

Medinah Primary School Medinah Intermediate School



October 2019 Newsletter



Upcoming Dates:

- 10/31 - PTO Room Parties
- 11/3 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11/6 - PALS @ MPS 6:00-7:15pm
- 11/13 - Early Dismissal
MPS & MIS 2:25
Pre-K 3:15
K 3:25
- 11/14 - Picture Retakes
- 11/8 - Trimester 1 ends
- 11/22 - Junior Achievement Day
- 11/25 - Institute Day
- 11/26-11/29 Thanksgiving Break
- 12-2 School Resumes



McTeacher Night 2019

Dear Families,

Thank you to all the parents and students for joining us for our Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences. We really enjoyed goal setting together and are excited to see the students' progress throughout the school year. We believe that when children know the target, they can reach any goal!

Parents may be noticing that some assessments are coming home with the content area standards provided. This is a practice we are building in Medinah so that students, parents, and teachers are all aware of the standards the students are learning in the classroom.

This week Medinah Intermediate School participated in "Red Ribbon Week" and Primary School celebrated "Good Choices Week"! Students at MIS discussed the importance of saying NO to drugs and both schools learned about making positive choices. Our district wide theme continues to be: Medinah Chooses Kind!

We are quickly approaching the end of Trimester 1, which ends on November 8th. Please look forward to receiving your child's report card on Monday, November 18th. As always, if you have any questions or concerns after reviewing the report card, please contact your child's teacher.

In closing, please continue to reinforce the importance of learning in school and at home. Ask your children to share with you what they are learning at school. Continue to read with your children every night. Share your love of learning with your child by checking homework, reviewing take home folders, and continuing to review the school's website and newsletters. Thank you for being a partner in your child's education!

Sincerely,

Melissa Langietti
Medinah Primary School

Natalie Czarnecki
Medinah Intermediate School



We completed our unit on Space! We learned about the sun and the moon, specifically how we can see them from Earth. We explored the other planets in our solar system and practiced their names as well as how they orbit the sun!

Literacy: In Handwriting without tears and Jolly Phonics we learned about the letters L, F, E and H.

Social Emotional: In Second Step we talked about how to ask for what we want or need in a kind way.

Thank you to all who participated in conferences! We enjoyed meeting with all of you!



Literacy: We have completed Jolly Phonics. The children are doing a great job coming up with words that begin with each letter of the alphabet. We will continue to reinforce the sounds the letters make.

Writing: We are working on using our letter-sound knowledge to label our pictures and beginning to write sentences with teacher support.

Math: Numbers 6-10 is our main focus right now. Recognizing, writing and comparing those numbers is an important skill.

We enjoyed meeting with all of you this month to discuss your child's progress in kindergarten. Thank you for your continued support.



Literacy: We have completed our first author study on Kevin Henkes. The students enjoyed listening to many of his stories and loved finding things in common between some of his books.

Writing: The students have completed their own informational books about an animal. They enjoyed sharing them with their kindergarten friends.

Math: We have been focusing on solving subtraction story problems and also have been learning how addition and subtraction are related.

Science: During science, we have been learning all about how animals and plants use their parts to survive.

Thank you to all the families that were able to make it to conferences. We always enjoy talking with you about your child.

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Second Grade had a fantastic day of exploring life in the 1800's at Kline Creek Farm this month. The students loved the hands-on learning experience especially harvesting the corn.

Literacy: During the month of October, second grade has read some fascinating books about exploring the natural world and exploring nonfiction narratives. We have also completed an author study on Tomie dePaola where the students truly enjoyed finding dePaola's signature details in his books. We will be starting our next author study on Seymour Simon towards the end of the month.

Writing: This month, second grade has been hard at work writing narratives about small moments.

Math: The students have been learning about place value and how to write up to three-digit numbers using base-10 blocks.

Social Sciences: The students have finished learning about the different types of communities.

Science: We are beginning our unit on Animal and Plant Dependence. The students will be learning how animals and plants depend on each other to survive.

We enjoyed meeting all families for parent teacher conferences.
Thank you for all your at home support!

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Reading: "Ways Characters Shape Stories"—different genres of fiction texts including fables, myths, and fairy tales; identifying character traits and how characters' actions affect the action of a story

Writing: Fables—establish situation and introduce characters; use description to develop characters and events with vivid details; use dialogue to develop characters

Math: Place Value—using place value to add and subtract mentally and with expanded and standard algorithms

Social Studies: Geography—recognizing physical geography features, natural resources, and climate of a location

Science: Inherited and Environmental Traits—analyze and interpret data to show that plants and animals inherit traits from the parent organism with variation

As always, if there are any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher!

