



# October



## Monthly news and updates from the MQHR Enrichment Team

### Important Dates

9/15-10/15	Hispanic Heritage Month	10/18	Art to Remember order & payment deadline
9/28	Hearing Screenings	10/31	Happy Halloween
10/4-10/8	Fall Break	11/1	El día de los muertos
10/8	NO DRAMA CLUB	11/8	Veterans Day Program @ 1:30 in MQHR Church
10/9-10/12	Art to Remember personalized order forms go home	11/12-11/16	Art to Remember orders go home
10/12	<b>1:00 Dismissal</b>	11/15	4th grade recorders go home
10/12-10/13	FALL FESTIVAL!		
10/15	Drama Club resumes, please bring scripts!		
10/15-10/19	Art & Design Club Information goes home		

### Media- Christine Hayes

In Media we are working on how to find books in the library. The upper grades are even on shelving their own books. Kindergarten and 1st grades are starting on the computers with a program called *Teach Your Monster to Read*. 3rd-5th are starting their touch typing practice using Typing Club.



### Art- Christina Romano



In Art, all grades have been working hard on their Art to Remember projects. Art to Remember is a fundraiser we do every year where students make amazing art work in class or at home and then we send it to Art to Remember and the artwork can be printed on all kinds of cool keepsakes. Proceeds from the fundraiser support the MQHR Art Program. We are almost finished with all our projects and **will receive the personalized order forms after Fall Break**. Also, **Art & Design Club information will be sent out after Fall Festival** so stay tuned!

### Gym- Christie Burnette

In Gym, the K-3rd is working on throwing and catching. 4th-8th is fitness testing and will start their Soccer unit in the middle of October. In Health our 6th and 7th graders are working on their mental health unit, discussing peer pressure, decision making skills and how to handle different emotions. 8th Grade is finishing up their CPR training and will move on to their mental health unit following CPR. This has been a really great experience for them.





## Technology- Al Kresslein

STLP is working on a project on how to setup and use Chromebooks. This will help any incoming 6th graders or new middle school students. Lego Robotics has started building their robots for the "Into Orbit Space Missions" they are tasked with this year. They will plan, program, and run a variety of missions to earn points. They will also be required to explain how and why they chose different aspects of their robots.

## Speech- Susie Cutshall

Speech/Language therapy is off to a great start! My students have begun working towards their individual goals. Look for homework in your child's Speech Folder! On another note, HEARING SCREENING is fast approaching. **Children in grades 1,3,5 will have their hearing screened on Friday, September 28th.** We will also be testing any child in support programs (Speech/Language, Reading, Title I), kiddoes who are new to our school, and children who are referred by their teacher. If a child does not pass, I will re-check their hearing within 2 weeks. If your student also fails the re-check, you will be notified in writing. Here's to a year of GOOD LISTENING!!



## Spanish- Beth Ortegon

In September, we began working on a really neat project called the Symbolic Monarch Migration after learning some vocabulary for the butterfly life cycle and migration pattern. We made paper butterflies individually and as whole classes to send to the Monarch Sanctuaries in Mexico, where they will be cared for. In the springtime when the real butterflies ("mariposas") return, we will also receive some butterflies from students in other places in Mexico, the USA and Canada. The kids are excited to find out where their mariposas will end up! Currently, we're reviewing some basic vocabulary: colors, numbers, greetings, emotions, etc. Also, **September 15-October 15th is Hispanic Heritage Month**, so we will begin learning the 21 Spanish-speaking countries, capitals, and their locations; the older grades will learn about some notable Hispanic Americans who have made important contributions to society. In October we'll also begin preparing for **"El día de los muertos"** (Day of the Dead) and learn what this traditional celebration is all about.

## Music- Jessica French

All music classes began their school year participating in learning new songs, dances, and small group activities centered around our school theme: kindness! We have also spent small chunks of time learning and reviewing our new Bilingual Mass, Misa Luna. 5th-8th grade students have begun their units on composition elements as well as Youth Group weeks (8th), Music History (7th), composers (6th), and listening comprehension (5th). These grades have completed bringing in art pieces, quotes, pictures, and magazine clippings showing how music impacts their lives. These pieces will all go towards creating a large collage mural in our music room. This is a work in progress, pictures to come! By way of fun activities such as Treble Twister and Treble Spelling Bee, Boomwhackers, and Orff instruments, 4th grade students have worked very hard on their introductory music theory skills in preparation for their recorders! **Recorders are scheduled to go home on November 16th.** 3rd grade has begun their Patriotic Unit and they are currently learning their 50 Nifty United States song - I'm sure you have thoroughly enjoyed this at home :) K-2nd grade students have completed a series of activities learning about beginning staples of music (high/low, fast/slow, drawing the Treble Clef, learning structures of songs, and note names)





## Choir- Jessica French

All choir students have been working towards our **Veteran's Day program on November 8th at 1:30pm**. Our program will be held in the church and is a lovely dedication to all who have served and who are currently serving our country. We hope to see you there!

## Drama Club- Jessica French

Drama Club students have officially kicked off the year completing a series of individual, partner, and large group activities. All activities have been skill building in improvisation, imagination, projection, focus, and getting to know each other as a cast. **We will not have Drama club on October 8th**. Enjoy your Fall Break! **Drama Club will resume October 15th - PLEASE BRING YOUR SCRIPTS!** We will begin scene work on this day.



## ACES- Mike Meadors

ACES is our academic enrichment program which serves students who have demonstrated classroom and assessment excellence. Questions about what the students are undertaking? Check out our new website at <https://sites.google.com/maryqueenschool.org/aces/home>