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## Computer

### 6th Grade Computer Applications

Even though I am sad to say goodbye to my 6th graders in World Studies, I am happy to know I will be seeing them second semester in Computer Applications! We have lots of fun projects planned for the year, including several collaborative projects using our Google accounts. We'll start out with an extensive unit called Digital Citizenship about developing a positive digital presence.

Each class begins with 15 minutes of keyboarding, which is an essential skill for students throughout their educational careers. It is important that students practice their keyboarding at home as well, as 15 minutes twice a week may not be enough for your sixth grader. I recommend finding lessons online, either by visiting my website via the Woodland homepage, or by doing a search. Just as we did in 5th grade, students will be taking a monthly timed test to evaluate their improvement, progress, and effort from month to month. I'm looking forward to another great semester!

Mrs. Berndt (ext. 2625)

## Physical Education 5th and 6th grade P.E.

The 5th and 6th grade students will be finishing up basketball. They will work on shooting and then play modified games.

After basketball the students will be testing. This will be the second time the students will be tested. The test will include: Pacer, Sit-n-Reach, Curl-ups, and Push-ups. We have been working hard in class to improve these scores. The next unit the students will get into will badminton.

Mr. Weyers (ext. 2660)

## World Studies

### 5th Grade World Studies

Welcome to World Studies fifth graders! I am so excited to get to know each of you better as we travel around the world, visiting three different countries and cultures- Japanese, Hmong and German. We will be starting out with a general world geography overview, and then heading to the beautiful country of Japan. There we will learn what the word "culture" is comprised of, as we study the homes, lifestyle, traditions, food and clothing of the people there. Bon voyage!

In World Studies, we are always looking for guests to come in and talk about the countries we are studying. If you have visited any of them, or have connections to people who have, I would love to talk to you. I may be reached at [eberndt@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:eberndt@kimberly.k12.wi.us).

Mrs. Berndt (ext. 2625)

### Choir Information:

The next event for choir will be held February 8 at Lawrence University. Details for Choir students will be sent home by first rehearsal on January 22nd. It is very important that students attend rehearsal to be prepared. Attire for this event will be white shirt or blouse and black dress pants or skirts. Dress shoes with little or no heel. This will be a ticketed event, at the cost of \$3 per ticket to help defray the cost of the facility. Please only buy the number of tickets you are intending to use, as last year we had several families who were unable to attend because the tickets sold out.

School choir will perform on April 11th, the same date as the band concert. We will begin rehearsing for that concert in February after the festival. Please mark the dates of rehearsals and performances on your calendar. Most rehearsals for girls will be on Tuesdays and for boys will be on Thursdays, with a few combined rehearsals. These dates will be communicated through a letter home to choir members and Infinite Campus.



## Healthy Living

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

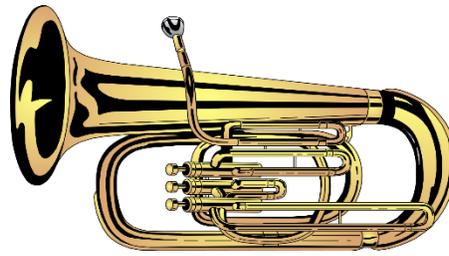
Another semester has just flown by this time ending our year and my class time with the 5th graders. Of course, I will see them a year from now during Healthy Living 6. One of the best aspects of my job is seeing how students grow (physically, mentally and socially) from one year to the next.

As the fifth graders are becoming more independent, parents are not always going to be there if they are physically injured. Prevention is the most important factor in staying safe, but students need to know what to do to help themselves and others if an injury does occur. We discussed prevention and basic first aid during our Personal Health and Safety unit. I strongly encourage you to enroll your child in a babysitting class to help give students more knowledge and confidence when staying home by themselves or with younger children. A quick online search will give you some options. Online courses are even available.

We ended the semester with important health topics including human growth and development and tobacco. As "invincible" 5th graders, it is often difficult for students to grasp the idea that choices they make now will have immediate and long term effects on their health. Thanks for your support in helping your child make healthy choices.

I will be available for parent teacher conferences on Thursday, January 24th from 5-8 if you have any questions or concerns about this year or next.

Mrs. Curtis (ext. 2864)



## Band

### 5th and 6th Grade Band

Congratulations to the 5th Grade for a wonderful concert on Tuesday evening. This was their first band concert and did an amazing job. Congratulations.

6th Grade band students are finishing up their band book in the end of January. All 6th grade band students need to purchase the new book which we will begin using the first week of February. The name of the lesson book is Essential Elements Book 2.

Ms. Shimek (ext. 2621)  
Mrs. Carpenter (ext. 2654)

## MUSIC

Grade 5:

The 5th Grade students did a great job of preparing for their concert! We learned some advanced music and they rose to the challenge. Our next few weeks will be spent working with classroom instruments and getting ready to play on the piano keyboards. All students will play on piano keyboards. We will review note names and practice on the computer program Music Ace as well as Music Play to prepare. Those students who would like more time to practice note names and keyboard notes are welcome to come in at recess to work on Music Ace.

Grade 6:

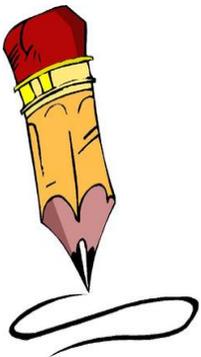
The 6th grade students are continuing to practice reading music through tone chimes. We are making beautiful sounding major chords and practicing playing rhythms and melodies. We will once again be playing keyboards soon, emphasizing more of the bass clef (left hand) than we did last year.

Choir:

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the all-state choir festival for Wisconsin Choral Director's Association in Appleton on Saturday, January 12: Ella Hawkins, Elizabeth Lamine, Natalie Ott, and Sophia Strong. They were responsible for learning and memorizing the music on their own and in a few rehearsals with Mrs. Been, so this indeed was a challenge!

Mrs. Been (ext. 2647)

## ART



### 6th Grade Art

-The 6th grade students learned many different techniques of drawing such as: drawing the outline of the object, drawing details inside the object and shading in the object. The sixth grade also learned a variety of ways to add value and form (3-D) to their drawing. The students then chose a still life object that they would draw out using three different styles to show value: Shading with pencil, scratching on scratch art paper and adding color using colored pencils. When the students were all finished with their still life drawings they will frame their drawings and fill out a tag. After they are finished with their name tag and framing they will use their chrome book to fill out their check off sheet (self- assessment) on our Google classroom. The drawings will be displayed in the hallways when they are finished.

The Elements of Art we have covered are:  
Color, Form, Line, Shape, Space, Value and Texture.  
Mr. Calmes (ext. 2321)