

SPECIALISTS NEWSLETTER

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WHAT IS THE SPECIALIST NEWSLETTER?

EVERY QUARTER, THE SPECIALIST TEAM AT BLACK ROCK SCHOOL WILL INFORM FAMILIES ABOUT THE FUN AND EXCITING LEARNING TAKING PLACE IN THEIR CLASSROOMS.

MEET THE TEAM

Mrs. Brum - Phys. Ed (Grades Pre-K-1)

Ms. Riddick - Phys. Ed (Grades 2-8)

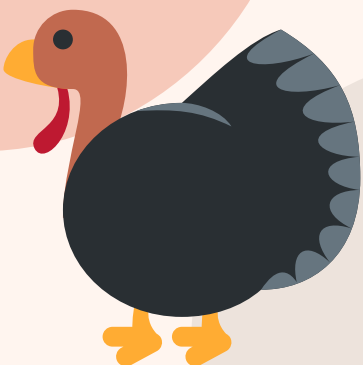
Ms. Erin - Media Specialist

Mrs. Stapleton - Art

Mr. Geist - Music



WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR THANKSGIVING BREAK.
WE ARE THANKFUL FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!
LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR. THANK
YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



ART – MRS. STAPLETON



Hello Black Rock Families! My name is Mrs. Stapleton and I am so happy to be teaching Art at Black Rock School! This is my 4th year teaching Art in the Bridgeport Public Schools. Before teaching in Bridgeport, I taught third grade in New York City for 3 years and Special Education for 4 years before that. My goal is to provide opportunities each week for your children to use beautiful, quality art materials in order to have FUN making unique and skilled works of art that they can be proud of. I work hard to create a calm, focused and welcoming learning environment in order to make art class a positive experience for all students. We have so many talented and creative students here at Black Rock!

If you would like to donate materials to the art room, a few of our most needed supplies are black Sharpie Markers (fine and ultra fine), watercolor palettes, 9 x 12 Sax or Tru-ray white and black construction paper, 12 x 18 Sax or Tru-ray white and black construction paper, messy mats for the art tables and glue sticks. Donations would be so appreciated and may be brought to the front office and labeled for the art room.

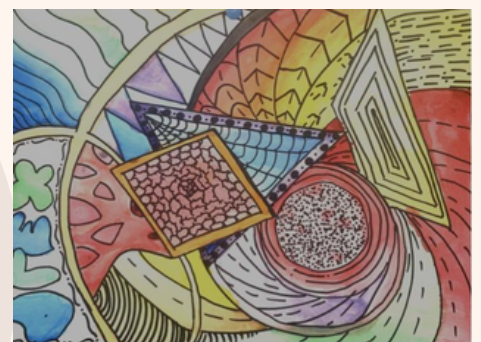
Below are some exceptional works of art that made it onto the WOW board!

Thank you for your support!

E. Stapleton



VALENCIA GRADE 7



ALEX GRADE 8

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

P.E WITH MRS. BRUM

STUDENTS IN PRK, K AND 1ST GRADE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THEIR LOCOMOTOR SKILLS THIS FALL. STUDENTS PRACTICED WALKING, LEAPING, SLIDING, JUMPING, TIP TOEING, GALLOPING AND SKIPPING DURING FITNESS ACTIVITIES AND TAG GAMES. ASK YOUR CHILD HOW WE PLAY TUNNEL TAG, OR HARRY POTTER TAG. STUDENTS ALSO LEARNED THE CUES TO ROLL A BALL TO A TARGET AND THEN USED THEIR NEW ROLLING SKILLS IN THE GROUP GAME TEAM KING PIN. TO CELEBRATE THE FUN OF HALLOWEEN, STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE THE UNDERHAND TOSS TO THROW GHOSTS INTO HAUNTED HOUSES IN THE GAME GHOST BUSTERS. LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER, WE WILL BE STARTING OUR COOPERATIVE GAMES UNIT. STUDENT WILL WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE VARIOUS PHYSICAL CHALLENGES.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IN SNEAKERS ON PE DAYS!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

P.E WITH MS. RIDDICK

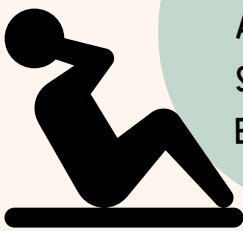
THIS YEAR IN P.E. STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN AN EXCITING EFFECTIVE PROGRAM WHICH WILL NOT ONLY BE FUN, BUT ENHANCE YOUR CHILD'S LEVEL OF PHYSICAL FITNESS. DURING CLASS, STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES THAT ARE INCLUSIVE, HIGHLY ACTIVE AND INTEGRATE ACADEMIC AND WELLNESS CONCEPTS. THE INSTRUCTIONAL UNITS ARE DESIGNED TO DEVELOP STUDENTS MOTOR, COGNITIVE AND SOCIAL SKILLS.

EVERY STUDENT HAS P.E TWICE A WEEK. PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD DRESSED APPROPRIATELY FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A DAILY GRADE BASED ON PARTICIPATION, EFFORT AND CONDUCT.

