 Specialists’ Newsletter- August 2015

**Art Department News**

**Mr. Mock** [http://mocksmasters.weebly.com](http://mocksmasters.weebly.com" \t "_blank)

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**Mrs. Demirtas** [http://demirtasg.weebly.com/gallery.html](http://demirtasg.weebly.com/gallery.html%22%20%5Co%20%22http%3A//demirtasg.weebly.com/gallery.html%20Cmd%2BClick%20or%20tap%20to%20follow%20the%20link%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

Exciting News from DMS art rooms!

**Study: Arts education has academic effect**

**By Tamara Henry, USA TODAY**

While school districts might be tempted to think the arts a frivolous part of the educational system, this report suggests otherwise. It looked at over 62 different studies from 100 researchers, spanning the range of fine arts from dance to the visual arts. Using this data, researchers determined that students who received more arts education did better on standardized tests, improved their social skills and were more motivated than those who had reduced or no access.

**Library News with Mrs. Mizialko**

We have had a great start to our school year in the library!

We have reviewed library rules and procedures. Your student participated in selecting the rules for the Dexter Middle School library.

Our students believe it is important to be respectful in the library.  The goal we wrote together is:  “Respectful students show high regard for their teachers, their classmates, themselves, school property, and the property of others.”

General Library Information:

1.     Students may check out one or two books at a time.

2.     Books must be returned or rechecked every two weeks.

3.     Students may not check out additional books if they have overdue books.

4.     Reports cards will be held if library books are overdue.

I am looking forward to a great year in the library!!

 

**What’s happening in PE with**

**Coach King and Coach Webb?**

We have enjoyed meeting all of our classes and starting our Conditioning Cardio unit. The effort from our students in class has been overwhelmingly positive.

We are still waiting on Welcome Letters to be returned. An electronic copy is available on the website.

[http://JessicaKingPE.Weebly.com](http://JessicaKingPE.Weebly.com/)

**“It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.” -Mahatma Gandhi**

 

**Band & Music with Mr. Salter**

5th Grade Music Class:

We’ve had a great time so far this year listening to music, talking about the beat, and learning how music is written. Next week we will be starting with recorders, so any student that would like their own should purchase one by 9/8. Here are a few suggestions:

Amro Music: 2918 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111

Bartlett Music Academy: 7505 US-64 (Stage Road) #107, Memphis, TN 38133

Saint Fishy’s Music Stand: 2965 N Germantown Parkway

Band:

It’s been a great first few weeks for band. We’ve been working hard to learn the fundamentals of music in 6th grade band and learning several new songs in the 7th and 8th.

7th and 8th graders should have already brought home information and permission forms about the Cordova High School game, which has been moved to Sep. 11.

Thanks for all your support, and remember to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

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