

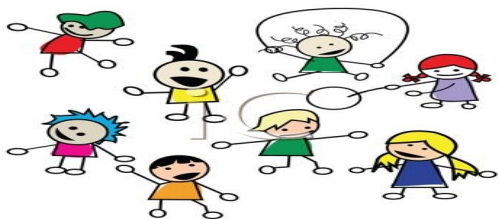
# Special Edition

A monthly look at what's happening  
in North Ridge Specials!  
May Issue

## Phenomenal PE with Mr. Keller

K: We are beginning and ending two units all in the same month. Striking (learning how to properly hit objects using different implements and a gymnastics unit. Students will learn how to balance, tumble, twist, spin, and move in different ways. 1st-2nd: We are continuing our Striking unit in which students will learn proper form and fundamentals of striking objects (both stationary and moving) with different implements. Wrapping up the school year with a group strategy/personal social skill building activity of gymnastics skills and routines. 3rd/4th/5th: Students will be exercising their ability to perform striking and fielding skills during modified game play similar to wiffle/softball. We also have to do our Fitness Post Tests. Students will be running the PACER, Mile, and performing a Sit and Reach to test their improvement in their fitness since the beginning of the year. Track and Field Day is right around the corner. I know, I'm excited too! If you are interested in helping plan, or volunteer time on the day of the event, please contact the office by June 1st to sign up as a NRE Volunteer!

Stay Active. Stay Healthy. Go Unicorns!



## Awesome Art with Mr. Ring

Kindergarten – Metamorphosis and Frogs – We make Hand print frogs and finger print tadpoles. We talk about frogs and animals that go through a big change in their lives. 1st – Ancient Egypt and Paper Mache – we look at the pyramids, art, hieroglyphics, and King Tut's artifacts through a PowerPoint and then make a paper mache mask that resembles 2nd – Cherry Blossoms – We look at some Japanese ink drawings and talk about the bloom of the trees in spring. We make a watercolor wash background and blow ink across the paper with a straw. We then mix paint to make flowers of the ink sticks we blew. 3rd – Watercolor Landscapes – We will be doing a study on watercolor and how the paint reacts in different situations. We will paint with using techniques like wet on wet, blooming, and water control. We will then make a landscape using these techniques. 4th – One point perspective – We will look at some of the works from the Italian High Renaissance and see how painters figured out that they could use a spot (vanishing point) to make it look like everything is getting smaller as it get farther away. We then make our own street view of one point perspective. 5th – Metal Tooling- We talk about the civil war and how the soldiers uniform buttons could tell you what the soldier did. [A] for artillery and [I] for infantry. We then make a state specific metal relief using copper foil.

## Special Edition Cont.

### Terrific Technology with Miss Philbeck

Happy May! I have some exciting news to share. I am getting married at the beginning of this month so if you hear your kids speak of a Mrs. Spangler, that's me! Kindergarten students are continuing to explore new websites. We will also review the parts of the computer and internet safety as we wrap up the year. First graders recently learned how to add clip art to their projects. For more practice they are going on a Clip Art Find where they must find certain pictures and size them correctly. Second graders are completing their final PowerPoint of the year. They are showing be just how "easy peasy" it has become. Third graders are now presenting their entrepreneur research. This is a choice presentation. They can choose from PowerPoint, Publisher, or StoryBoard That as those are all things we have learned about this year. Fourth graders are researching festivals in North Carolina. They've learned about the Woolly Worm Festival, The Pickle Festival, and more. Next they will be saying arrghh! They will use a silly website to generate themselves a pirate name. They will then use Publisher to make a nametag to wear on Pirate Day. Just call me Mae "Coconut Crazy" Spoons! Finally fifth grade students are finishing their research on important people involved in the Civil War. This assignment is in partnership with the 5th grade teachers to help the students complete their Civil War project.

### Marvelous Media with Mrs. Lewis

In May, Kindergarten will be reading humorous stories and comparing and contrasting different versions of the Little Red Hen story. 1st grade will be hearing biographies. 2nd grade will be hearing biographies and humorous stories. 3rd grade will be hearing stories from My Dog, My Hero by Betsy Byars. 4th grade will be working on their monster notebook unit on notetaking. 5th grade will be working on their Civil War projects. Grades 2-5 will wrap up media with a library Jeopardy game that reviews all we have studied throughout the year.

### Magnificent Music with Mrs. Ferri

What a fantastic year we have had in music this year! As we finish out the 2016/2017 school year, I want to thank you all for the support you have shown me and the music program at North Ridge Elementary School. You, the staff and our fabulous PTA have helped make this a tremendous year. We will finish the school year with a review of musical concepts in all grade levels. Terms like steady beat, tempo, dynamics, recognizing note values, recorder songs, reading notes on a staff will be reviewed as well as adding a few more music terms. Of course I will again end the last week of school with student choice-their favorite! They get to choose to sing their favorite songs of the year -even if it is Jingle Bells! Again, thank you for a wonderful year.