From Government and Geometry, to Personal Letters and Sense Receptors, we have learned a great deal in 4th grade so far! Here's what we're up to now :)

Reading: "How do we reveal ourselves to others?" - through fairy tales, fantasies, and fables we are learning about character traits and how characters' motives and actions impact the plot of a story and provide a moral/lesson.

Writing: Fairytales - analyze features of a fairy tale; brainstorm ideas for our own fairytale; plan, write, and revise our own fairy tales

Math: Place value - standard/word/expanded form, comparing, ordering, rounding numbers. Adding and Subtracting multi-digit numbers using breaking apart, composing/decomposing, rounding/estimating strategies

Social Studies: Geography - Oceans and Continents, map skills. Civics - three branches of government (local, state, federal).

We enjoyed seeing everyone at conferences! Thank you for your support and encouragement at home. We're looking forward to continued student growth and parent-teacher communication throughout the year.

5th graders took their In-View test at the beginning of the month

Students created a collaborative bulletin board that focused on Unit 1 in our reading curriculum

Reading: "Why do we value certain qualities in people?" -We will explore this question through comparing and contrasting stories and characters, and understanding the purpose of dialect

Writing: Realistic Fiction- students will be brainstorming, drafting, and editing their own realistic fiction story with the use of dialogue

Math: We will be multiplying decimals by using both models and the standard algorithm, then on to division!

Social Studies: We will determine and understand why early explorers came to the New World.

Science: Matter is our focus! Students will complete two scopes: Matter is Everywhere and Matter Changing States

Thank you to all who joined us at Parent-Teacher conferences. We always love sitting down with you and talking with you about your child. It helps create the parent-teacher relationship, which creates a successful school year.



MPS LMTC with Mrs. Pickren

STORYBOOK PUMPKIN PATCH

Students and staff are invited to decorate a pumpkin like their favorite book character and bring it to the library starting Monday, October 21 until October 31. A small prize will be given for participating. Can't wait to see all the creative book characters!

MONARCH CHILDRENS' CHOICE AWARD

All grade levels continue to read the Monarch nominees so we can all vote in February.

ROSELLE LIBRARY VISIT

Miss Stephanie from Roselle Library came to tell students how they can get a FREE library card at the Roselle Library! **Sign up now!** If our school has at least 50% of our students sign up for a card, we will earn a pajama day at school!

BOOK FAIR SUCCESS!

Thank you to all the volunteers and shoppers who made our annual book fair a success. We will be purchasing new books for the library with the proceeds.

CANDACE FLEMING TO VISIT ON NOVEMBER 21

Students can pre-order autographed copies of her books -look for a flier coming home next week.



MIS LMTC with Mrs. Jasper and Mrs. Mouser

BLUESTEM READING CHALLENGE

The Bluestem Reading Challenge is in full swing!
Read, or listen to, at least 6 books.
Read ALL 20 and earn a McDonald's lunch celebration!

Roselle Library Visit

Students watched a virtual tour of the Roselle Library.
Medinah Intermediate students are eligible for a free Roselle Public Library Card!

Upcoming Author Visit

Author Candace Fleming will be presenting at our school on Thursday, November 21st.
Students can preorder personalized copies of her books.



Art: Ms. Bibula

Adventures in Art

Kindergarten

Started learning about warm and cool colors to color in warm colored leaves for fall.

1st Grade

Created 3D paper sculptures and pipe cleaner sculptures while learning about public art and artist, Alexander Calder.

Learning about landscapes and one-point perspective.

2nd Grade

Learned about balance and created mandalas with radial symmetry.

3rd Grade

Creating enlarged natural object artwork with felt while learning about artist Georgia O'Keeffe.

4th Grade

Learning about how to mix and paint using tints, tones and shades.

5th Grade

Learned about the Pop Art movement and artists like Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein.

Creating pop art prints using carved linoleum blocks and ink.



MUSIC AT MEDINAH

Kindergarten Explored fast and slow music with our singing voice and through movement.

1st Grade Compared the **beat** to "the way the words go."
Defined the word, pitch, as meaning high or low sounds, and worked on pitch-matching skills.

2nd Grade Discovered meter in music, adding barlines to create measures in known songs.
Continued to work on identifying and properly singing the pitch higher than so.

3rd Grade Read, wrote, improvised, and composed melodies using the pitches *do-mi-so-la*.
Visually identified the instruments in the String and Woodwind families.

