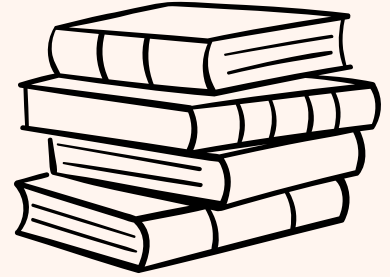


# SPECIALISTS NEWSLETTER

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## MEDIA SPECIALIST MS. ERIN BUCKLEY



THE STUDENTS AND I ARE CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY ON DISCOVERING ALL OF THE THINGS A LIBRARY HAS TO OFFER!

IN DECEMBER, WE COVERED DIFFERENT TYPES OF ARTWORK, LIKE CAMOUFLAGE ART AND AUSTRALIAN DOT ART.

IN JANUARY, PRE-K THROUGH 3RD AND I READ BOOKS ABOUT HOW TO START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT BY BEING KINDER, MORE EMPATHETIC TO OTHERS AND OURSELVES. 4TH, 5TH, AND 6TH GOT TO CHOOSE FROM CAPOEIRA, TAI CHI OR YOGA FOR THEIR RESEARCH PROJECTS AND THEN DID A VARIETY OF PRESENTATIONS.

NOW ALL GRADES ARE LEARNING ABOUT JAZZ. A LOT OF THE STUDENTS REALLY LIKE LISTENING TO JON BATISTE AND TROMBONE SHORTY'S MUSIC.

COMING UP IN MARCH, I WILL BE SENDING APPLICATIONS HOME FOR THE STUDENTS TO GET THEIR OWN LIBRARY CARDS. THE BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS GREAT RESOURCES FOR READING AND RESEARCHING. ANY CLASS THAT REACHES 100% WILL WIN A PRIZE!

ALSO IN MARCH, FROM THE 18TH TO THE 22ND , WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR ANNUAL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR. I WILL SEND OUT MORE DETAILS AS THE FAIR APPROACHES.

KEEP ON READING!

MS. ERIN BUCKLEY, SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

# ART – MRS. STAPLETON



WOW! THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR IS PROVING TO BE FULL OF ART EXPLORATION AND SKILL-BUILDING! I AM SO IMPRESSED BY THE EXCITEMENT, MOTIVATION AND TALENT THAT BLACK ROCK STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE IN THE ART ROOM.

TO ENSURE THAT OUR ART ROOM REMAINS A SAFE, ENJOYABLE AND PRODUCTIVE SPACE FOR ALL, I ASK THAT EVERY STUDENT BE MINDFUL OF OUR ART CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS:  
REF: RESPECT, EFFORT, FOCUS.

I'D LIKE TO GIVE A BIG SHOUT OUT TO GLORY KAMUNANWIRE-WALKER AND FAMILY FOR PROVIDING TONS OF WET WIPES FOR THE ART ROOM TABLES AND A BIG SHOUT OUT TO SELA COHEN AND FAMILY FOR SENDING IN 60 GLUE STICKS FOR THE ART ROOM. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

THE ART ROOM IS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF SHARPIE MARKERS, PAPER TOWELS AND COLOR CONSTRUCTION PAPER OF ALL SIZES. IF ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO DONATE MATERIALS TO THE ART ROOM, THEY CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE MAIN OFFICE AND LABELED FOR THE ART ROOM.

BELOW ARE SOME RECENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ART PROGRAM AND SOME PIECES MADE IT ONTO THE WOW BOARD. ENJOY!



VALUE MOUNTAIN LANDSCAPE  
SOLOME, GRADE 4

OIL PASTEL, WATERCOLOR AND  
CHALK ON 12X18 PAPER



### EYES!

BRANDON, MAURO AND  
MALAK, GRADE 5

OIL PASTEL AND TEMPERA PAINT  
ON PAPER



### HAPPY POLAR BEAR IN BLIZZARD

DAVID, GRADE 3

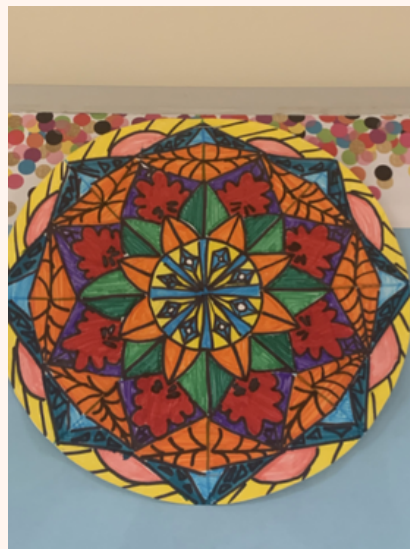
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### RADIAL SYMMETRY

