grade Engineers have built their rescue bot and are now working on redesigning the drive trains for more torque or speed, which will they choose?

# MEDIA ARTS

DR. MELTZER

## QUARTER 1 FINAL PROJECTS

- 6th Grade Quarter 1 - We finished up with our "Virtual Vacation" videos. Students recorded in front of our giant green screen and then used Adobe Premiere to put themselves in impossible locations. Great job!
- 7th Grade Multimedia class finished up by creating some wonderful "Practical Special Effects" videos. Some examples include changing soccer balls into basketballs, snapping fingers to make people disappear, and magically changing positions. So creative!
- 8th Graders in Q1 were the first to learn how to use our new GoProMax 360° cameras (Thank you OGSEF). These cameras record in a sphere and then students can edit what they want to show. Using a giant pole, they put the camera inside the basketball hoop and followed the ball or moved the camera position in post-production. So clever.

# LIBRARY

Mrs. Rappaport & Mrs. Osterman

- Kindergarten will be reading "A Plump and Perky Turkey" and doing a STEM activity using Symmetry and Balance. We are also reading "Set Your Alarm Sloth" and watching videos about the various rare animals in the book.
- 1st Graders are reading "Set Your Alarm Sloth" and watching videos about the various rare animals in the book.
- 2nd Grade will be reading "Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving" and doing a STEM activity building a fort for a turkey to hide in. The fort must be attached to a pulley so it can be raised and lowered. We are reading "Set Your Alarm Sloth" and watching videos about the various rare animals in the book.
- 3rd Graders are reading "Set Your Alarm Sloth" and watching videos about the various rare animals in the book.
- 4th and 5th graders are wrapping up their Free Verse books.
- 6th Graders learned about online influencers in a Media Literacy lesson.
- 7th Graders learned about deep fakes as part of a Media Literacy lesson.
- 8th graders learned about hoaxes and catfishing in a Media Literacy lesson.

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO YOUR STUDENT'S TEACHERS FOR MORE INFORMATION



