

# PLATnM B Press - May 2019

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

## P.E. (Physical Education):

I hope that everyone is getting outside to enjoy the nicer weather. Any exercise is good exercise! The kindergarten through second grade students are continuing their jump rope unit with both single and long jump ropes. This is an easy activity for them to practice outside on the sidewalk with the nicer weather. You can remind them to wait until they “see” the rope before they jump if they need help. The students are learning how to work together with the turning and jumping of the long jump ropes. Third through eighth grade students are continuing their volleyball unit. It is another activity that can be practiced outside now. Students are learning to control their bump passes by striking it just above the wrists and allowing the ball to get low while bending their knees. Encourage the fifth grade and older students to get their elbows out when setting the volleyball and to spring the ball up with their fingers while getting under the ball. All third through eighth grade students will complete their end-of-the-year fitness testing midway through May. They will be tested on curl-ups, push-ups, and PACER (endurance) laps. While the goal is to demonstrate individual improvement from the beginning of the year to the end, the results will also help to determine who is awarded the fitness awards from each class at the end of the school year.

Healthfully yours,

Mr. Hennessy

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## Library:

The kindergarten through fourth grade are continuing with poetry. After reading *Fold Me A Poem* by Kristine O’Connell George, the kindergarten through second grade enjoyed creating origami cats and dogs. After poetry grades K-4 will moved on to nonfiction read, beginning with *Snakes* by Nic Bishop, which has some excellent photographs.

Sixth grade is using the CPS databases to research authors. This will culminate in creating signs and posters for the library. The seventh and eighth grade students are working with an online program called EVERFI. This program provides tools to use technology responsibly and increase digital literacy.

Mrs. Ruan’s seventh/eighth students had a ball reading picture books with our first grade students in Ms. Lei room. This was our first collaboration and hopefully we can continue with some other activities.

Read a book in the sun!

~Mrs. Dowling

## Art:

**Artomé Art Show and Fundraiser:** The Artomé Art Show and Fundraiser is almost here!! 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. Please come to enjoy the fabulous work of our young artists! They worked hard this year! You'll have the opportunity to buy your child's framed work, too. Frames will cost \$25.00

**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, copy paper, 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.

Artistically yours,  
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## Technology:

Students in third grade are experimenting with Ozobots. These tiny line-following robots can distinguish colors and different color combinations also control their various actions. Students are going to learn about coding and practice problem solving skills by discovering the behaviors of their Ozobot in a series of challenges.

Fifth and sixth grade students will dive deeper into their digital media creation experience. Students are going to tell a story using a range of tools like digital stop motion animation app and green screen. What story or whose will they choose?

During May, seventh and eighth graders will learn about computer numerical control (CNC) manufacturing such as electronic paper cutting and 3D printing. Students will design and create simple projects such as a tunnel book and keychains.

Fun Time,  
Mr. Tang  
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## Music:

April showers bring May flowers! If you showered your musical skills with practice and hard work, now is the time to enjoy the blossoming of your dedication. As we wrap up this academic year, students get to do one final project during the month of May, and witness how their hard work throughout the year has made them better, more skillful musicians.

Kindergarten and first grade focus on cumulative songs as a genre in children's literature. Second and third grade continue learning about harmony and major/minor modes, as well as folk dances from around the world. Fourth grade, which just wrapped up ukulele unit, will join in folk dance fun, and learn a few famous dances from the U.S. and Europe. Fifth grade continues on their journey in piano land and is focusing on fingering and using both hands equally. Sixth and seventh grades will expand their knowledge on ukulele/guitar chords and strumming patterns. Eighth grade students formed their own small bands and will produce a song as their final middle school music project.

### **Aladdin Musical - Tuesday May 14:**

Save the date for the Haines' premiere of Disney's Aladdin Kids! Join us for an enchanting evening filled with catchy songs and awe-inspiring dances. Our cast will take you to Agrabah, land of mystery, and show you a whole new world on a magic carpet ride!



