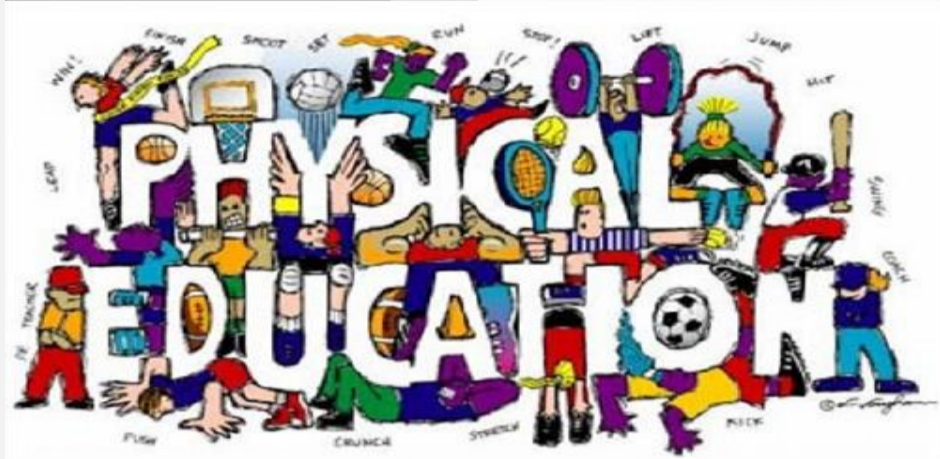


THE SPECIALS SCOOP

January 10, 2020



Welcome to the first monthly newsletter featuring Physical Education, Music, and Art

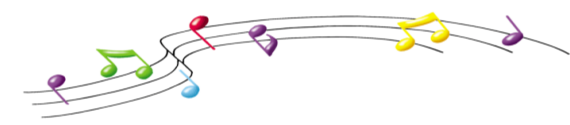


Music

By Frau Henderson

There have been many awesome things happening in the music room recently! One of them is the introduction of a brand new curriculum for our youngest learners! I was fortunate to purchase this "First Steps in Music" by John Feierabend through a Donors Choose fundraiser.

The upper grades will also soon be exploring the second portion of the curriculum, entitled "Conversational solfege." This tried-and-true curriculum features unaccompanied singing, folk songs, echo songs, song stories, classical music, and playing xylophones and other classroom instruments. It is designed to create adults who are "Tuneful, Beatful, and Artful." If you would like to learn more about it, please check out his website: <https://www.feierabendmusic.org/john-feierabend/>



WINTER CONCERT:

In addition, we have been busy preparing for our **January 30th concert at MSL at 6:30 p.m.** Your children and all the staff here at MGIS can't wait to show how hard work, patience, and diligence can produce a performance to be proud of.

I'm still looking for volunteers! If available, please contact Frau Henderson at maisteha@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

ATTIRE: Please wear something nice!

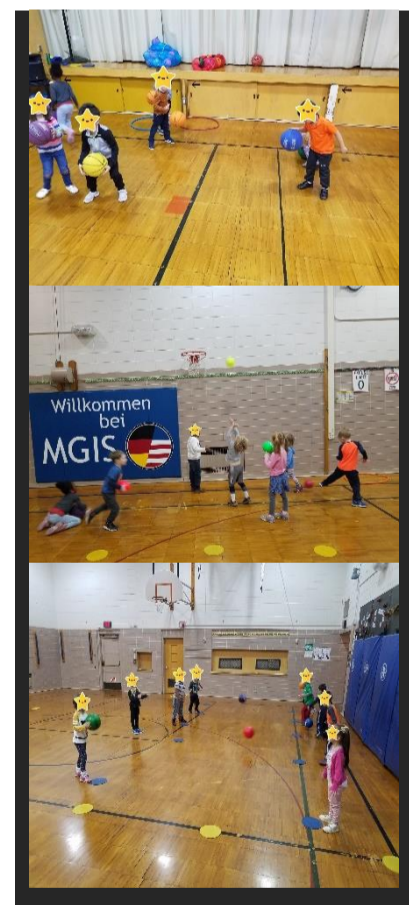
Physical Education

By Herr Arndt

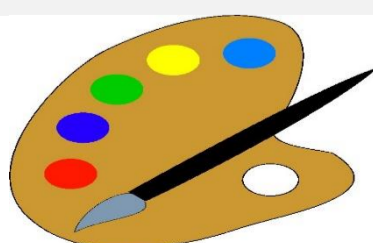
Welcome back to what is sure to be a great 2nd half of the year in Phy Ed! The kids have been busy working on fitness activities, basketball skills, cooperatives and team-building initiatives. Coming up will be: jump rope, rhythm activities, muscular strength and endurance games and of course fun tag games.

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 January. 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!



Continue reading for Art



Art

by Frau Silber

I am so excited to continue my 3rd year at MGIS as the Art Specialist! I have thoroughly enjoyed working with your child and believe we are off to a great start in 2020! I wanted to take a brief moment of your time to share a bit about the curriculum I am teaching this year.

Your child is participating in a developmental art program geared toward accumulating skills that will

be important to their future intellectual accomplishments. In my teaching I motivate and challenge students to use an ever-changing variety of art media in ways that will enhance specific areas of development; including, eye-hand coordination and fine motor skills, decision making, inventing, imagining, sequencing, color contrasts, spatial relationships, measurements, quantity and proportion and cause and effect.

Your child will likely be very excited to share their artwork with you. This is a great opportunity to engage in a conversation not only about what was created but how it was made.

Specific comments about your child's work can be very meaningful, for example:

“I can see that you worked hard. How did you cut those shapes?”

“I notice that you built this sculpture from straws.”

“Oh, look at those wavy purple lines. How do they make you feel?”

Making specific observations about your child's work not only shows an interest, but also acknowledges the artistic process.