

# MPE Weekly Update

January 29, 2021

## Optional Afternoon Activities - February 1- February 5

### *Monday, February 1*

- Poetry with Mrs. Piccoli - grades K-5 2:00 - 2:30 p.m. <https://livingston-org.zoom.us/j/4836415417>

### *Tuesday, February 2*

- Music with Mr. Battista - 2:10 (grades K-2) 2:30 (grades 3-5) <https://livingston-org.zoom.us/j/6927868149>

### *Wednesday, February 3*

- High School Students Read Aloud - 1:30 p.m. grades K-3 <https://www.google.com/url?q=https://livingstonorg.zoom.us/j/84955838999&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1612195791152000&usg=AOvVaw2JcQQzp8U210VDrn4lu35F>
- Sing Along with Mr. Seltzer - 2:10 (grades K-2) 2:30 (grades 3-5) <https://livingston-org.zoom.us/j/2412544453>

### *Thursday, February 4*

- Yoga and Mindfulness - 1:30 grades K-2 2:15 grades 3-5 <https://livingstonorg.zoom.us/j/85015754565pwd=dUZxSGg4d2tuaWg1TS91M0c4NENpQT09>
- Draw Along with Ms. Montgomery - 2:10 (grades K-2) 2:30 (grades 3-5) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7399428153pwd=NIR1dkVZaTVwaWNoNFFLaHF1RXJ4dz09>

### *Friday, February 5*

- Games and Stories with Mrs. Haskell - 2:10 (grades K-2) 2:30 (grades 3-5) <https://livingston-org.zoom.us/j/2521523618>

**World Read Aloud Day - February 3rd!**

To celebrate World Read Aloud Day on Wednesday, February 3, Livingston High School students will be reading aloud to MPE Kindergarten through 3rd grade students. Below is a message from student Natasha Ahlawat.

*My name is Natasha Ahlawat! I am a sophomore at LHS and a Co-President of the chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) at my school. One of the mission statements of the club is to spread gender equality throughout our community. To accomplish this, we want to connect to elementary school children to read picture books with themes celebrating gender equality and breaking down gender stereotypes! We think that this would be a fun way to connect to younger students during such a strikingly different school year as well as spread positive messages.*



Look what Janet Wong sent Dr. Dolan!!



A special poem from a very talented author and poet!



Working together: friends in school and friends at home!

## **Yoga and Mindfulness at MPE on February 4th!**

Nicole Dockx, a native Livingston resident and LivWell Yoga teacher, will be teaching a yoga Zoom lesson on February 4 for MPE students. Nicole has a passion for movement and wellness. She believes movement contributes to positivity and good energy. Nicole holds a variety of fitness certifications, including Yoga, Meditation, Chair Yoga, Barre, TRX and HIIT. She draws inspiration from all of her disciplines to deliver a well-rounded experience that benefits her students' bodies and minds. Nicole encourages and motivates her students to safely push past their limits and realize their potential. Nicole's ultimate goal is to help students discover their own strength to become more empowered and confident on and off the mat.



## **A Note from Mrs. Cullen**

YAYAYAYAYAYAYAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Only 30 days until March!

As we push toward spring, please be aware that if a member of your household has any 2 second tier COVID 19 symptoms ( sore throat, headache, chills, body aches, congestion, nausea, vomiting) or 1 primary tier symptom ( cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing , new loss taste or smell) that person is considered *presumptive positive* and household contacts will need to quarantine until the presumptive person receives a PCR negative COVID 19 test result.

Of course if any student has a fever of 100.4F or greater, they will need to stay home until they are 24 hours fever free without the use of fever reducing medication. If a student is vomiting they will be required to stay home for 24 hours after their last vomiting episode. And always, if a student is just not feeling well, it is a good time to stay home.

Last reminder...Masks with valves only protect the wearer and are discouraged. All masks should fit firmly against the student's nose, cheeks and mouth.

Take Care,

Mrs. Cullen

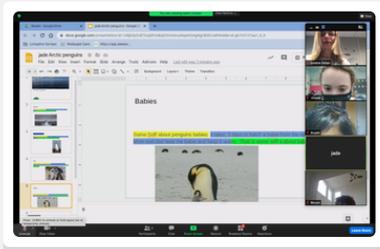
## Sharing the love!!

Join MPE in making valentine cards for local Livingston nursing home residents!

