

Specials News!

Art, Music, and P.E.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Every December the Aurora Public Arts Commission sponsors a student art exhibition at their art gallery in downtown Aurora. We wish to congratulate the following students for being selected to participate in this very special art show.

FIRST GRADE

Brandon Ramirez

SECOND GRADE

Elise Neuder

THIRD GRADE

Jillian Elkins

FOURTH GRADE

Dana Dwyer

FIFTH GRADE

Aaron Heilman

Kindergarten



ART

Kindergarten students completed several cultural projects in January as they became aware of the Chinese New Year on January 26th. Art vocabulary in kindergarten has focused around the art elements of line and shape, while the art principles of pattern, movement and balance have played an important role in our lessons. Currently students are working on a Valentine project as

the school year approaches our 100th day of attendance.

MUSIC

Our kindergarten student just began working on music for their upcoming performance of "The Mice From Outer Space." We will be performing it for the parents in May.

P.E.

Kindergarteners took place in their very first Jump Rope for Heart and helped us raise money for the American Heart Association. Together we raised over 2,300 dollars! Kindergartners have just finished a unit based on throwing and catching and will be moving into a striking unit.

1st Grade



ART

First grade students have just finished creating a Safety Poster for the I-SEARCH poster contest sponsored by the Naperville Police Department. Art class is now focused on the art work of Henri Rousseau and the creation of a rain forest landscape. Through this project students are made aware of the importance of protecting the earth and its' envi-

ronment. Earth Day is April 22nd.

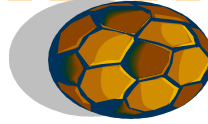
Music

First grade students just began working on their upcoming performance of "Bugz". This will take place on April 9th at 7:00. More information will be sent home as we get closer to the date.

P.E.

First grade has just finished a unit based on movement and special awareness on scooters. This opportunity was not only fun but allowed different movement possibilities. We raised 2,300 dollars with Jump Rope for Heart in conjunction with the American Heart Association with the help of our First Graders!

2nd Grade



ART

Second grade students are finishing a printmaking unit in which they designed a relief print, created the printing plate and printed multiple copies. They are currently finishing the unit by creating a print “portfolio”, and learning how to hand color their prints. In addition each class has looked at the colored

prints made in Japan where multiple printing plates are used for each color.

MUSIC

Second grade students have been busy putting the finishing touches on their production of “You’ve Got the Power”. This will be on Tuesday, March 17th at 7:00. More information will be sent home with your child’s classroom teacher.

P.E.

Second grade students just finished a scooter unit that offered various movement types and speeds. They are moving into a striking unit that will later be applied to sports such as softball. Jump Rope for Heart raised 2,300 dollars! The American Heart Association thanks you.

*“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

Third grade art curriculum includes two units on sculpture. Each student has recently designed a “mask” and turned it into a bas-relief sculpture. The students learn a whole new way to make art as they learn the process of “tooling” metal. Each student is now mounting their own art

work with either a cold or warm mount. Can you identify which colors are “warm”, and which colors are “cold”?

MUSIC

Third grade students just finished their instrument unit. They learned about the four families of instruments that are typically found in the orchestra. We are starting on music for

their poetry night in May.

P.E.

Third grade has finished a volleyball and are moving towards floor hockey. McCarty raised 2,300 dollars for the American Heart Association with Jump Rope for Heart!

4th Grade

ART

One of the most intensive of all art studies at McCarty School is the fourth grade unit on print making. Each student is designing a 4”x6” printing plate which will have to be carved. This “portrait” study helps each student understand

the power of a black and white image while also helping each student to discover the value of production techniques.

MUSIC

The 4th grade students are working on their upcoming production of “The Princess Princess”. This will take place in May. More information will be sent

home as the date approaches.

P.E.

Fourth Grade has completed a volleyball skills unit and are moving on to floor hockey. 2,300 dollars were raised for the American Heart Association with Jump Rope for Heart!

5th Grade

ART

Fifth grade students are studying the Ashanti culture of Africa. This important nation of people have developed symbols which are traditionally used in decorating fabric. Today these symbols help to identify who the Ashanti are as an historic nation. Each fifth grade student is producing their

own version of an Ashanti Andinkira fabric which helps to tell a story of the fabric's owner.

MUSIC

Fifth grade just completed their unit on Indonesian Gamelan music. They had to learn a difficult dampening technique on the xylophone. We will soon begin learning

how to write our own musical compositions!

P.E.

Jump Rope for Heart raised 2,300 dollars for the American Heart Association. Thanks to everyone who helped! Fifth graders have finished a volleyball skills unit and will be moving on to a floor hockey unit.



JILLIAN ELKINS

third grade student,
views her art work with
Aurora Mayor Tom
Weisner at the Aurora Arts
Commission Gallery

