

SPOTLIGHT ON SPECIAL AREA

November 1, 2017

We are excited to bring you the second edition of Spotlight on Special Area. We've created this newsletter to let you know what your child is doing in Art, Guidance, Media, Music, and Physical Education each nine weeks. We've had a wonderful start to the year, and are so excited to have the opportunity to work with your child!

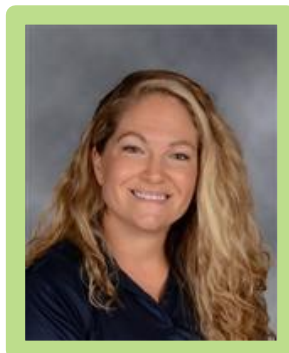
Should you have any questions at any time, please feel free to contact us.



Mrs. Menacof, Art



Mrs. Jacobsen, Guidance



Mrs. Mayo, Guidance



Mrs. Hull, Music



Mrs. Sever, Media



Mrs. Cox, PE



Mr. Dobie, PE



Mr. Gonatos, PE

ART

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The year is off to a great start in the art room, with projects in full swing! The students are busy reviewing and learning new techniques and information so that the creative juices are flowing into wonderful and original art projects. Kindergarten is painting, cutting, and gluing, while 1st grade is learning how to weave. 2nd grade is studying Van Gogh for an oil pastel painting, and 3rd grade will be painting a symmetrical, abstract portrait. 4th grade has been studying various artists that use contour line to create a realistic drawing of flowers. Last, but not least, 5th grade will be creating an original cultural clay mask out of clay! Whew!!

We have student art work in art displays, shows, and art contests. Here is an updated list:

Healthy Lung Leon County Library Display (2nd Place)

Jadyn Booth
Adelyn Matthews
TJ Harley
Clara Thompson
Mia D'Aurio
Bailey Kuhlhof
Scout Joyner
Kaitlyn Lackey
Kate Stewart
Josey Hulen

Winterfest Art Exhibit Participants

Alyssa Lowe
Marybeth Goehrig

Healthy Lung Calendar Contest Winners

Abigail Brockmeier
Lexie Crumbaker
Ashtin Dinkleman
Marin Foster
Colton Hulen

**Congratulations to All and
Keep Art in Your Heart!!**

**Leon County School Board Art Display
Sterling Carlile**



GUIDANCE

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We had a great 1st 9 weeks getting to know one another and are excited for the rest of the year. Some of the topics taught in guidance class included:

Kindergarten and 1st grades:

-Recognizing and Accepting Differences – learned what it means to be unique and how wonderful it is that we are all different!

-Filling Buckets – ways we can be kind to others and how it makes them feel and how we feel when we're kind

2nd grade:

-Filling Buckets- why It's important to treat others kindly, and how when we do that WE feel better, too!

-Friendship- qualities that make a good friend, how to make and keep friends, and what happens if friends sometimes argue or don't get along.

-Tattling- When is it a small problem we can try to handle ourselves, and when should we REPORT something that is too big for us to tackle?

4th grade:

-Filling Buckets: How can we do this in school, at home and in public? Even small acts of kindness add up to a safer school, home and community!

-Bullying: What is it, and how can we go from being a Bystander, to an UPstander in and out of school? Students brainstormed and created their own "bully situation skits" and acted out in front of their class, to help demonstrate ways to stand up for others.

-Self-Control: Over-reacting can lead to disrupting class, losing or friend or ending up in trouble- how can we help our reactions match the problem?

Please keep an eye out for more information regarding the Roberts Caring Connection. Once again this year, we will be helping families from the HOPE community by providing the children gifts for the holidays.

MEDIA

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Wow! Our Red Foxes are really ravenous readers this year!! Our circulation numbers for book checkout are higher than in any previous year! Students in third, fourth and fifth grade are enjoying the Sunshine State Young Reader's Award books. This is a state-wide contest where students are able to vote on their favorite book from a selection of 15 nominated titles. We already have three students that have read all 15 books, with several more students who are really close. It is so much fun to see the enthusiasm for these books! We will begin the Sunshine State Young Reader's Award, Jr. contest for students in grades K-2 in January.

In addition to seeing the children on a daily basis for book check out, I get to enjoy kindergarten, third and fifth grade students as part of the special area rotation. Here are some of the topics that we'll be covering this year during these classes:

- * K - identifying the author and illustrator of a book; discussing the author's purpose; learning about featured authors and series; recognizing rhyming words in stories
- * 3 - comparing versions of fairy tales; extensive unit on tall tales; using the online catalog
- * 5 - accessing and utilizing online resources in a safe, appropriate way; digital citizenship; Word basics; trickster tales; dialect; perspective/point of view

To learn more about the Media Center, please visit the Media Center web page, <https://www.leonschools.net/Page/15986>. You'll find information on AR and SSYRA, as well as links to our online catalog and AR Bookfinder.

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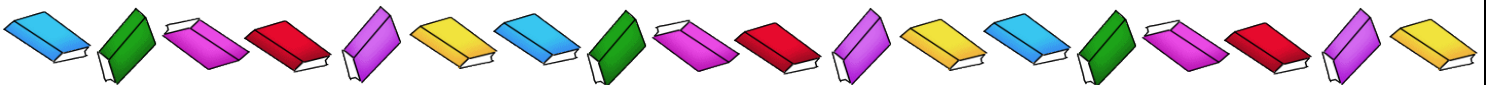
UPCOMING DATES

PK-2 Family Reading Event – TBA!

Late Night Library – Tuesday, December 5, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

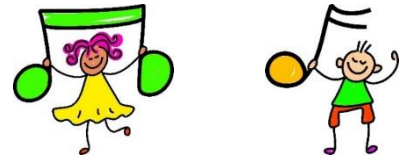
Literacy Week – January 22-26

Scholastic Book Fair – January 22-26

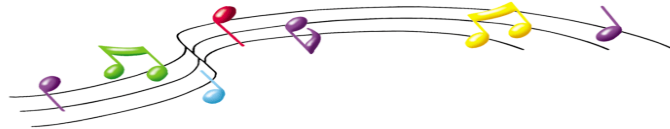


MUSIC

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It's hard to believe November is already here. The kindergarten children will be performing "A Salute to America" on November 8th at 9am in the school cafeteria. They are super excited!! Also the 4th graders will present "Santa's Holiday Hoedown", on December 7th at 6pm in the school cafeteria. There is a new interactive music education program your child can access from home for free. Just go to QuaverMusic.com and sign in with code 9YAKVH , and have FUN!!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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In Physical Education our 3rd – 5th graders are working on Chasing, Fleeing, and Dodging skills-related to sports with Coach Dobie, Fitness concepts with fitness stations with Mrs. Cox, and Throwing and Catching with lead passes with Coach G. Our K – 2nd graders continue to work on locomotor skills and fitness during their warm ups and then fitness stations with Mrs. Cox and Coach G and Chasing, Fleeing and Dodging skills and games with Coach Dobie.

Don't forget Mileage Club every Monday and Wednesday from 8 – 8:20 with Coach Dobie! See any of the coaches for a permission slip! Thanks for keeping your children active and healthy! Let us know if your child has any special needs that would affect their performance in physical education and as always don't forget to have your students wear tennis shoes on their physical education days!