Doors open at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, May 14. Show starts at 5:00 PM. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, hurry! Don't miss the magic! The tickets are limited and will be sold out soon!

Tickets for adults are \$5 and for children only \$1. All profits will go toward funding our musical next year. For questions regarding ticket sale please contact me at [fmehrabkhan@cps.edu](mailto:fmehrabkhan@cps.edu).

### **Goodman Theatre Premiere - Monday May 20:**

Haines Aladdin cast will perform at the Goodman Theatre on May 20. All cast members are given two free tickets for family and friends. The Haines production team is responsible for cast member transportation ONLY.

Musically yours,  
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**Bilingual/ESL:**

**\*PAC meeting will be held on Monday, May 13 at 5:00 PM.**

**\*BAC meeting is on Tuesday, June 4 at 5:00 PM.**

**The registration deadline for “ELs Summer Support Program” and “Refugee and Newcomer ELs Program” is May 17, 2019.**

不要太遲開始計劃你孩子的暑假  
在夏季，學校放假時，除非孩子們參加有充實學習和體力活動，不然是孩子們忘記所學過的知識和體重增加的大風險機會。

It's not too early to start planning your child's summer! During the summer, kids are at greater risk for learning loss and weight gain unless they have a game plan that includes learning enrichment and physical activity.

Summer camps are one of the a great ways to ensure children continue to grow socially, emotionally, cognitively, and physically, all while learning skills that will serve them well in the coming school year and beyond. Begin planning your summer activity options now.

夏令營是其中一個好的暑假活動，這能確保孩子們繼續增長對社會，情感，認知和體能上的知識，同時學習不同技能，這有助他們在新學年的學習；不要太遲開始計劃你孩子的暑假活動。

**Explore options around your community:**

**Chicago Park District:**

Ping Tom Memorial Park: Check out the different programs at Ping Tom Park Fieldhouse: softball, badminton, aquatic exercise, basketball, fitness boot camp, swimming lessons, yoga, soccer, table tennis, volleyball.... and much more.

1700 S. Wentworth Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616

Fieldhouse Hours: Su: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, Mo-Fr: 9:00 AM-9:00 PM, Sa: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Park Hours: 6:00 AM-11:00 PM

Park Phone: (312) 225-3121

<http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/Ping-Tom-Memorial-Park/>

**Girls in the Game Programming at McGuane Park:**

<https://www.girlsinthegame.org/>

**Summer Camp program is available as well.**

If you have any questions, please contact at 312-674-0000.

**Chinese American Service:**

Youth / Cultural Classes: <https://www.caslservice.org/youth/>

For more information, please contact at (312)791-0418 Ext. 2101

Address: 2/F, 2141 South Tan Court, Chicago, IL 60616

**Puk Tak Center:**

The Children and Youth Programs offer activities year-round, including Children's Tutoring, Youth After School, Youth Service Learning, and Youth After School Matters. Summer programs include the July Summer Program, Youth After School Matters, and Youth ESL Classes.

<http://www.puitak.org/>

**Jump Start Program:**

JSP Jumpstart serves children from preschool through eighth grade. The program starts on July 3rd and ends on August 18th. The full seven week program is \$900 with options to register for the first four weeks for \$550 or the last three weeks for \$450. For more information, contact Karen Lee at 312-328-1188 or email [JSP@puitak.org](mailto:JSP@puitak.org). You can also download our brochure and application form here:

Field trips, academics, bible fun, art projects, gym, games, Rhythm & Movement

For more information: 2216 S. Wentworth Ave., Chicago, IL 60616

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**The University of Chicago-Laboratory School:**

Summer Lab's six-week program includes Summer School, Adventure Kids Day Camp, Summer Lab Sports Camps, Fun in the Sun, and Summer Lab on Stage. Summer Lab strives to embody the notion that love of learning is an appetite that never wanes – particularly not on vacation!

Summer Lab Questions - Call 773 834 7766

Linguistically yours,

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