4th Grade Read, wrote and improvised melodies using the pitches *do-re-mi-so-la*.
Identified the instruments in the String family using sound, not sight.

5th Grade Discovered a new pitch that is higher than *mi* but lower than *so*.
Experienced a new, unequal rhythm that is worth 2 beats, but has 3 sounds, currently called "short long short."

5th Grade Cadet Band:

We are having a great start to 5th grade band this year! Students have been very enthusiastic and hardworking during band lessons. We have been learning and practicing how to put our instruments together and properly put them away. Band students are working on good posture and playing position, producing a good sound on their instruments, and learning their first notes. We will continue to work on breathing and using our air, playing with a good sound, note reading, and learning tunes out of our Essential Elements books.

- Mrs. Hu



Gems from the gym

What a glorious time it has been so far! We have so much to be thankful for in this life we live. If you want to keep having the energy to be thankful remember to stay healthy by exercising, eating healthy, drinking lots of **water(64 ounces)**, and getting enough **sleep every night(7-9 hours)**.

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- We just finished our locomotor and manipulatives unit
- Students worked on jogging, skipping, running, walking, side sliding, and leaping
- We are now moving into our foot skills unit where we will be working on striking, dribbling, trapping, and sportsmanship through game play.

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- Just finished our football unit with a performance rubric and a kahoot
- Students now can throw a spiral, know positions (quarterback, receiver, center, defender)
- Able to play in football style games outside of class. Many games have been being played at recess
- We will now be heading into our soccer unit
- We will continue to stress the importance of learning how to win and lose along with all the social and emotional skills that come along with games.

Mr. B's Kitchen

Cheesy Spinach and Zucchini Muffins

INGREDIENTS

- cooking spray
- 6 eggs
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup cooked chopped spinach excess water removed
- 1/3 cup crumbled cooked bacon
- 1/3 cup shredded cheddar cheese



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Coat 6 cups of a muffin tin with cooking spray or line with paper liners.
2. Crack the eggs into a large bowl. Use a Hand Blender or a whisk to blend the eggs until smooth, this will take less than a minute.
3. Add the spinach, bacon and cheese to the egg mixture and stir to combine.
4. Divide the egg mixture evenly among the muffin cups.
5. Bake for 15-18 minutes or until eggs are set.
6. Serve immediately or store in the refrigerator until ready to eat.

NUTRITION

Calories: 129cal | Carbohydrates: 1g | Protein: 10g | Fat: 10g | Saturated Fat: 4g | Cholesterol: 200mg | Sodium: 220mg



K-5 Math: Ms. Spino, Mrs. Bautista & Mrs. Carbonara

We've had a great start to the year! As we continue our work through the enVision math curriculum, it is important to remember that math fact fluency plays an important role in developing your child's mathematical understanding. Supporting your child in strengthening their math fluency doesn't have to be a chore. Below is a list of ideas you can do at home.

IXL is a great digital resource

Flash cards to practice basic facts.

Play games using dice or playing cards, such as multiplication war or beat the calculator.

Make change using mental math strategies



K-5 Technology: Mrs. Akdeniz

Kindergarten has been working on different Seesaw activities such as counting and fire safety and will soon be learning about Chromebooks.

First grade is learning how to work on Chromebooks and Mrs. Fassio's class also practiced their number bonds in Osmo Numbers.

Second grade is working on Seesaw activities and also had fun creating Halloween poems with magnetic poetry. Ms. Ohlson's class also created an All About Me book in Book Creator.

Third grade is learning about the different features of their Chromebooks and Google Docs through a series of scavenger hunts.

In **Fourth grade**, Mrs. Akert's class will soon be starting a penpal exchange with a class in Norway! We took a virtual field trip to Norway using Google Earth.





Notes From Nurse Molly

What's scarier than ghosts and vampires?!
... **THE FLU!**



October brings us all kinds of fun things - like Halloween - but it also marks the start of flu season. Each year the sneaky influenza virus evolves and becomes smarter than the year before. Luckily, doctors and scientists are experts on how to outsmart this virus. They create updated vaccines every year in an effort to stop the flu in its tracks. If you haven't already had your flu vaccine for this season, now is the time!

Equally important is practicing *good handwashing*. While this may sound simple, it is actually the best way to keep from getting sick! It also prevents us from spreading our illnesses to others. When washing your hands, remember to **TAKE FIVE!**

1. Wet
2. Soap
3. **Scrub** (for 20 seconds - this is the most important step!)
4. Rinse
5. Dry