

The future depends on what we do in the present.

— Mahatma Gandhi

FIRST NINE WEEKS
OCTOBER 2009

Eagle's Nest Express

IDLEWILD



What's New in Computer, Science and P.E.

Computer - Students in the computer lab have practiced keyboarding skills using Dance Mat Typing. "All About Me" slide shows created with Kid Pix 3 software have now been exported to iMovie complete with title screens, sounds and transitions. We will soon begin learning about Internet safety.

Science - In the Science Lab, we will continue our study of Physical Science as we move into Earth Science. Students have used a variety of hands on learning activities in the lab to help them master concepts such as mixtures, solutions, matter, magnetism, motion, sound, and different types of energy.



Physical Education

Students in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades are participating in an activity called tinikling. This dance involves two people hitting poles on the ground and against each other in coordination with one or more dancers who step over and in between the poles in a rhythmic dance. Tinikling originated in the Phillipines as an imitation of the tikling bird. The students will learn to move to the beat of the music and tinikling sticks. Students will also be able to create movement patterns using the tinikiling sticks. They will learn to move with coordination while performing the assigned skills and gain an appreciation of other cultural dances.

Calendar

Harvest Fall Carnival

October 24th - 2:00 - 6:00pm

Thanksgiving Break

November 25-27, 2009

Exhibitions of Student Work

November 12, Thursday

December 21 - January 3, 2010

Holiday - Winter Break

January 4, 2010 - Back to school

First grade news

First grade students are getting their heads into Headsprout. They are learning and enjoying the interactive phonics-based computer instruction time they're given. Please



continue to remind your child of the importance of listening and following directions the first time they are given. You will soon receive a letter with more information regarding your child's fall project.

Second grade news

Second graders are getting excited about a field trip to the Pink Palace planned for October 30th. As part of our study of the Native Americans of the mid-south, we will explore the wonderful exhibit there.

Artsy News

Idlewild's renovation of the main hallway is well on its way thanks to Mr. Mah's guidance and the support of Ms. Phillips, Ms. Catchings and our PTO. Over the summer new brighter lighting was installed and the lower half of the walls were painted a bright blue. The gloominess of the former hallway is all but gone and has been replaced with a cheerful, child-friendly atmosphere more conducive for an elementary school. The student designed and executed artwork that was facilitated by visiting artist, Jonathan Hart last year now hangs prominently by the library doors. Expect to see more positive changes throughout the coming year.

Idlewild is excited about receiving another ACT grant from the Memphis College of Arts and Arts Memphis that will bring Jonathan Hart back to our school to work with our students in creating another permanent artwork for our building. This year's project will probably be a mural that will be painted directly on to a large blank wall in the annex hall that leads to the support classes.

Mr. Mah is pleased to announce he successfully applied for a ticket subsidy grant at the Orpheum Theater and won tickets



to take one lucky second grade class to see a live performance of *Harold and the Purple Crayon*. The book is a favorite of Mr. Mah's and was used as part of the first nine weeks' curriculum in a lesson on the use of different types of lines. Students did drawings based on the book and should enjoy seeing a live performance based on this children's literary classic.

During next spring's Neighbor Fest Mr. Mah will organize another yard sale/fund raiser. Start thinking about what you might want to donate or sell yourself to help raise funds to buy art supplies for our students. Funding needed to buy art supplies has been greatly reduced by the state government and the local school board. It will become more the responsibility of art teachers, the PTO's, and various school supporters to help raise money to cover any extra supplies that the current budget does not cover. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

From the Office

Four Regional Health Clinics have been opened to serve all MCS students (Pre K-12).

There is no cost to visit the clinics and they are open Monday-Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Available Clinic Services include:

- Health Assessment
- Physical Exams
- Diagnosis and treatment of minor injury and illness
- Laboratory Services/Screening
- Wellness Promotion

Regional Health Clinic Locations:

NORTHWEST REGION

Northside High School
1212 Vollintine
(901) 416-4530

NorthwestRegionalHealthClinic@mcsk12.net

SOUTHEAST REGION

Sheffield Career & Technology Center
4530 Chuck Avenue
(901) 416-9090

SoutheastRegionalHealthClinic@mcsk12.net

NORTHEAST REGION

East High School
3206 Poplar Avenue
(901) 416-6230

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Westwood High School
4480 Westmount (901) 416-8025

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