



Mrs. Cunningham- Music, Lower School

- ★ The Lower School music department shined at this year's SCISA Music Festival. Lower School Choir and the Handbell group earned gold at the festival. Aristeo Repaskey-McMullan, 5th grade, also received gold for his piano solo. The SCISA Music festival is an adjudication not a competition. It should be used as an educational experience (you are going for the comments not the rating). We use SCISA to stretch and challenge our students.
- ★ As the year continues, the Lower School music department will showcase the third grade in the musical *Rock Around the '50s* on Thursday and Friday, April 4th and 5th at 8:15 each day in Freedom Hall. The fourth grade will present their musical, *Compose Yourself* on Thursday and Friday, May 2nd and 3rd at 8:15 a.m. each day in Freedom Hall. You can also see the Lower School Choir and the Handbell group on May 10th at 6:30 p.m. in Freedom Hall at the Spring Pops Concert.



Mr. Klixbull- Music, Upper School

- ★ Choir and Guitar ensemble is getting ready for their Spring Concert May 10th. The concert has such a variety of music from renaissance to romantic to modern music.



Take a look...!

Mr. Moreau- Music Technology

- ★ These last few weeks have been very active in the music technology class. Students have been practicing their original songs in preparation for their performance at **Pinewoodstock** on April 16th, and have been recording the last fews tracks on the songs that will be on the class' CD, to be released the day of the show.

You won't want to miss this fun evening of great food and music. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, and enjoy the show!



RJ Lemon and
Alex Tucker

Ms. Klixbull- Drama, Lower School

- ★ The spring musical will be held April 24th. There will be a school performance for lower-school students and a nighttime performance for parents and families. We have 24 fourth and fifth grade students in our spring musical. We are proud to announce our show is *Charleston!* A madcap musical comedy tribute to the 1920's. We have been very lucky to have Ms. Ehrlich helps us with dancing for the show. There will be singing, dancing, acting, and of course glamorous costumes from the roaring twenties! Admission is free and the show starts at 6 p.m. on April 24th in Freedom Hall.



More great news...



Ms. Keber- Drama, Upper School

- ★ **Rotation Classes:** We began the quarter studying various aspects of play analysis. Each grade is focusing on a specific type of theatre and is writing original works in that style.
 - 6th– Pantomime
 - 7th– Commedia Dell’Arte
 - 8th– Analysis of the full-length musical *Footloose*
- ★ **Make-Up Design:** Students have been practicing basic corrective make-up and old-age make-up. They researched the difference between middle age and old age and techniques to delineate between the two.
- ★ **Play Production:** Focus this quarter is on acting techniques in scene study, voice and movement. Students have been implementing scoring technique from the Stanislavski System in contemporary scene study.
- ★ **MS Drama Enrichment:** Students are deep into preparation for the SC Thespians Junior Theatre Festival on April 27th. They are preparing individual pieces in solo, duet and group acting and musical categories.

Mrs. Strang- Visual Art, Upper School

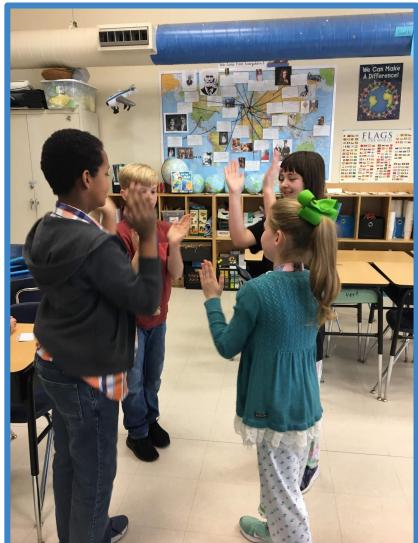
- ★ **AP Art Showcase**
The week of April 8th
Main Office Lobby
- ★ **Advanced Art** will be on display during Pinewoodstock



Check this out....!

Ms. Bowen- Global Studies

- ★ The children have truly enjoyed listening to tales of one of the most beloved folktale characters of Puerto Rico, Juan Bobo. While getting a few laughs from the character's silly predicaments, the students have learned a bit more about Puerto Rican life through the characters and events that typify the culture and spirit of the people.
- ★ We listened to a wide variety of Caribbean music: calypso, merengue, salsa, soca, and reggae. Students were taught how to identify some of these different styles by listening for particular traits. The best part of the lesson was getting to play the maracas and bongos to calypso music. A special shout out goes to Mrs Lemons' Middle School Idea Lab students for creating these instruments for Global Studies.
- ★ For a couple of weeks, the Global Studies room was filled with the wonderful aroma of Caribbean spices. While playing a game of "Guess that Spice", students had to rely on their sense of smell to identify Caribbean spices that are popular in their cuisine and/or grown in the region.
- ★ Puerto Rican circle games and Jamaican hand clapping games have been fun to learn in class. These traditional children's games, still played in the Caribbean, show that some things never go out of style. This was clear as the students found amusement and challenge in playing them.
- ★ Many of the classes are preparing for our sixth annual Lower School Global Fair, Friday, April 26th! The kindergarten classes have been busy making Jamaican bandana belts that they will be wearing during their performance.



Don't miss this...

Mrs. Reed- Visual Art, Lower School

☛ Mark your calendars for the Lower school **Art Show**, May 21, 4-6 pm! There will be a collaborative mural, selfie station, creative snacks and so much more, and of course all the beautiful artwork made by the creative students!

- ★ PK3- Texture Exploration, Pointillism Trees, Circle Flower Prints
- ★ PK4- Alphabet Art, Ice Cream Cone Prints, Marbled Paper Art
- ★ K- Rockets in Space, Klee Portraits, Klimt Trees, Primary/Secondary Popsicles
- ★ 1st- Stellar Moons, Painted Portraits, Fish Paper Weaving, Monet Garden
- ★ 2nd- Clay Birdbaths, Greek Vases, Roman Mosaics, Romero Britto Animals
- ★ 3rd- Cityscape Printmaking, Clay Plant Hangers,
- ★ 4th- Clay Cactus Plants, Desert Landscape Collage, Silberzweig Portrait/Fish, Wire Sculpture
- ★ 5th- Clay Coil Bowls, Oil Pastel Value Study
- ★ 6th- Beyond the Border, Clay Chia Pets, Animal Prints

Here are some fun art sites to enjoy as a family:

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/metkids/>

<http://www.haringkids.com/>

<http://www.picassohead.com/create.html>

<https://www.artforkidshub.com/>



Thank you for checking out the special area newsletters!