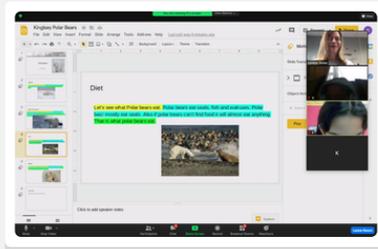
Create a card and send it to school to your teacher!

You can also create a card on Google Doc and email it to [schang@livingston.org](mailto:schang@livingston.org) to be printed out!

Cards are due **Monday, February 8, 2021!**



Second graders are sharing their books about arctic animals.



Students in breakout rooms are sharing their screen and presenting to classmates.



Sharing a special something with Mrs. Triana's class!

## Writing is Important! What does the Science Say?

"A recent study sheds light on why writing is such a beneficial activity—not just in subjects typically associated with writing, like history and English, but across all subjects. Professor Steve Graham and his colleagues at Arizona State University's Teachers College analyzed 56 studies looking at the benefits of writing in science, social studies, and math and found that writing "reliably enhanced learning" across all grade levels. While teachers commonly ask students to write about a topic in order to assess how well they understand the material, the process of writing also improves a student's ability to recall information, make connections between different concepts, and synthesize information in new ways. In effect, writing isn't just a tool to assess learning, it also promotes it."

<https://www.edutopia.org/article/why-students-should-write-all-subjects>

## 5th Graders are Writing Opinion Essays!

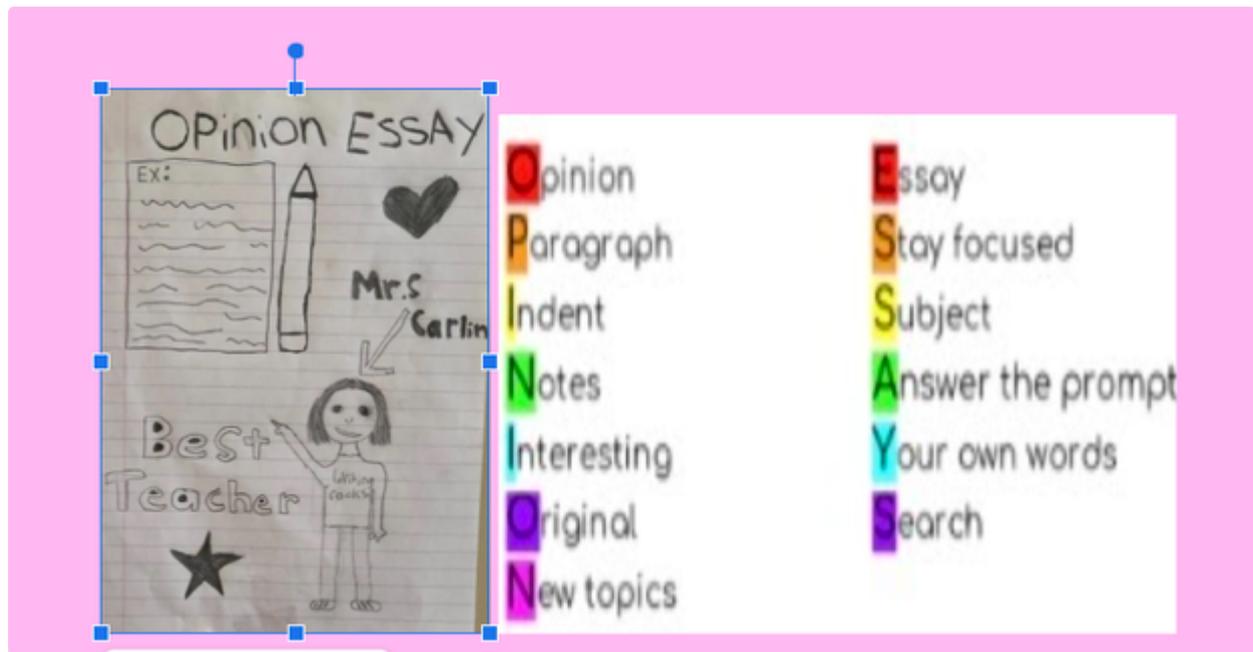
by Jenna and Lily

In writing, we are doing an opinion essay! We all choose our own topics. Here are some examples of some topics: animal testing, school uniforms, gun control, homework, homelessness, peer pressure, sibling rivalry and much more.

Mrs. Carlin is doing such a great job teaching us what we need to know about these types of essays. For example, giving us anchor charts and checklists and much more. Whenever we are confused, she helps us along the whole process. When we do our opinion essay, we pick topics and then choose if we are for or against the topic. It is so much fun learning about all the different types of writing we can do and it's getting better! We are going to get to publish them! I know this sounds

hard but Mrs. Carlin makes it 100 times better with her help and support. It is so fun and easy to understand!

