

Specialist Spotlights

Bellevue
CHRISTIAN
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Learning to think through life.



"Shout with joy to the Lord, O earth!
Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing with joy.
Psalm 100:1-2



Dear Band and Music Parents!

Our band and music students continue to excel!

Both the fifth and sixth band classes are preparing their music for their debut concert, **Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00pm** at the **Clyde Hill Campus of Bellevue Christian School**. This concert will be a combined concert with the general music class and will include the students from both Mack Elementary and Three Points Elementary. Basically, every 5th and 6th grader from both schools will be there. How exciting!

6th grade band students should arrive at **6:00pm sharp** for a brief practice.

5th grade band students should arrive at **6:30pm sharp** for a brief practice.

5th/6th grade general music students should plan on arriving at **6:30**.

The concert will start promptly at 7pm and begin with the band students, the music classes will go on after the band. The whole concert should be about an hour. Please invite all the family!

Also, I strongly encourage all band parents to look into getting *Smart Music* for their students. We are looking to have all students move to this wonderful program next year. It is a computer program where kids practice their music and the program tells them if the piece was played correctly or not. Best of all, it starts out at only \$30 per year (12 months) Please log on to www.smartmusic.com for more info.

Mr. Ekpo

Library October/November



Libraries act as community space as well as locations to find books and information. The Mack Library has this function, too.

On Monday mornings the Moms-in-Touch prayer partners meet in the library. It is a joy [as well as reassuring to know that all of us at BCS are prayed for!] to hear the soft murmur of prayer filling the room.

On Fridays, once a month, the Parent Group meets in the Library. Their dedication and hard work for Mack is evident by the growing number of parents who come to these meetings!

On many other mornings other group meetings use the library space.

The Mack Library is also the perfect location to display 3-dimensional student work. Student projects reflect student understanding of what they are learning. They are often very insightful and frequently have the wisdom that children uniquely possess. Currently, Mrs. Hitchcock's 3rd grade is displaying Pioneer projects. And, Miss Riss' 2nd grade is displaying their creative bugs build to coordinate with their science unit on insects. Come, see, and enjoy the fruit of their labors!

And, come sit, read or have quiet conversation in the library anytime it isn't being used as a classroom, which means most mornings before 10am. The library also has a growing section of parenting books. Novels for elementary students often make great reads for adults too! The only rule is to put books on the red carts after reading them and not on the shelf.

Candi Donovan

Librarian and Reading Specialist

P.E. NEWS FOR NOVEMBER

For the first couple of months we try to be outside whenever possible to take advantage of the nice weather. We opened up with a playground games unit and then will move on to Football and Lacrosse with the first round of fitness testing for the older students.

The fitness component we will focus on for the month is Abdominal Strength and Endurance, we will also be talking a lot about what good sportsmanship looks like. Here are some things to look forward to.

K-3rd Grade

Playground Games

- Foursquare
- Hopscotch

Football

- Throwing and Catching
- Team play in “Capture the Footballs”

Scoops

- Individual Scoop skills
- Throwing, catching and rolling with a partner.

Body Movements

- Skipping
- Crap walk
- Gallop
- Grape vine

4th, 5th, 6th Graders

Football

- Throwing a spiral with accuracy
- Catching
- Team Play in “Capture the footballs” and “Ultimate Football”
- Practice flag pulling skills

Playground Games

- Hopscotch
- Foursquare
- Kickball

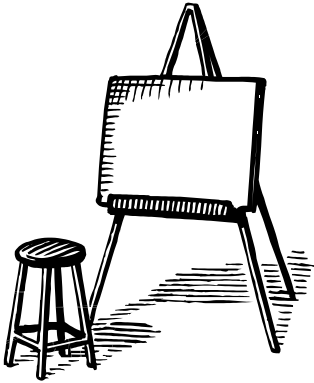
Lacrosse

- Throwing/Catching/Rolling
- Team Play in a modified lacrosse game.
- Rules of Lacrosse

Fitness Testing

- Sit up test

November Spotlight on Art



When I look around me, my whole world is like an amazing art gallery that I have been placed in. All the things God has made are the art, even the people! – Paraphrase of third grade student

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

This is what we have been working on in Art!

