

SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

- The author and illustrator, Mr. Mike Venezia, will be visiting McCarty School on September 17th. He has written many children's books, including books on famous artists and musicians.
- 4th grade chorus begins on Wednesday, September 10th at 7:50 in the music room
- 5th grade chorus begins on Thursday, September 11th at 7:50 in the music room.
- Chimes begin rehearsal on Tuesday, September 9th at 8:00 am in the music room
- World Drumming Ensemble will be gin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 10th at 3:30-4:15 in the music room.

# Specials News!

## Art, Music, and P.E.

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### Kindergarten



#### ART

Kindergarten is being introduced to the basic rules of the art room. They are drawing, while discovering the nature of their art class. How do we get out materials and clean up? How do we share? The students have looked at the picture *Starry Night* by Vincent VanGogh. In the first month the students will also be looking at color, shape and line.

#### MUSIC

Our kindergarten musicians are exploring different ways to keep a steady beat to the music using their bodies. Some examples are tapping their legs, clapping their hands, and jumping up and down. Towards the end of the month they will be learning about different tempos and will listen to several excerpts from *The Carnival of the Animals*.

#### P.E.

The kindergarten P.E. students are working on safe movements as well as basic locomotor movements including walking, running, and galloping.

### 1st Grade



#### Art

First grade students start the year by making sure they understand primary and secondary colors. The students will be making a portrait using torn paper. This is a good activity to do at home. "Cut and Paste" without the cutting! Tear the paper instead. This can be frustrating but will develop a new way to look at the art you create!

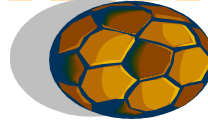
#### Music

First grade students begin the year learning quarter and eighth note rhythm patterns. They count the rhythms using "du" for quarter notes and "du day" for eighth notes. See if your child can "compose" their own 4-beat rhythm pattern using these notes!

#### P.E.

First grade works on review the locomotor movements, learning the daily routine of P.E. and then moving on to game skills. In September we will work on throwing and catching through a variety of games, activities, and drills.

## 2nd Grade



### ART

Second grade art students are looking at the art terms of *Portrait*, *Landscape* and *Still Life*. This coordinates with their language arts study of nouns: *Person*, *Place* and *Thing*. Students will start with the important compositional elements of a landscape.

Where does the word “horizontal” come from?

### MUSIC

Second grade students are learning about the string family of instruments. They will be able to name the major ones found in the orchestra as well as several different folk instruments. They will also learn about Beethoven and listen to excerpts from his 9th Symphony.

### P.E.

Second grade is an exciting year. We will continue to incorporate the locomotor skills in warm-up and games. After fitness testing, we will be reviewing throwing/catching as well as striking. These skills will lead to more sport-like games and activities.

“If a composer  
could say what  
he had to say in  
words he would  
not bother  
trying to say it  
in music”  
Gustav Mahler

## 3rd Grade

### ART

Our third grade artists are looking at the oldest art work, that of Paleolithic art. They are discovering the unique qualities of ancient cave paintings. A question to ask a third grade student is “How did Paleolithic people make paint that could last 35,000 years?”

### MUSIC

Third grade musicians begin the year learning the recorder. We are working on a program called Recorder Karate. Students will earn belts for every song mastered. The first testing date will be the first week in October. Students will get copies of the music at school to take home to practice.

### P.E.

In 3<sup>rd</sup> grade we will be working on our personal fitness through the use of stations, fitness testing, and recreational games. We test muscular strength (push-ups), muscular endurance (curl-ups), flexibility (sit and reach), and cardiovascular endurance (pace test/endurance run).

## 4th Grade

### ART

In fourth grade our students are looking at the math and science of drawing a portrait in the proper proportion. These “rules” originated during the Renaissance. Ask your child to name four Renaissance artists!

### MUSIC

Fourth grade musicians begin the year learning the recorder. We are working on a program called Recorder Karate. Students will earn belts for every song mastered. The first testing date will be the 1st week of October. Students will get the music at school, but it can also be found on the McCarty website.

### P.E.

In 4<sup>th</sup> grade we will be working on our personal fitness through the use of stations, fitness testing, and recreational games. We test muscular strength (push-ups), muscular endurance (curl-ups), flexibility (sit and reach), and cardiovascular endurance (pace test/endurance run).

# 5th Grade

## **ART**

Fifth grade has started the school year with an in-depth study of color theory. New vocabulary words and concepts include: Tertiary, Analogous, Complementary, Monochromatic, Value, Tint and Shade.

## **MUSIC**

Fifth grade began the year learning how to play the ukulele. We will be focusing on the music of Hawaii. Students will be learning basic I, IV, V strumming patterns to accompany the Hawaiian music.

## **P.E.**

In 5th, grade we will be working on our personal fitness through the use of stations, fitness testing, and recreational games. We test muscular strength (push-ups), muscular endurance (curl-ups), flexibility (sit and reach), and cardiovascular endurance (pace test/endurance run).

## Who are the members of the special's team?

### **David Smith-Art**

Mr. Smith is currently in his 35<sup>th</sup> year of teaching art. His widely varied experience has led him to teaching experiences in public and private settings in three states as well as overseas. He has taught adaptive art techniques in Australia, Singapore and India. Among numerous recognitions Mr. Smith has received for his contributions to the field of art education he has been recognized as the Illinois Art Educator of the year. Mr. Smith is also a practicing artist. His work is represented by the Spotted Dog Gallery in Mineral Point, Wisconsin.

### **Carolyn Vetter-P.E.**

Mrs. Vetter has been teaching Physical Education in District 204 since 1996. She graduated from Ohio University with a B.S. in Physi-

cal Education. This is her first teaching year at McCarty and she is very excited to be a part of the Mustang family. She lives in Naperville with her husband and 3 children. In her free time she enjoys being with her family and running with her dog.

### **Tracy Garcia-P.E.**

Ms. Garcia has been teaching Physical Education at McCarty for the past 4 years. She shares her time between McCarty and Springbrook Elementary Schools. She received her Masters in Teaching in 2002, and her B.S. in Recreation Administration in 1997, both from Aurora University. She enjoys being outdoors, especially camping and hiking. She also enjoys reading, and her favorite kid's book is "Click, Clack, Moo." She has been a Girl Scout for over 25 years, and serves as a leader for her daughter's brownie troop. Ms. Gar-

cia has 2 daughters at home, ages 5 and 8.

### **Jeannie Brooks-Music**

Mrs. Brooks has been teaching at McCarty for 9 years. She is a 1994 graduate of Waubonsie Valley H.S. She has a B.S. in music education and a Masters degree in music education both from Northern Illinois University. In 2003 she was named the Walmart Teacher of the Year. She plays flute and piccolo for the Dekalb Municipal Band, and has played piano for 25 years. She has 3 kids at home ages 4, 2, and 1.

### **Stephanie Faraci-Student Teacher Music.**

Stephanie Faraci is a senior at Augustana College majoring in music education and viola performance. She is involved with many organizations such as the Music Educators National Conference and the American String Teachers Association. In her free time she enjoys kneeboarding.

# Look At What We Do!!

