

Special Edition

**A monthly look at what's happening
in North Ridge Specials!
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Marvelous Media with Mrs. Lewis

Welcome back! I am looking forward to starting the year out at the beginning with everyone this year. I've got lots of neat stuff planned starting with everyone getting an orientation to the media center. Then we will all talk about selecting good fitting books and having a review on using Destiny to find books. Then, I will start everyone on reading the North Carolina Children's Book Award Books. <http://www.cmlibrary.org/bookhive/nccba/>. This is a state program where students read from a list of 10 books and then vote on their favorite in the spring. It was quite a hit last year. We also have lots of new books! Babysitter's club (Graphic Novel), Fish in a Tree, Serafina and the Black Cloak, Half-moon Investigations, Crenshaw, Roller Girl and more! I will be book talking lots of books throughout the year hoping to find the perfect match for each student. The media center is looking for volunteers. We need people to help with class check outs for K-2 in the afternoons as well as people willing to shelve books. Please contact Jennifer Lewis in the media center jlewis6@wcpss.net if you are interested. Finally, we would like to request that you do not try to mend your child's library book. I have special glues, tapes and years of experience to fix most damage. Thank you!



Magnificent Music with Mrs. Ferri

Welcome back to Music with Mrs. Ferri! It's been a great start! I have so many exciting things planned for your children this year. They will sing songs, play instruments and learn music terms. I hope you will be excited to know there will be three musicals performed this year. First grade will perform the musical "NUTS" on November 17. It's a cute musical about the squirrels, acorns and the circle of life. I will need some parent volunteers to help dye shirts and make squirrel tails and acorns! Please contact me at pferri@wcpss.net if you can help. Third grade will perform the musical "Winter Wishes" on December 15. This musical is about what almost every child hopes for--- a snow day! Fifth grade will perform the musical "I Need a Vacation" on April 6. By then, I'm sure everyone will be ready for a week of spring break. If you would like to contact me this year, my email address is pferri@wcpss.net

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Terrific Technology with Miss Philbeck

Here's to another awesome school year! Kindergarten students are learning how to log on and off their computer and how to navigate a website. Using an external mouse instead of a touch screen proves to be very tricky for some of them. First graders are going to jump right in to using MS Word. They will be changing font, font color, and adding clipart to their work. Second grade students will start their first project of the year by making an All About Me power point. Hopefully in a few weeks they will be able to teach you a thing or two! Third grade students are going to have a power point review while also learning how to add effects that make their presentation fancy. Fourth and fifth graders are getting their creative juices going by writing an All About Me. The catch is they can't use words such as love, sad, mad, etc. Instead they have to use EMOJIS! Students are also finding they can use the emojis when they tell things such as their favorite food, animal, or sport. I think these creations should definitely make the refrigerator at home!

As always, you can find our class website at <http://nrtech.weebly.com>.



Phenomenal PE with Mr. Keller

Welcome back Unicorns! As a quick reminder, please have your children dressed for activity on a P.E. day. That means the appropriate shoes and clothing for physical activity. The first couple weeks of school have been learning procedures, expectations, and rules for P.E. Here is a brief outline of what your children will be working on in the coming weeks leading into October:

K: We are learning how to come in and leave the gym appropriately, where to sit in our squads, and how to move safely in personal space while practicing basic skills.

1st-2nd: We are going to be working on locomotor skills (walk, run, jump, hop, gallop, skip, side slide) and keeping personal space during games for safety.

3rd-5th: We are jumping right into our Fitness Testing. Doing the Pacer, Mile, Push Ups and Sit Ups. Morning Track (Mileage Club) will be starting in a couple of weeks. Track will begin at 8:00am. This is a great opportunity for your child to get a little bit of exercise first thing in the morning. No better way to start the day!

Stay Active. Stay Healthy. Go Unicorns!

Awesome Art with Mr. Ring

Kindergarten – Shapes Robots – using square papers students will learn that others shapes are “hiding” in the square. They can get other shapes by cutting diagonally, straight across and even cutting the corners off.

1st – A color study of hot and cold colors – Students will make an abstract drawing while consciously coloring with hot and/or cold colors.

2nd – Prehistoric Art and the caves of Lascaux France – after learning that prehistoric people, who were mainly concerned with staying alive, still found time to draw, paint, and sketch the world around them.

3rd – Keith Haring and Proportion of People – after studying the work of Keith Haring we work to draw people that have correct proportion. Even our stick people should have elbows and knees that bend.

4th – Cityscapes – students learn that the sunrise and sunset have many colors but when creating one it's important to not mix complimentary colors. If they did their bright skies will turn brown. We then cut construction paper for a skyline.

5th – Foreground, Middle, and Background – Students draw a picture of something they did over summer. This picture will be broken into foreground, middle, and background. These layers will be drawn on three sheets of paper and stacked like a shadow box. So that the picture is shown with depth.

Art needs
newspaper
donations!