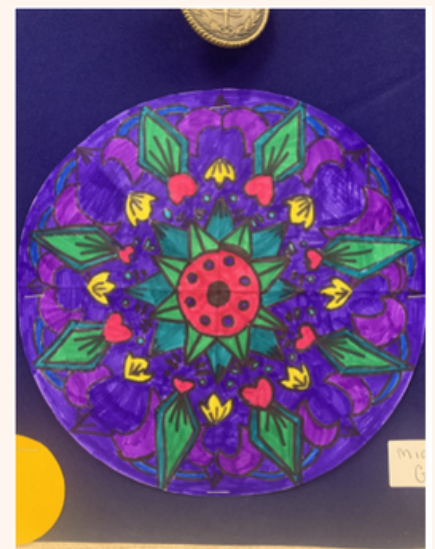
SHARPIE AND MARKER ON PAPER



ALANEY GRADE 8



ALEX GRADE 8



MIA GRADE 7



# NEWS FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

MIDDLE SCHOOL IS LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE MOTOWN SOUND. THEY WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT THE ARTIST AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO SOME OF THE MUSIC THAT WE ALL ENJOY. IN MARCH WE WILL LEARN ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT WOMEN MUSICIANS AND COMPOSERS. SIXTH GRADERS ARE LEARNING TO RECOGNIZE MUSIC INTERVALS THROUGH EAR TRAINING. BEING ABLE TO RECOGNIZE INTERVALS IS HELPFUL WHILE LEARNING A SONG OR EVEN AN INSTRUMENT.

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES ARE CONTINUING WITH LITTLE KIDS ROCK, NOW CALLED MUSIC WII. FOURTH GRADES ARE LEARNING HOW TO PLAY A DRUM SET AND FIFTH GRADE WILL BE LEARNING THE BASICS OF PLAYING KEYBOARDS.

THIRD GRADE IS LEARNING ABOUT MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. CURRENTLY THEY ARE LEARNING ABOUT STRING INSTRUMENTS. NEXT WILL BE THE PERCUSSION FAMILY.

KINDERGARTEN, FIRST AND SECOND GRADE STUDENTS ARE CONTINUING WITH FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC. SECOND GRADE CLASSES WILL ALSO BE BEGINNING TO PERFORM SOME FOLK DANCES.

AS ALWAYS IT IS A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOUR WONDERFUL CHILDREN!

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# MUSIC NEWS CONT....



I AM EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR SPRING MUSICAL REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN. JOINING THE COMPANY THIS YEAR IS MISS FESTA. MISS FESTA HAS AN EXTENSIVE ACTING BACKGROUND AND LOVES TO SHARE HER EXPERIENCE WITH THE CAST. THIS YEAR THE COMPANY WILL BE PERFORMING ALADDIN JR. THE SHOW HAS BEEN CAST AND WILL BE READY TO PERFORM IN MAY. PLEASE STAND BY FOR OUR PERFORMANCE DATES. WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR HELP. WE NEED HELP WITH SET DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, COSTUMES, LIGHTING, SOUND, AND WE COULD REALLY USE A STAGE MANAGER.





# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## P.E WITH MRS. BRUM

STUDENTS IN MRS.BRUM PE CLASSES EXPLORED THE FOLLOWING UNITS THIS QUARTER: STRIKING WITH LONG AND SHORT HANDED IMPLEMENTS, BASKETBALL, COOPERATIVE GAMES, AND VARIOUS WINTER THEMED GAMES AND ACTIVITIES.

DURING THE STRIKING UNIT, STUDENTS EXPLORED USING DIFFERENT OBJECTS TO STRIKE BALLOONS, SUCH AS LOLLIPOP PADDLES, POOL NOODLES, FRISBEES AND DIFFERENT BODY PARTS. OUR CULMINATING ACTIVITY WAS PLAYING "POOL" USING A LONG NOODLE TO STRIKE A BALL INTO HULA HOOPS.

OUR BASKETBALL UNIT FOCUSED ON LEARNING HOW TO DRIBBLE AND CONTROL A BASKETBALL WITH OUR FINGER PADS. STUDENTS CREATED AND SHARED THEIR OWN BALL HANDLING TRICKS, JUST LIKE THE HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS! STUDENTS ALSO LEARNED THE CORRECT SHOOTING TECHNIQUE BEEF: BALANCE, ELBOW, EXTEND, FOLLOW THROUGH. THE MOST POPULAR GAME WE PLAYED WAS A SHOOTING GAME CALLED "HIT OR MISS".