- Kindergarten:** We completed our study of portraits with a family portrait, and have moved forward with exploration of shapes, and patterns created with shapes. Whenever possible I take notes to record what these students are saying about their art.
- First Grade:** These students had a blast collecting texture rubbings from around the classroom and painting with warm or cool colors over the top to create a beautiful resist. In the process, learning about proper brush care was important.
- Second Grade:** Line and movement have been explored by creating the secret paths their animals took across a page. The second graders have also been creating visual texture in their underground world drawings.
- Third Grade:** Third graders have been drawing people who pose and exploring positive and negative space. In the process of creating fabulous color wheels, they have learned to identify all the beautiful triads of analogous colors.
- Fourth Grade:** After discussing Van Gogh's sunflower still life, these students learned to use a chalk sketch as the framework for the layering of color in their own oil pastels of sunflowers drawn on black construction paper.
- Fifth Grade:** Fifth graders have been exploring positive and negative space in the design and carving of their own rubber stamps.
- Sixth Grade:** Temporarily setting aside their 'Christ at the Center' design work, these students completed their quality of line hand drawings and explored gesture sketching of the human form in action and at rest.

Thank you so much for the privilege of working with your delightful young people!

God Bless You Richly,

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Mack Enrichment

What's Up

3rd and 4th Uses Imagination

Albert Einstein said: "Imagination is more important than thinking." The third and fourth grade enrichment students are thinking "out of the box" while working with various open-ended questions, conducting brainstorming sessions and creative problem-solving exercises to develop their imagination. Students will practice skills designed to increase creativity such as finding relationships between seemingly unrelated things. Fun!

5th and 6th Strategize

The fifth and sixth grade enrichment students are identifying, creating and applying strategies. They are exploring the concept of strategy by identifying games with strategies and explaining them in written form. A variety of strategy-reliant games are used. Some of the games will require complicated number and position strategy. As a concluding activity, the students will design and construct their own strategy game to play during a game day with Three Points 5th graders. We look forward to a challenging day of strategizing!

2nd Graders Find Patterns

The second grade enrichment students are finding patterns in God's world. Throughout creation patterns abound. Students are exploring, manipulating and creating patterns in this fun discovery unit.

The Mack Times: The Application Process

The student newspaper, the Mack Times, is about to start another year. Student is the fifth and sixth grades who have the desire to become a reporter filled out job applications and sent in sample articles. Once the process was completed seven applicants along with four assistant editors from last year got the job. The Mack Times reporters do research, interviews, and attend school events. They then write, edit, design, take photographs and finally publish.

Look for our first publication in December.

The Mack Times Needs YOU!

We'd like your ideas, your stories, your wants and needs to create a newspaper that you, the Mack community, are

enthusiastic about reading. Email us at:
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Counseling Corner

Here is what has been happening with counseling lessons since the end of September:

Half Day Kindergarten read a story called "A New Friend" which looks at differences and students discussed some ways people are unique. Students then shared drawings of themselves showing how they are unique.

Full Day Kindergarten looked at some of the many feelings that God has given us. We read stories in which the characters are experiencing some feelings such as being happy, sad, mad, and jealous as well as a couple on what to do when you are mad or sad.

First grade is looking at how God calls us to love Him and love others, that is not always easy and sometimes we can have problems with other people. Students are currently focusing on how we treat others, including being friendly, encouraging others, and how to handle problems with other people. We are using the conflict management curriculum called *Kelso's Choice*. Students first practiced distinguishing between "Big" and "Small" problems. "Big problems" are ones that usually cause students to feel scared, nervous, or worried, and somebody could get hurt. Students should not try to handle these situations themselves but always tell an adult. "Small problems" are ones that bug or bother them, but are not frightening or dangerous and nobody could get hurt. Students can try to solve or handle these "small problems" themselves using one of the nine "choices". Students have learned six of the nine choices and once they learn the last three, they will be given a small copy of the nine choices to help them remember. Students are encouraged to try two of these choices before getting help from an adult. The nine choices are: *Tell them to stop, Ignore it, Walk away, Talk it out, Share and take turns, Go to another game, Wait and cool off, Make a deal, and Apologize.*

Second grade is hearing the *Treasure Tree* story which continues to emphasize how each of us is different, especially on the inside. There are four characters and each shows strengths and weaknesses depending on their personality. In the process each must learn to work together on their adventure.

Third grade examined how God has made each of us unique, both through external physical attributes and also internal qualities including personality, feelings, and thoughts. Students watched a video titled Intricate Minds which shows students who learn differently and discussed how we should best respond. Lastly, we had a pumpkin carving demonstration and discussed the "Parable of the Farmer" story in which the Christian life is compared to a pumpkin. First, God picks you from the patch and lifts you up and draws you close to himself. Then He carries you in. He washes all the dirt off of you. Then He opens you up. You are full of nasty, slimy yucky stuff inside. He reaches in touching you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, anger, selfishness, etc. so that there is room for Him inside. Then he carves you a new smiling face and puts his light inside of you for the entire world to see. A small light shines the brightest in the dark and together we can shine more brightly on our community. This season may Jack O Lanterns remind us to shine our light for Christ.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at ext. 434 or email gberge@bellevuechristian.org.

Thanks,

Gene Berge