

TAMMP February Newsletter

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Technology News

Mrs. Moffitt - Computer Teacher

Thank you for sending in your used ink cartridges. You can also send in old cell phones, digital cameras, GPS devices, and any handheld electronic devices. We receive money from all of these used and old devices too. The money goes into the Costner School Technology Fund to help buy things like new computers for our school. You can place them in the green collection containers one located in our front lobby and the other outside of the Media Center. We will be collecting them throughout this school year.

Art News



Mrs. Curnow- Art Teacher

Thank you to all who supported the artroom funds by purchasing ArtByMe products. The fundraiser was a huge success. I hope to be able to buy a new drying rack with the proceeds. K-1st grade are working on art related to winter. 2nd-3rd grades will be working on artwork to correspond with the music program for March 12. 4th-5th grades will be painting landscapes next month.

Music Notes



Mr. Fox-Music Teacher

This month Kindergarten and first grade students will go on an instrument safari to learn about the instruments of the orchestra. Second through fifth grade students will be learning the treble clef line and space notes. They will play "Staff Wars" in groups of three students to promote leadership within each group, and to increase their note recognition speed. The

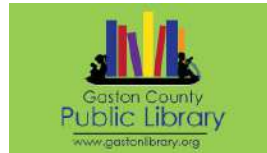
second and third grade students will also begin working on new music for a March 12, 2015 PTO program.

Media Messages

Mrs. Kubbs - School Library Media Coordinator



It is hard to believe we are already more than half way through the school year. Many 2nd-5th grade students have been working hard to meet their Accelerated Reader goals! Some students have even made their goals both the first and second nine weeks! From the beginning of the school year up to the end of January, our students have read over 9,000 books and taking AR tests on them. Please encourage your child to take AR tests weekly. You can even monitor how they score on their tests by visiting Accelerated Reader Home Connect at the site <http://support.renlearn.com/techkb/techkb/10624292e.asp>.



On Friday, January 30th our 2nd grade students went on a field trip to the Gaston County Public Library. They had a wonderful time learning about all the FREE resources and events available to them at the library. Please visit the GastonLibrary.Org to learn more about getting a library card and all the exciting new events at the library (like Lego Club every Monday 3:30-4:30).

Physical Education News

Coach Wellman- Physical Education Teacher

Grades 3-5: Battle Ball

- Battle ball is a game that originated in Australia. We are working to learn more games that are played in different countries.

Grades K-2: Spelling BEE

- Spelling BEE is a fun partner game that helps students learn their sight words.