

PLATnM B Press

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

P.E. (Physical Education):

Welcome back! I am excited to see all of the returning students and families as well as to meet the newest members to the Haines family. Hopefully everyone had a great summer full of exercise and healthy eating. :)

Please help to ensure that all students are ready for P.E. on their scheduled class day. All students need to wear gym shoes (no boots, sandals, dress shoes, or Converse), athletic pants or shorts (no Jeans, dresses, skirts, or dress pants), and the Haines P.E. shirt (can be purchased in the main office for \$7). A letter detailing the P.E. policies was sent home during the first week of school.

The students will have fun during the first month of school while being challenged with various team-building games and activities along with beginning of the year fitness testing and fitness stations. As always, it is important that any student with asthma who may need to self-medicate during exercise bring their inhaler with them to every class, especially during fitness activities. Please make sure that the school has medical information about asthma and any other health conditions on file.

I look forward to a great year. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at cmhennessy@cps.edu. I welcome any sports equipment donations you would like to make to Haines (basketballs, volleyballs, badminton equipment, jump ropes, yoga mats, etc.) Also, anyone who has submitted their volunteer information form to the school who would like to assist with beginning of the year fitness testing can email me for more information.

Healthfully yours,
Mr. Hennessy

Library:

Welcome! I am excited to be a part of the Haines PLATnM team this year. A little bit about me, I am new to Haines, but not CPS. I have worked as a librarian for the past 4 years. In 2014, I completed a Master of Science in Library and Information Science, and love to read and research. I hope to impart some of that love with your children; this school year we will be working on research and library skills and reading for enjoyment and knowledge.

We will begin checking books out in October and I will send home a letter later in September detailing the students' responsibility when borrowing material from the Haines library. Your child

should bring a pencil and folder to class, if we need other supplies I will provide them. Most of our work will be completed in class, but there may be the occasional homework assignment.

If you have any questions please contact me at rm Dowling@cps.edu. I'm looking forward to a great year!

Mrs. Dowling

Art:

Welcome back to all my amazing artists and their families, and a warm welcome to our new JCH artists! I hope everyone had a restful and creative summer! This is going to be an exciting year in the art room, and I'm ready to help the talented Haines artists learn and grow. There are many new projects in store, as well as some old favorites.

Just like gym, students need to be ready for art. All students need to bring a pencil and eraser to art every week. Students in 6-8th need a sketchbook (although a folder with blank paper inside is acceptable). You can pick up a sketchbook anywhere you buy school supplies. On their scheduled art day, students should wear clothes that can get messy. Most of what we use in the art room is washable, and of course I teach kids to be careful, but stains happen. If you are worried, send a smock or apron that your child can store in his/her locker.

Remember that you can follow the JC Haines Art Department (visual art and music) on Instagram @jchainesart. This is a private account, and you will need to request permission to follow us. The rules for the JC Haines Instagram are:

1. Be respectful - if you don't have anything nice to post, don't post it.
2. Be responsible - no spamming, likes for likes, follow me, etc. This Insta represents our school.
3. Be recognized - this is an opportunity to share your hard work and creativity with others and show your JCH pride.

If you'd like to volunteer in the art room (displaying student work, prepping materials, assisting with challenging projects), please complete the volunteer check, then email me more details. If you have any other questions, do not hesitate to contact me via email or Class Dojo.

Looking forward to a colorful year!

Artistically yours,
Ms. Hawkins Smith
kahawkins1@cps.edu

Technology:

Music:

Happy first month of school! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer break and is ready to tune into learning. This year, there are new exciting developments in the music room and I can't wait to share them with students.

EVERYONE can grow musically at Haines, regardless of musical talent. You may wonder how? Well, by following two simple, and yet, important rules: 1) Coming to class prepared and 2) Trying your best.

Parents, please help your child get accustomed to the music class routines which include:

- **Beginning of class listening activity:** It is important that this activity is done in absolute silence. Middle school students need their listening log, music info sheet, and writing utensils for this portion of the class.
- **Use of instruments:** Careful and respectful use of classroom instruments and bringing personal instruments such as the recorder on the scheduled days.
- **Practice:** Checked out classroom instruments (guitars & ukuleles) should be returned daily. Personal instruments should be used at home to practice. Two to three times a week each between 10-15 minutes is recommended. Students will use the Seesaw app to track their progress and communicate their practice sessions with me.

Parents, please provide a specific space for your child's practice time. It is important to keep this space free of distraction to maximize the practice time. Also, let's be supportive in our words and actions regarding children's effort for music making. What you hear at home is the early emergence of a musical talent that needs to be nourished to grow.

Finally, if you are playing any musical instrument (classical, folk, traditional, etc.) please reach out and let me know. It's always great to have another musician on my side and there are many ways I can use your expertise. If you have any other questions, do not hesitate to contact me via email or Class Dojo.

Looking forward to a tuneful year!

Musically yours,
Ms. Kia
fmehrabkhan@cps.edu

Bilingual/ESL:

Welcome back! The school year has started again, and I want you to know how excited we are to have your child in our school for this exciting and challenging new school year.

I know sometimes our children can be a little forgetful once they leave the classroom for the day. Please check your child's homework assignments. Teachers may also have sent consent forms or letters that will need to be signed and sent back the next day. So... always be on the lookout!

I encourage you to contact your child's teacher(s) anytime you have questions or concerns about anything going on with your child. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns at mcheung@cps.edu

Linguistically yours,
Ms. Cheung