Want to hear some examples? Ok! I am writing about how I don't think kids should have to wear uniforms to school and my reasons for thinking this is because parents have to buy more clothes, uniforms do not improve your grades, and it's difficult to focus in uncomfortable clothes. Look below for some pictures!



**One of our MPE students is published on Amazon! See link below!!**

One of our students has published her story 'The Magic Box' and it is on Amazon Kindle. She is the author and illustrator!!

Here's the link:

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08VD3QTSM/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_wa\\_api\\_glt\\_KM78VPDX7NR5MS365PFB](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08VD3QTSM/ref=cm_sw_r_wa_api_glt_KM78VPDX7NR5MS365PFB)

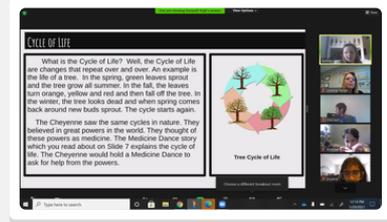
Thank you so much to all her teachers at MPE for being so amazing and encouraging. This couldn't have been possible without all of our teachers' support!



Third graders worked together to create slideshows and presentations!



Mrs. Raje's class is saying goodbye as they head into the weekend!!!



Third graders were kind and respectful as they shared ideas and information in a productive meaningful manner!

## Art Classes at MPE

Over the next two weeks students will be exploring space and texture! We will look at how space and texture are used in master artworks like Water Lilies by Monet, The School of Athens by Raphael, Watercolors by JMW Turner, and various other artists!

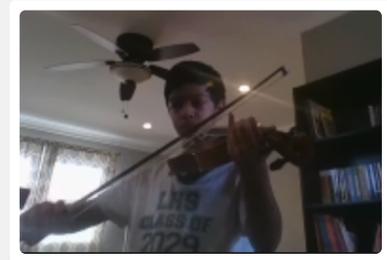
- **Kindergarten** will have fun creating a mixed up animal using line shape and texture inspired by the story "Mixed up Chameleon" by Eric Carle.
- **First grade** will explore how to use different textures to create a gorgeous landscape inspired by Claude Monet's Water Lilies.
- **Second graders** will use texture while creating their own family totem pole full of their family members spirit animals!
- **Third graders** will create a piece of art exploring space and texture while creating an Indian Miniature.
- **Fourth grade** will work with space while creating their dream bedroom.
- **Fifth graders** will create a seascape like artist JMW Turner using space and texture!



Working hard!! It is really important to practice every day!



Chorus!! We love to sing!!!

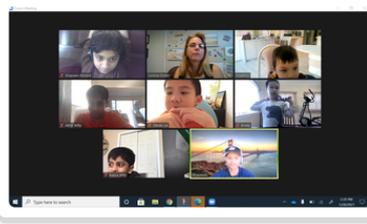


Making music is a gift to all!

After a slow start in the fall, the 4th and 5th grade band/orchestra are starting to hit their stride. Everybody seems to be in a groove coming to their lessons, and the "new" way of doing things is starting to feel natural and normal. The students are really doing a great job of practicing their assignments and coming to their lesson prepared. I can't wait for the day when we can be in person and play as a group as these two groups will sound great!!



Kindergarten and 4th-grade buddies meeting virtually!!



We are talking in small groups as we get to know our kindergarten and 4th-grade buddies!!



John Marshall is coming to MPE via Zoom!!

## Upcoming Events

- **February 3** - World Read Aloud Day - 1:30 p.m. - optional activity - High School students reading out loud to K-3 students.
- **February 4** - Yoga and Mindfulness Zooms - grades K-2 1:30 - 2:10 3-5 2:15 - 2:55
- **February 9** - Community Meeting 2:10 p.m.
- **February 11** - Pajama Day!
- **February 12** - Schools closed - Lunar New Year
- **February 15-19** - Schools closed - Mid Winter Break
- **February 22** - March 5 - Scholastic Online Book Fair
- **February 23** - Zumba Optional Activity - 2:10 - 2:40 p.m.
- **February 23** - PTA General Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- **February 24** - Virtual Weather Assembly - Zoom - K-2 9:30 a.m. 3-5 10:30 a.m.



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Thank you for the beautiful drawing!!! We love our students so much!!



Be sure to watch the Daily Roar! We have had some great guest speakers!!!



We are getting ready for in-person Physical Education!!

