

Special Edition

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

Phenomenal P.E. with Mr. Keller

K: We will begin our manipulatives unit in which students will be exposed to different types of balls, bean bags, hula hoops, and we might even get the parachute out as a special treat before winter break!! This unit will test students' hand-eye coordination. 1st-2nd: We will begin our manipulatives unit, practicing kicking different manipulatives, moving objects and our bodies in different ways. We will be using these skills with partners, small groups and modified games. 3rd-5th: We have begun our soccer unit where students will learn the basic fundamentals of the sport of soccer. Skills such as passing, trapping, dribbling and throw ins will be taught along with the basic rules and positions of the game of soccer. We will practice all of these skills and utilize them in modified games leading up to a day of soccer games.

Morning Track begins 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!

Please keep in mind that as the weather turns colder, on days that your child has P.E. please be sure to send them to school with proper footwear to be worn for class. Boots, heels, sandals, etc. are simply not appropriate or safe to wear for activity in P.E. class. Thank you!

Stay Active. Stay Healthy. Go Unicorns!



Marvelous Music with Mrs. Ferri

Congratulations to the 1st Grade on your performance. The musical was a big success! The 3rd grade musical "Winter Wishes" will be performed on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 in the North Ridge Multipurpose Room. This musical is about students who are wishing for snow so they can get out of school. The songs are melodies you have heard before but now with new words. We are asking for the audience to sing along on the Fa la la la's of "Clean the Halls" (sung to the tune of Deck the Halls). Students in the musical will need to arrive at 6:40 to change into their t-shirts that they will wear on stage. If your child is in the musical, please have them wear a short sleeved t-shirt, tennis shoes (sneakers) and long blue jeans (no shorts or capris please). If you have any questions, please email me at pferri@wcpss.net In music class this month all classes grades K-5 will be learning about various traditions around the world in December. Through song and discussion, we will study traditions from Israel, France, Germany, Africa, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Mexico, England and of course, the United States! While learning about the different traditions celebrated, we will also play instruments and study music concepts such as dynamics, tempo, and rhythms.

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Terrific Technology with Miss Philbeck

Kindergarten students are beginning to learn the parts of the computer: mouse, keyboard, monitor, CPU, and printer. First grade students are almost finished with their Leaf Creature stories. This is the longest piece they have typed, but they are showing grit and working hard. Second graders are continuing to work on their If I Were President power point. They have learned tons of facts about the job of president and have been really creative with the things they would do if they were indeed president. Third graders are beginning to research the planets in our solar system as an extension from their objects in the sky unit during 1st quarter in the homerooms. Fourth grade students are using their time in Technology to work on their timelines for their Wax Museum projects. Students who have good information and dates when they come to class are having the most success at creating awesome timelines. Finally, fifth graders are beginning their research on a career they would like to have in the future. We're having lots of discussion about WHY it is important to start thinking about their futures now.

Marvelous Media with Mrs. Lewis

Kindergarten and 1st grade are still hearing North Carolina Children's Book Award books and doing activities. 2nd grade will be diving into the 500's. 3rd grade will be continuing to work on their alphabetizing skills by diving into how indexes work. 4th grade will be learning about encyclopedias and other sources of information they might consult for their wax museum biographies. 5th grade will be working on learning how to tell if a website is trustworthy or not.

Awesome Art with Mr. Ring

Kindergarten – Paper Sculptures - Students will learn about sculpture and how to tell the art they are looking at is a sculpture or a not. We will then make a paper animal sculpture.

1st – Origami Puppet Head – students learn the importance of listening to the whole instruction before moving forward. We make origami “chomper mouths” in step by step instruction.

2nd – Snowflakes – Students will learn that all snowflakes have 6 sides but are all different. We will Learn about Snowflake Bentley and look at some of his pictures of snowflakes. We will then fold a paper to cut out a 6 sided snowflake.

3rd – Myths and Legends - Students will learn how myths get started in partial truth but the story builds from there. We will then make Chinese dragons from cut paper and painted hands.

4th – Wax Museum Backgrounds – We are working to make our backgrounds for the 4th grade wax museum. Students are making a backdrop that relates to the person they chose to study.

5th – Origami Crane – Students will try to make an origami crane from written instruction (most do not finish) then I give step by step instruction on how to fold the crane. We then talk about how the project was easier with a “coach” and how teachers are here to help them get the information they need in life.

