

# PLATnM B Press - April 2019

Physical Education, Library, Art, Technology, Music, and Bilingual/ESL

## P.E. (Physical Education):

Bump, set, and spike! That is the eventual goal for the students to be able to do in volleyball. However, before they can do that they need to learn the basics. Students in the grades of third through fifth will spend a lot of time practicing how to properly bump pass, drive a volleyball, underhand serve, and learning the basics of game play in the upcoming unit. Middle school students will build off of those basic skills along with setting and spiking while applying more game strategy to their play. The primary students will work on some basic ball striking while also learning jump rope skills. All of this adds up to a lot of fun activity in the gym over the next six weeks. Ask your child what skills they are working on and encourage them to practice outside at home.

The annual Health Fair and Walk-a-Thon will be on Friday, May 31. Much more information will come out prior to the event. If you know of anyone who would be willing to present something health-related to our students that afternoon please contact me. Thank you!

Healthfully yours,

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## Library:

The results are in and Haines picked *A Creepy Pair of Underwear* by Peter Brown as their favorite Monarch Book Nominee, *Coyote Moon* by Maria Gianferrari was a close second. I will be sharing the results of the statewide contest next week. The students enjoyed picking their favorite book and creating their own "I VOTED!" bracelets.

This month students in grades 2 through 5 are creating comic strips after reading *The Gingerbread Man and the Leprechaun Loose in the School*. Graphic novels or comics are a genre that are enjoyed by many readers, they provide benefits that traditional texts do not, such as slowing the reader down to really think about what is being said and they provide an access point for struggling readers. If you would like to learn more about the benefits of graphic novels, here is a helpful article:

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/raise-a-reader-blog/raising-super-readers-benefits-comic-books-and-graphic-novels.html>

April is National Poetry month, to celebrate seventh graders are working on writing apology poems based on the William Carlos Williams poem, *This is Just to Say*. Ask them who (or what) they are apologizing for, the poems can be silly or serious. Eighth graders are helping me repurpose some damaged books by writing blackout poetry. These poems are created when you "blackout" much of the text on a page and leave only the words that create your poem.

Enjoy the warmer weather!

~Mrs. Dowling

## **Art:**

### **Artomé Art Show and Fundraiser:**

I am excited to announce our upcoming Artomé Art Show and Fundraiser! On May 22nd, the gym will be transformed into an art gallery. Every student will have a work of art professionally framed and on display. You may come to enjoy the fabulous work of our young artists, and you'll have the opportunity to buy your child's framed work, too.

Please mark your calendars for this exciting event!

### **Volunteers Needed:**

Please contact me if you are available to help with the Artomé Art Show and Fundraiser. We need greeters to welcome guests to the event and cashiers to help with sales. Even if you can only spare an hour or two, it would be greatly appreciated!!

### **Donations:**

The art room is in need of rolls of aluminum foil and paper towels. Thank you in advance!

Feel free to contact me via email or Class Dojo with any questions or concerns. You may follow art and music on Instagram @JCHainesart.

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## **Music:**

Spring is in full swing and so as the music room! In April all third through seventh grades start new units. Kindergarten through second grade continue building on their skills about elements of music through creating and performing. Eighth grade students learn how to start a band, choose repertoire, arrange music, and produce a song.

Third and fourth: folk dancing

Fifth: bucket drumming

Sixth: ukulele

Seventh: guitar

**Music Grants:** I am very excited to announce that Haines music department was the recipient of Orff TAP (Teaching and Projects) Fund. Our music room will be upgraded with a bass, an alto, and a soprano xylophone collectively worth a little less than \$2000. All students and specifically K-5th grade students will benefit from these instruments as they are very accessible and conducive to creating and improvising.

**Aladdin Musical:** Save the date for our evening performance on Tuesday May 14. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Show starts at 5:00 pm. Our cast has worked very hard and produced a fun show for you to enjoy. Please feel free to invite relatives and friends. The more the merrier! Tickets for adults are \$5 and for children only \$1. All ticket sale profits will go toward funding our musical next year. Ticket sale will start after spring break.



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