

Unified Arts Newsletter



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DID YOU KNOW?

In addition to the core curriculum at West Maple, your children attend classes in the Unified Arts areas. These include Art, Media in K-2, Vocal Music, Spanish in 2nd-5th grade, and Physical Education.



Pictured from left to right: Carrie Betts-Media, Samantha Jackman-Spanish, Jill Richardson-Vocal Music, Antonio Boggiano-P.E., Shelly Naglick-T.O.A., and Alex Mitevski-Art.

KEY DATES

November 15-16th-

Parent-Teacher conferences
Come visit us by the gym!

December 6th

Empty bowls night - 2nd grade service learning project to help alleviate hunger in Detroit.





Students in Fourth Grade have been composing throughout the month of October. Using the song , "Halloween Moon," students used an existing melody and created original accompaniments for the song, which they then performed for their classes.

Students in Honors Choir will be performing at Detroit's Fox Theater on Tuesday, November 22 before Cirque Dreams Holiday! What an exciting opportunity for our students to shine!



There are so many exciting things happening in the Arts over the next few months!

Kindergardeners have been learning several Patriotic songs, and we have been working hard on important concepts like finding the steady beat of music!

First Graders will begin their unit on Pyotr Tchaikovsky and "The Nutcracker" after Thanksgiving.

Second Graders are learning about Beethoven! Watch for art projects and dances to make their way home with your students!

Third Graders are finishing up a movie about the life of JS Bach before they begin working on songs for their concert!

Fourth Graders are gearing up for recorders! Please be sure to send your child in with his or her recorder the week after Thanksgiving!

Fifth Graders are busy working on their concert songs for their Fine Arts Night in January!

ART

Students in grades K-12 are invited to take part in the 2016 Doodle 4 Google contest, and create a doodle that tells the world "What I see for the future." From crayons to clay, graphic design, or even food, young artists can utilize any materials to bring their creation to life. Like all Google Doodles, each doodle must incorporate the letters G-o-o-g-l-e. One national winner will also receive a \$30,000 college scholarship. The last day to enter is December 2, 2016.

<https://doodles.google.com/d4g/>



SPANISH



Mrs. Zuhl's 3rd grade class enjoyed talking about feelings in Spanish while using play dough!



Coming up in Spanish!

2nd graders are learning about colors and classroom objects.

3rd graders are studying classroom commands.

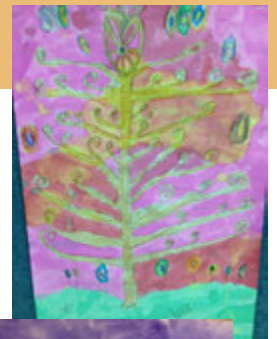
4th graders are talking about their daily routines.

5th graders are describing themselves and others!

Did you know that learning a foreign language in elementary school helps students become more successful in other areas of study? Read more!

<https://www.actfl.org/advocacy/what-the-research-shows/studies-supporting>

HAPPENINGS IN ART CLASS



National Core Arts Standards - Visual Arts

Two years ago, the art department chose to adopt the new National Core Arts Standards (NCCAS) to help guide instruction and evaluation. The current set of arts standards emerge from the Artistic Processes of Creating, Presenting, Responding, and Connecting. Each artistic process branches into two or three anchor standards. The performance standards, which describe student learning in each of the specific arts disciplines, align with anchor standards. Collectively, the design reflects a cohesive and aligned system that allows for commonality across the disciplines and specificity within each discipline, therefore establishing the appropriate level of breadth and depth required for national standards. To read more, and specifically look at the visual art standards, please visit <http://www.nationalartsstandards.org/>

Physical education

My name is Antonio Boggiano and I am the new full-time physical education teacher. I am excited to be joining the amazing staff here at West Maple. The past 3 years I have been teaching at charter schools in Detroit. I have been coaching varsity lacrosse for 7 years. I am from Grand Rapids, Michigan. I graduated from Western Michigan University and played lacrosse. I also enjoy traveling, snowboarding, playing hockey and golf. I look forward to teaching your child this school year. We have been working on the following in physical education class;

K-2:

Spatial Awareness

Locomotor Skills Testing: Skip, Gallop, Hop and Balance

Soccer Skills: Foot Dribble and Inside Foot Pass

Hand-Eye Coordination: Underhand Roll/Toss/Throw

3-5:

Fitness Testing: Endurance, Strength and Flexibility

Soccer Skills: Dribbling, Inside Foot Passing, Inside Kick

Hand-Eye Coordination: Underhand Throw and Overhand Throw

Fitness Testing

Your child will be participating in the FitnessGram throughout the year. These tests focus on endurance, strength and flexibility. Each class has been pretested and we will be performing different warm-up activities to help your child to increase their score by the end of the year. Below is a link to the requirements for each specific age. FitnessGram Performance Standards: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/documents/pft15hfzstd.pdf>

