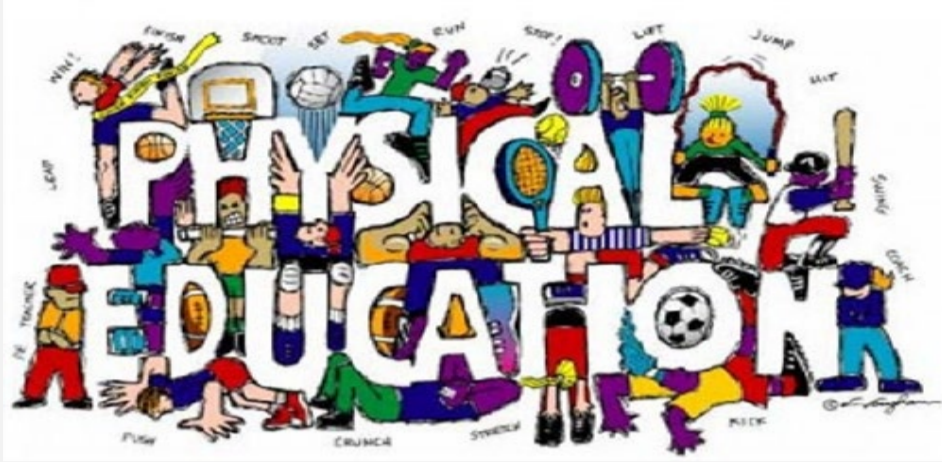


THE SPECIALS SCOOP

February, 2020

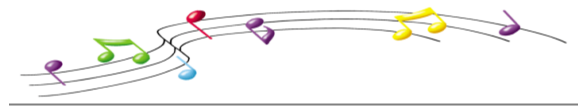


Welcome to the MGIS newsletter featuring Physical Education, Music, and Art

Music

By Frau Henderson

Thank you to all of the families who attended our Winter Concert! It was a joy to see your children performing proudly, and to once again be reminded of what a supportive and involved community we are!



This month in music we will be celebrating Black History month. All students will be involved in African drumming, particularly the drumming styles of West Africa. Students will be learning about the importance of the drum circle in West African culture, as well as drumming techniques. As students progress, our music will become more and more complex. By adding other instruments and giving each instrument its own role in the drum circle, students are learning about rhythms and form. They are also learning that within the circle, one finds equality and respect.

Choir

Choir students are busy preparing a song from South Africa entitled, "Siyahamba" for the MGIS Black History program on February 26th. This piece is also one of four pieces being performed by the choir at the MPS Biennial Music Festival on April 30th. The festival is a long-standing music tradition in MPS, and involves most of the schools in the district. Anyone can attend, and it's an event you won't want to miss!

Physical Education

By Herr Arndt

The kids have been busy working on fitness activities, hand-eye coordination, cooperatives, team-building initiatives, rhythm activities, muscular strength and endurance games and of course fun tag games. We are ALL ready for the weather to turn so we can get gym class back outside!!!

Coming up we will be working on kicking/trapping, striking with implements, DrumFIT, manipulatives and of course tailgating games like SpikeBall, bags, KanJam and other outdoor fun.

As a reminder, please make sure your child is prepared for Phy. Ed. with comfortable fitting clothes and gym shoes. If it is determined that your child's shoes would make it too difficult to participate safely, he/she may need to sit out of our games. Nobody wants that to happen! Here is the [Specialist Schedule](#) to keep you informed.



Are you looking for ways to stay physically active with your child? Here's a fun monthly [Fitness Calendar](#) for February. Help us model an appreciation for movement and challenge your child to complete the tasks together. With your help we can get everyBODY moving down the path to physical health!



For those of you who might be wondering when your child has art, below is a schedule through the end of the year:

	Feb 12	Feb 19	Feb 26	Mar 4		Mar 11	Mar 18	Mar 25	Apr 1		Apr 15	Apr 22	Apr 29	May 6		May 13	May 20	May 27	Jun 3	Jun 10
Time	GROUP 1					GROUP 2					GROUP 3					GROUP 4				
9:00 - 9:40	Prep	Prep	Prep	Prep		19 K4	19 K4	19 K4	19 K4		18 K4	18 K4	18 K4	18 K4		20 K4	20 K4	20 K4	20 K4	20 K4
9:45 - 10:25	29 1 st	29 1 st	29 1 st	29 1 st		32 SPED 10:00-1025	32 SPED 10:00-1025	32 SPED 10:00-1025	32 SPED 10:00-1025		16 K4	16 K4	16 K4	16 K4		27 1 st	27 1 st	27 1 st	27 1 st	27 1 st
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11:15 - 11:55	36 2 nd	36 2 nd	36 2 nd	36 2 nd		33 1 st	33 1 st	33 1 st	33 1 st		34 2 nd	34 2 nd	34 2 nd	34 2 nd		37 2 nd	37 2 nd	37 2 nd	37 2 nd	37 2 nd
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1:00-1:40	43 3 rd	43 3 rd	43 3 rd	43 3 rd		Prep	Prep	Prep	Prep		Prep	Prep	Prep	Prep		Prep	Prep	Prep	Prep	Prep
1:45-2:25	31 SPED	31 SPED	31 SPED	31 SPED		22 K5	22 K5	22 K5	22 K5		23 K5	23 K5	23 K5	23 K5		17 K5	17 K5	17 K5	17 K5	17 K5
2:30-3:10	49 5 th	49 5 th	49 5 th	49 5 th		41 3 rd	41 3 rd	41 3 rd	41 3 rd		47 5 th	47 5 th	47 5 th	47 5 th		44 4 th	44 4 th	44 4 th	44 4 th	44 4 th