IN LATE DECEMBER STUDENTS REVISITED THEIR THROWING SKILLS WHILE PLAYING SNOWMAN DOWN, HAD A SNOWBALL FIGHT WITH THE YARN SNOWBALLS, AND GAVE EACH OTHER COOPERATIVE SLED RIDES USING INFLATABLE SLEDS AND THE SCOOTERS.

THROUGHOUT ALL OUR PE CLASSES STUDENTS FOCUSED ON MAKING SAFE CHOICES IN THE CONTEXT OF GAMES, BEING GOOD SPORTS, WORKING HARD EVEN WHEN ACTIVITIES WERE CHALLENGING, AND BEING A KIND AND RESPECTFUL MEMBER OF OUR CLASSROOM COMMUNITY.

I AM SO HAPPY WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE SO MUCH FUN TOGETHER, LEARNING AND GROWING IN PE CLASS.

I MISS YOU ALL ALREADY!

XO  
MRS.BRUM





# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## P.E WITH MS. RIDDICK

STUDENTS IN MS. RIDDICKS CLASS ARE WORKING ON TEAMWORK, COOPERATION AND SAFETY.

STUDENTS IN 2ND AND 3RD GRADE JUST FINISHED WORKING WITH THE PARACHUTE. PARACHUTE PLAY REQUIRES EVERYONE TO SHARE THE SAME PIECE OF EQUIPMENT AND CREATES A GROUP AWARENESS THAT PROMOTES COOPERATIVE AND SAFE PLAY. OUR NEXT UNITS OF STUDY INCLUDE SCOOTERS, THROWING & CATCHING AND KICKING & STRIKING.

STUDENTS IN 4TH - 8TH GRADE STARTED EXPLORING DIFFERENT SPORTS UNITS. IN ADDITION TO SPECIFIC SKILL DEVELOPMENT, STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON COMMUNICATION, TEAMWORK, STRATEGY AND LEADERSHIP DURING MODIFIED LEAD UP GAMES.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR. SNEAKERS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN P.E. NO CROCS, SANDALS OR BOOTS.



IN JANUARY STUDENTS IN GRADES 2-8 PARTICIPATED IN A GOLF UNIT LED BY GOLF INSTRUCTORS FROM FAIRCHILD WHEELER.

STUDENTS LEARNED THE FUNDAMENTALS OF GOLF AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE THEIR GOLF SKILLS BY ENROLLING IN ONE OF THEIR PROGRAMS.

THIS PROGRAM IS FREE FOR BRIDGEPORT STUDENTS. MORE INFO ON THE NEXT PAGE.





## Group Lessons:

- Offered in Spring, Summer & Fall
- 7-week session meets once a week
- Ages 5-18
- Equipment provided if needed
- Prices vary by location (financial aid available if requested)
- Bridgeport, Cromwell, Danbury, Hartford, Greater New Haven, Greater Waterbury, Woodstock



## Summer Camp:

- Cromwell Learning Links Only
- Late June through mid-August
- 4 days Tuesday - Friday
- From 9:00am - 3:30pm
- Ages 5 - 14



## Learn More...

- Visit Our Open Houses
  - Sat. January 27, 9:00am - 1:00pm  
@ Learning Links in Cromwell
  - Sat. February 24, 10:00am - 2:00pm  
@ Learning Links in Cromwell
  - Fri. March 1, 4:00pm - 7:00pm  
@ Learning Links in Cromwell
  - Sat, April 6, 10:00am - 2:00pm  
@ Fairfield Wheeler in Bridgeport



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## Clases en Grupo:

- Se ofrece en primavera, verano y otoño
- Sesión de 7 semanas que se reúne una vez a la semana
- De 5 a 18 años
- Equipamiento proporcionado en caso necesario
- Los precios varían según el lugar (ayuda financiera disponible si se solicita)
- Bridgeport, Cromwell, Danbury, Hartford, Greater New Haven, Greater Waterbury, Woodstock



## Campamento de Verano:

- Learning Links en Cromwell
- De finales de Junio a mediados de Agosto
- 4 días de Martes a Viernes
- De 9.00 a 3.30 horas
- De 5 a 18 años

## Más información:

- Visite Nuestras Jornadas de Puertas Abiertas
- Sábado 27 de Enero, 9:00am - 1:00pm @ Learning Links en Cromwell
- Sábado 24 de Febrero, 10:00am - 2:00pm @ Learning Links en Cromwell
- Viernes 1 de Marzo, 4:00pm - 7:00pm @ Learning Links en Cromwell
- Sábado 6 de Abril, 10:00am - 2:00pm @ Fairfield Wheeler en Bridgeport



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