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Artsy Leaders

Community Fest was a big success! The Kinder, 3rd, and 5th grade work on display looked fantastic.

Kinder painted color wheels and learned about the primary and secondary colors. They also explored patterns and shapes.

1st Graders learned about texture and form as they created colorful collages.

2nd Graders painted vivid safari landscapes using their knowledge of movement, rhythm and perspective.

3rd Graders explored value, color, and unity with pieces that drew inspiration from Asian art.

4th Graders created fun optical illusions in the style of the Op Artists using color and contrast.

5th Graders drew inspiration from contemporary artists like Georgia O'Keeffe to create their own pieces featuring the elements of unity and design.

Stay tuned for upcoming information on Youth Art Month in March and t-shirts that will be on sale! Click the link below to learn more!

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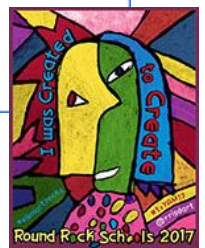
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<https://finearts.roundrockisd.org/youth-art-month-image-selected-for-elementary-visual-arts-program-2/>

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Sharpening the Saw in PE

The PE department had a blast during the second nine weeks. We started with a striking unit where students used short handed paddles to practice forehand, backhand and overhead swings. Lacrosse was our second unit and students got the opportunity to play a sport that many have never played before. Hockey was the last unit of the nine weeks.

We finished the second nine weeks with our annual Awesome Awesome 5K. Every third, fourth and fifth grade student participated in the race. It was a fabulous day and every student finished the race with many beating their time from the previous year! We couldn't have the event without all the parent volunteers. The PE department would like to send out a big THANK YOU to everyone who came out to make the race possible!

There are a lot of things to look forward to in the third nine weeks. We will have Hoops for Heart and Taekwondo in January and February. This is one of the most exciting times of the year for PE and we look forward to all the fun that is to come.

Important Dates:

Hoops for Heart - January 17th - February 2nd
Taekwondo - January 10th - 11th

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Counseling Corner

Over the past nine weeks students across all grade levels reviewed strategies to help them resolve day to day conflicts with their peers. Additionally, through guided practice in guidance lessons students had opportunities to identify when a conflict has become something more. Each class brainstormed ways to be an Upstander for others in need of support.

Also, during the second nine weeks RRISD celebrated Digital Citizenship Week. During guidance lessons students learned about staying safe while on the internet and making good choices. You can check out RRISD's "Rock Talk- Parent Tips for Internet Safety" if you'd like to learn more:
<https://youtube/nZJuoiv3zDE>

Coming up in the third nine weeks our Peacemaker Coalition will be leading Teravista in celebrating Random Acts of Kindness Week. Teravista will celebrate the power of spreading kindness February 13-February 17th.

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Noteworthy Habits in Music

- Kinder is working on distinguishing between fast/slow, loud/soft, up/down. They are working on the musical concept of beat and learning how to keep a steady beat individually and with a group.
- First grade is working on reading, writing, singing, and identifying the pitches so and mi.
- Second grade is working on the half note-1 long sound that takes up 2 whole beats. They are learning to read, write, sing, and identify the pitch do.
- Third grade is working on the rhythm of 2 sixteenth notes followed by 1 eighth note-3 sounds (2 that get $\frac{1}{4}$ of the beat each and one equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ a beat) on 1 whole beat. They are also learning the pitches low la and so.
- Fourth grade is working on reading, writing, singing, and identifying high do.
- Fifth grade is currently reviewing every music concept they have learned in elementary school so far. On top of that we are learning to read, write, play, and identify the new rhythm that is 2 sounds that take up 2 whole beats (the long sound gets 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ beats and the short sound gets $\frac{1}{2}$ a beat) aka dotted quarter note.

Upcoming Events:

March 30- 1st, 2nd, 4th grade program

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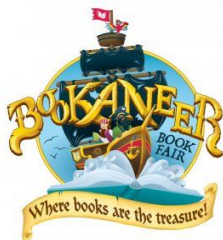
Leading in the Library

Happy New Year! In the library, students have been busy checking out books, learning through library lessons, and having our wonderful pirate themed book fair!

I would like to thank all of our wonderful parent volunteers who helped to make the book fair such a success! It was all hands on deck and we couldn't have done it without you. Our next book fair is April 25-28. It will be a fun camping themed fair and we hope you can all come!

On February 6th, K-2 will be visited in the library by the one and only Mother Goose. She will be telling stories and bringing her puppet friends along for the fun. On March 3rd, 3-5 will be visited by Nathan Hale, author of the popular Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales series. We can't wait!

Thank you parents for encouraging your children to read!!! We have received many Bluebonnet summaries from our 3-5th graders and hope to receive many more by the time we vote on January 31st. We have also received many reading logs for the Six Flags and Schlitterbahn programs. Those are due February 21st, don't forget! We look forward to even more fun in the library this semester.



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