# Arts & Special Areas December 2021

#### Mrs. Cunningham - Music, Lower School

Students in Lower School Music have been working hard to prepare their performance songs for the Holiday Extravaganza. The Lower School Holiday Extravaganza will take place on **Thursday**, **December 16 at 6 p.m**. in the Eidson Gym. All grade levels will perform as well as Handbells, Choir and Bucket Drumming.



**PK3 and PK4** have continued to work on their steady beat, responding to music with movement, high and low sounds and the differences between singing, speaking, yelling and whisper voices.

**Kindergarten** has been experimenting with high and low sounds, steady beat, and accompanying songs with instruments.

**First grade** students have been learning how to properly play handbells, and have continued to increase their knowledge of musical terms such as treble clef, staff, quarter note, eighth note pair, quarter rest and half note.

**Second graders** have continued to increase their knowledge of musical terms such as treble clef, staff, quarter note, eighth note pair, quarter rest and half note and have started to work on their musical (details to come).

Third grade has been perfecting their ukulele skills and learning the notes on the staff. Fourth and Fifth graders have been practicing their drumming piece for the performance and learning the notes on the staff and how to properly create a staff and write notes in the correct spots. It has been a successful first semester!!

#### Mr. Moreau - Music Technology, Upper School

VIDEO PRODUCTION: The video production class is in the process of recording a series of interviews. The class' students are currently experimenting with audio and video recording, as well as green screen technology.

#### **MUSIC TECHNOLOGY:**

The next phase in the Music Technology class is the recording of the songs that the students have written during the first semester. Stay tuned!



And look what else ...

#### Ms. Ehrlich - Drama, Upper School





We are excited to announce the Panther Paws team for 2021-2022!



#### Middle School Theatre News

The Middle School classes would like to thank everyone for supporting their showcase! This was a very talented group, and a new group of middle school students will be working with the Pinewood Stage Company during the second semester.

Our **High School Theatre & Film Design** class, and **Honors Theatre** class would like to thank everyone for their support with our show, Super Freaks!

#### Ms. Robinson - Music, Upper School

Guitar students learn three different methods of reading and playing music - traditional sheet music, chord charts, and tabs. This leaves the students feeling confident with their instrument in multiple different scenarios. Although we do read sheet music and play in an ensemble as a class, exploration is encouraged outside of class to be brought forward during our "Fun Friday jam session."

On Fridays, they learn chords and read tabs for songs that they may have always wanted to know how to play. Exploration of different genres is encouraged. Everyone is given an opportunity to have their suggestion played on Friday, and they're able to showcase any other pieces. This class is not only for learning the theory and mathematics behind music, but for self-discovery, and building confidence as musicians.





More great news...

#### Mrs. Reed - Visual Art, Lower School Mrs. Young - Art Substitute

## Painting, drawing, printmaking, collaging, artists and art history! Lower school artists have been busy growing their artistic minds and creative skills!

**PK3** - Leaf Man Figures, Mondrian Squares, Texture Pumpkins, Collage Snowmen

**PK4** - Waterfront Houses, Pumpkin Collage, Snowy Owl Babies

K - Secondary Pumpkins, Klimt Trees, Penguin Collage1st - Autumn Foxes, Winter Landscapes

**2nd** - Fall Leaves, Perspective Trees, Charley Harper Cardinals

3rd - Fall Tree Collage, Winter Bears

4th - O'Keeffe Flowers, Mountain Landscapes

5th - Op Art Cones, Winter Birch Trees

**6th** - 1 Point Perspective Drawings, Beyond the Border, Clay Tiles





Several lower and middle school students' artwork was chosen to be displayed at this year's Coastal Carolina Fair Youth Art Show! Out of those students we had 6 receive ribbons, six in upper school and

one in lower school. We are proud to have such talented artists show their creative work!



## Mrs. Strang - Visual Art, Upper School

First semester in art class flew by! Students were introduced to many different mediums and techniques while working on photos of their choice. We were very fortunate to have Pinewood students be adjudicated at the Coastal Carolina Fair, with some of their artwork winning ribbons!

Advanced Art - students are closing up the semester with their final pieces for their mini theme portfolios. They will be exploring new materials in the new year and working towards what it takes to succeed in AP Art!

General Art - students are working on final pieces for the semester, choosing a medium of their liking! They have knocked out a lot of great pieces this year, and will be mastering exciting, new mediums come January! 8th grade - students had a great semester by finishing up their cardboard sculptures which will be on display soon! 7th grade - students are finishing up the semester with string art!





One last thing!

## Mrs. Salego/Mrs. Young - IDEA Lab, Lower School

#### Lower School IDEA Lab has been working hard with Mrs. Young to build their STEM skills!

**Grades PK3 & 4:** These little engineers have been working hard learning to build trees and wreath ornaments using patterns and observation skills.

**Grades K5-2nd:** The students used their "unplugged" coding skills to create a Christmas ornament using the binary alphabet system to code a christmas word or initials. They have also been working in teams using their knowledge of the the Engineering Process to create a 3D christmas tree using only cups and pom-poms.

**Grades 3-5:** Students got to "code with the Grinch" using their previous knowledge of basic coding. They also used their knowledge of the Engineering Process to create a Christmas Marble Run.



## P.E. Department, Lower School

The students are having so much in PE the second half of the semester. PK3, PK4 and K5 students have been working on jumping and kicking through activities such as jump rope and soccer. K4 and K5 are finishing the quarter learning how to play hockey.

**1st – 3rd** grade students have been busy learning and practicing basketball and soccer skills.

**4th and 5th** grade students have spent time mastering the art of jump rope along with other speed and strength activities.

Thank you! Coach Osborne, Coach Painter, Coach Sam and Coach Morgan

