



THE SPECIAL-IST EDITION

MARCH 2016



What's Happening in *Health*...with Mrs. McDonald

Gr. 2

During this trimester the second graders spent quite a bit of time talking about germs. Prevention is the key! Students learned about the differences between viruses and bacteria and how to prevent the spread of germs through proper hand washing. We also discussed healthy habits and what we can do to keep our bodies healthy and ready to fight off those germs...

Grade 2 is also finish up our "TAOD" unit where we have learned about the dangers and health risks related to using **T**obacco, **A**lcohol and **O**ther **D**rugs. We have also discussed the need for medicine (which is a drug) and the importance of following the rules to be safe when using it.

Coming up... Trimester 3 will bring us info on safety and injury prevention and Nutrition and Exercise. Stay tuned!!



Grade 4

Students in grade 4 also learned about disease prevention. We discussed the different ways that viruses and bacteria behave inside the body and what our bodies can do to destroy them. Students also learned about what defenses our bodies already have in place to keep those pesky germs away. Things like skin, mucus and the immune system cells that all fight to keep germs OUT!

The second half of the trimester has been spent discussing various safety concerns such as being home alone, dealing with strangers, online safety as well as other emergency situations they may face such as fires or medical emergencies.

Coming up...During T3 we will be discussing Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drugs as well as Nutrition and Exercise. Stay tuned!!





Musical Notes

Hello from the Music Room! We are having a wonderful and very musical 2016 here at Floral Street School.

We have been fortunate enough to have a terrific student teacher with us this trimester. Her name is Heather Formon. Miss Formon is originally from New Jersey, but has been studying at Berklee College of Music in Boston. She is with us on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons and all day on Thursdays, and Fridays. She will be with us through the first week of May. She is doing a wonderful job. Please say hello to her if you see her in the hallway!

All of our musicians here at Floral have just finished up a unit on the Instruments of the Orchestra. Ask them if they can name the four families of instruments of the orchestra.

In Fourth Grade this trimester, we have continued playing recorders. The kids have really mastered the notes B, A, G, high C, low E, and low D. They are quickly progressing through their recorder belts! Ask your fourth grader to show off and have them play you a song on their recorder.

Third Graders have moved on to a unit on composers and are studying the Italian composer, Antonio Vivaldi.

Second Graders are studying the *Carnival of the Animals*, and our First Grade musicians are continuing to explore the concepts of steady beat and rhythm through singing, moving and playing instruments.

A special thank you goes out to all of our friends who have sent in boxes of tissues. We could use a few more, if you have any to spare...all of the noses in the music room will be happy this spring! We really appreciate your generosity!

If you should have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at the emails below!

Musically yours,



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Fourth Grade Spring Chorus Concerts:

May 3, 2016 6:30pm – Goulding, Manning, and Morgan Classes

May 3, 2016 7:30pm – Edgren, Ralys, and Spangenberg Classes

May 4, 2016 6:30pm – Leifer, Powell, and Ross Classes



Noise From the Gym



Adventure

Our team problem-solving unit, also known as Adventure, was a huge hit again this year. Students worked in small teams to complete cooperative “challenges”. Students were asked to use problem-solving tools to cross the gymnasium without touching the floor. At times the challenge involved swinging on ropes, balance on boards, building bridges or climbing over nets to rescue players and save themselves. We had a blast using our imaginations, testing our abilities and achieving success through teamwork.

Healthy Heart Run

The Healthy Heart Run has been the buzz around school for the past month. Students set a fitness goal then jog and walk for 10 minutes around the gym earning a ticket for each lap. Partners coach one another to help them score in the healthy target zone. The rainbow in the main lobby is shining with runners who ran past the target zone and were able to complete one mile in 10 minutes.



Creative Movement/Gymnastic Jamboree

Students in all grades will twist, tumble, and turn into April vacation. A creative movement and gymnastic unit will keep our kids choreographing movement sequences with balances, tumbles and partner stunts. Our gymnasts will perform for their peers in class while fourth graders will participate in the Annual Gymnastic Jamboree. Each 4th grade class will choreograph a class routine to perform for their friends and families!



4TH Grade Gymnastic Jamboree

Tuesday April 12, 2016

School-wide performance: 9:30 am

Family performance: 1:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OLYMPIC FIELD DAYS:

Grade 1~	Tuesday June 7, 2016	Raindate: Tuesday June 14
Grade 2~	Thursday June 9, 2016	Raindate: Thursday June 16
Grade 3~	Friday June 10, 2016	Raindate: Friday June 17
Grade 4~	Wednesday June 8, 2016	Raindate: Wednesday June 15

“If it doesn’t challenge you, it doesn’t change you!”