AFTER THANKSGIVING BREAK, STUDENTS IN 2ND & 3RD GRADE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON MOVING SAFELY IN GENERAL SPACE WHILE PARTICIPATING IN COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES. STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-8 WILL START FITNESS TESTING. THE FOUR TESTS ARE EXPLAINED BELOW.

4 FITNESS COMPONENTS

CURL UPS
TEST OF
ABDOMINAL
STRENGTH &
ENDURANCE.



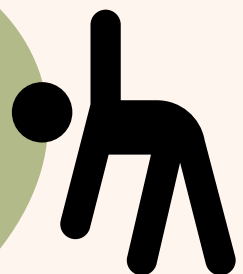
PUSH UPS
TESTS UPPER BODY
MUSCLE STRENGTH
& ENDURANCE.



P.A.C.E.R
SHUTTLE RUN THAT
HELPS CHILDREN
PACE THEMSELVES
EFFECTIVELY.



SIT & REACH
MEASURE OF
JOINT
FLEXIBILITY.



MEDIA SPECIALIST MS. ERIN BUCKLEY



HELLO BLACK ROCK FAMILIES,

MY NAME IS ERIN BUCKLEY, I AM THE NEW SCHOOL LIBRARIAN. THE STUDENTS AND I ARE SO EXCITED, WE JUST ADDED 89 NEW BOOKS TO OUR COLLECTION DUE TO A CREDIT FROM OUR SPRING SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR- THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED!

IN SEPTEMBER, THE STUDENTS AND I REVIEWED HOW TO FIND TITLES AND AUTHORS IN THE LIBRARY AND TALKED ABOUT INTERNET SAFETY.

IN OCTOBER, PRE-K THRU 4TH READ BOTH CLASSIC AND FRACTURED FAIRY TALES. NINJA RED WAS A FAVORITE! 5TH AND 6TH GRADE LEARNED ABOUT GREEK GODS, GODDESSES AND MYTHICAL CREATURES.

THIS MONTH IS NATIONAL PARKS MONTH. THE YOUNGER STUDENTS ARE DISCUSSING WHAT IS IMPORTANT ABOUT PARKS TO THEM AND THE OLDER STUDENTS ARE WORKING ON A NEWSLETTER TO ATTRACT PEOPLE TO THE NATIONAL PARKS. 4TH GRADE FAMILIES, I AM SENDING HOME PASSES FOR YOUR STUDENTS. THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE HAS A PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY FOR 4TH GRADERS WHERE THEY, 3 ADULTS AND SIBLINGS GET IN FREE UNTIL AUGUST 31, 2024.

ATTACHED TO THE PASS IS A LIST OF PARKS IN CONNECTICUT THAT YOU CAN REDEEM THE PAPER PASS FOR A REAL PASS. IF YOU ARE THE PARENT OF A 4TH GRADER AND HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR YOUR STUDENT HAS NOT BROUGHT IT HOME, PLEASE CONTACT ME AND I WILL GET ONE TO YOU.

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I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR WITH YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN!

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

HELLO AND WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL. I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A SUMMER THAT WAS FULL OF LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES. I AM HAPPY TO BE BACK AT BLACK ROCK SCHOOL AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A SCHOOL YEAR FULL OF MUSIC.

FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS HAVE BEGUN BEGINNER GUITAR INSTRUCTION IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS. FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS WILL CONTINUE WITH GUITARS AND LATER WILL BE INTRODUCED TO KEYBOARDS. STUDENTS IN THIRD GRADE ARE LEARNING TO PLAY THE SOPRANO RECORDER AND ARE WORKING ON A HOLIDAY SONG. MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE PREPARING SELECTIONS FOR OUR HOLIDAY CONCERT.

FOR THE YOUNGER GRADES, WE ARE CONTINUING WITH FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC. FIRST STEPS IS A WONDERFUL PROGRAM THAT HELPS DEVELOP YOUNGER SINGERS.

YES, THERE WILL ALSO BE A MUSICAL IN MAY! I HAVE ORDERED THE SHOW KIT FOR ALADDIN JR. THIS MUSICAL IS CURRENTLY RUNNING ON BROADWAY. I WAS ABLE TO SEE IT BACK IN 2019. HAVE YOU SEEN IT? AS SOON AS THE SHOW KIT ARRIVES WE WILL BEGIN REHEARSALS.

ONE LAST ITEM I WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE ARE MY STUDENT EXPECTATIONS.

M -MAKE WISE CHOICES SO YOU AND OTHERS CAN LEARN.

U -USE GOOD MANNERS AND BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS.

S - SPEAK, SING AND PLAY WHEN DIRECTED BY YOUR MUSIC TEACHER OR STUDENT LEADER.

I- INVOLVE YOURSELF IN ALL CLASS ACTIVITIES.

C - CARE FOR OTHERS AND THE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.



THANK YOU,
MR. GEIST

P.S. ON DECEMBER 3RD AT 5:00 PM. THE BLACK ROCK TREE LIGHTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE POCKET PARK. POCKET PARK IS AT THE CORNER OF BREWSTER ST. AND GROVERS AVE. IF YOU WISH TO SING IN THE BLACK ROCK CHEER CHORUS. COME TO THE MUSIC ROOM ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 27. AND WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29 AT 2:20 PM FOR REHEARSAL.