Mrs. Smith and Mr. Brunell

“Check Out” What is Happening in the Media Center

Students have been busy creating Haiku poems about winter and sharing them with the Floral community via the Media Center bulletin board. Underneath the bulletin board, you will see the new sitting area for students and teachers to study and read.



As always, students are able to check out one book during their Media time but can bring back their book throughout the week to check out another book.

Thank you to the families who have contributed to the Donate-a-Book program. Here are some of the books that have been added to the library’s collection recently:



ART ROOM UPDATE

Greetings Floral Families from Ms DeAngelis and Mr. Wilson, the two art teachers here at Floral.

Youth Art Month at the Worcester Art Museum

Throughout the month of March, the Worcester Art Museum is having its annual Youth Art Month. Every art teacher in Central Massachusetts may submit three student artworks to be displayed in this exhibit. We are hoping families come to the museum to support this event. The opening reception is Sunday, March 6th from 12: 30pm to 2:30pm. It would be great to see you there!

TRIMESTER TWO - GRADING TIME IN ART: HOW DOES IT WORK?

Visual Art Standards	 4	 3	 2	 1
Demonstrates an understanding of ART CONCEPT(S)	<i>Above and beyond</i> Demonstrates an understanding with a creative twist	Demonstrates understanding of art concepts to complete the project.	•Demonstrates some understanding of art concepts. •Project not completed.	•Did not meet requirements for the project. •Project not completed
Demonstrates skillful use of ART MATERIALS	Demonstrates mastery and skillful use of materials	Demonstrates skillful use of materials	Demonstrates some skillful use with materials - needs improvement	Little to no skill demonstrated
ENGAGED in art room activities	C Consistently engaged	U Usually engaged	S Sometimes engaged	R Rarely engaged

This is the Visual Art report card.

Students are graded on three standards in art. One standard is behavior based, the 'Engagement' Standard while the other two standards are project based. A grade of 1-4 tells where a student is, for this moment, according to those standards.

For example, on the up-coming Trimester two report card, Fourth grade students will be assessed on a One Point Perspective project. Below is a checklist for **standard one** for the students to see during the project. This checklist is reviewed weekly so the students know exactly what their grade is based on and what is expected in their art project. Younger students in grades 1 -3 will have a simpler version of the same checklist.

List for success- answer YES or No

Standard One: Understanding art concept: (Knowledge)

- _____ I understand I need to have perfectly straight horizontal and vertical Lines
- _____ I understand all my vanishing lines need to go to the vanishing point
- _____ I understand I need to have at least 6 cubes drawn in one point perspective
- _____ I understand I need to have at least one of these cubes overlapping another.

Third Grade:

Mr. Wilson's will grade his 3rd grade classes on a project that replicates Ben Franklin's \$20 dollar bill issued on May 10th 1775. The students need to add a personal twist to this currency.

Ms. DeAngelis will grade her third grade classes on a printmaking project and radial symmetry.

Second Grade:

Mr. Wilson's second grade classes will be graded on a 3D paper sculpture project showing knowledge of foreground, middle ground and background with overlapping shapes.

First Grade:

Mr. Wilson's first grade classes will be graded on a project based on the knowledge of mixing primary colors to make secondary color.

Ms. DeAngelis is grading first graders on a color project.

Art Website

Every month five student artworks from every Shrewsbury school are chosen for display at the Shrewsbury Town Hall. Please visit the SPS Visual Art Department Website to view the artwork by these students. <https://sites.google.com/a/shrewsbury.k12.ma.us/art-departmen/>
This is a nice way for family members and friends that live out of town or far away to see your children's art.

Art Supply Donations

All art cart materials are shared between students. The art cart is always in need of Clorox wipes. Keeping the tables clean and germ free is important for young artists! In the art room old rags and paper plates of any kind are always needed as well. Any of these donations can be dropped any time in the art room. Thank you in advance! :)

If you would like to contact us please reach out anytime. Our emails are:
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Explore. Imagine. Discover

Art at home provides a fun way to exercise your brain!



Look for the newest edition of the SPECIAL-ist EDITION next trimester! If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to connecting with Floral Families as the year goes on.