



# WEEKLY E-BLAST

**March 15, 2024**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!**

We are so proud of everything we do for The Leader in Me. Please help us reflect by completing this [SHORT SURVEY](#) for us! Thank you very much!

**Spring Break Spirit Week**

- Monday wear green (3/18)
- Sports Day Tuesday (3/19)
- Stuffed Animal Day Wednesday (3/20)
- Colorful Rainbow Day Thursday & Colorful Socks for Down Syndrome Awareness Day (3/21)
- Formal fancy day Friday (3/22)

**PTO Needs Your Help!!**

There are many open positions on the PTO Board. We really need people to step up and help so that the PTO can continue raising and using funds to support our schools. If the PTO Board does not have at least four people to run it, it will dissolve. Please please please consider stepping up! The events and fundraising will need to be scaled down probably and the current PTO Board is happy to talk with you if you have any questions! Thank you!

**Leader in Me Family Connection**

Has a small problem turned into a big argument in your family because of the way you or your child reacted? A way all of you can respectfully talk about the issue is by using "I" Messages, or sentences that help you honestly tell each other how you are feeling and come up with ways to resolve the problem. "I" Messages are a way to listen attentively, understand the situation and peacefully resolve conflict!

[I Messages.pdf](#)

**Down Syndrome and Autism Awareness Days**

At MG, we believe improving awareness is essential to helping our students practice the 7 Habits and show kindness to all. All students will have an opportunity to learn more about Down Syndrome and Autism during Wolfpack Time in their classrooms. March 21st is World Down

Syndrome Awareness Day, and April 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day, and students will participate in activities that help them better understand neurodiversity. Also on March 21st, students are invited to wear silly socks during spirit week in support of Down Syndrome awareness!

### **A Note from our EL Teachers**

Spring is around the corner. Have discussions with your child about the different plants you can plant in a garden...vegetables or flowers!!! Make a list of things with your child about the materials you will need to have a successful garden, i.e., seeds, garden tools, gloves, etc. Read the planting directions (step by step) to your child and ask him/her to repeat the directions back to you. Don't worry if you don't have a yard for a garden. Mundelein offers community garden plots at Keith Mione Community Park for a small fee. You can rent a plot in a fenced area and get access to water to help your plants grow.

### **A Note from our Specials Teachers**

#### **Art:**

In art, 3rd grade students are putting the finishing touches on their construction paper shape robots and are gluing them onto their background sheets. In our next unit, we will be exploring the medium: oil pastels. The 4th grade students have completed their two abstract tempera paintings and have begun the process of cutting and weaving the two paintings together. The 5th grade students are also putting the finishing sewing touches on their "Ugly Doll"-inspired plushies and are looking forward to creating their legacy ceiling tile chalk pastel project.

#### **Music:**

In music, 3rd grade has begun to work on our annual music program, entitled "Our Musical World." This concert will feature songs from all around the world. Mark your calendars for April 17th, 2024 at 6:30 PM at CSMS. Check your student's backpack and your email for more information! 4th grade rocked their concert at the end of February. 4th graders are now continuing on with recorders in music class. Students now know the notes E, G, and A, and are beginning to add recorders into pieces of music with xylophones. 5th Grade spent February learning about Blues and Jazz music. Students tried songwriting and wrote their own Blues lyrics. Students also jammed out on xylophones to the song "Where Y'at?" by Trombone Shorty. 5th Graders have now moved onto a unit about Music in the Movies, and will soon become Foley Artists and learn how to use instruments to add sound effects into short movie clips. We had a great February and can't wait to see what the start of Spring brings!

#### **PE:**

Students are staying active in PE class and have been excited to get back outside with some surprisingly nice weather! Our volleyball unit was a huge success, where students learned to bump, set, and serve, while also playing in a class tournament. In March, we will continue with our racket sports unit in which students will be introduced to various sports such as badminton, pickleball, ping-pong, air hockey, floor ball, and spikeball. As we transition outside students will also be learning about lacrosse and practicing fundamental skills such as passing, shooting, catching, and scooping. We are also continuing to lead the PACK in PE with our ACTION Martial Arts partnership and the 4 lessons that have focused on aspects such as trust, ambition, teamwork, and leadership. This coincides with our daily habits of synergizing, sharpening the saw, and thinking win-win.

#### **DD:**

Last week in the Discovery Den, 3rd and 4th grade played musical books to preview many of the

books when the music stopped. They spent a few minutes looking through the books and wrote down any they were interested in reading. They will have this list to reference when they come to book checkout.

Now, 3rd and 4th are back to digital citizenship. Third grade is learning about how words can hurt as much online as in person and they are learning to STOP if they experience online bullying. This stands for Step away, Tell a trusted adult, OK sites first and Pause and think. Students learned to walk away, get help, only visit sites for kids, and think before reacting. Next they will be learning about why photos and videos are altered online. Fourth grade is focusing on the digital footprint and recognizing everything done online leaves a footprint behind and that your online activity is a reflection of yourself.

Fifth grade has been learning about searching for information on google. Often, they just type in their question, such as "What is a group of zebras called?" This is fine for basic questions, but when they need to search for more complex information, they need to use keywords to find the information and read through the results to find the answer. They are practicing this by selecting keywords from short paragraphs and then using the keywords to find answers.

### **3rd Grade Music Program Details**

What: Music Program, "Our Musical World"

When: Wednesday, April 17th, 2024

Where: Carl Sandburg Middle School, North Gym

Time: Concert begins at 6:30 PM. Students should arrive by 6:10 PM, and will meet their classroom teacher in the MPR.

Student Attire: Please dress nicely! Avoid sweatpants, leggings, and shirts with large logos.

### **Important Dates**

3/11- PTO Meeting (7:00pm at CSMS)

3/12- School Board Meeting (6:30pm at Studio 75)

3/14- IAR testing Ends

3/15- Early Release Day (Students dismissed at 11:05am)

3/18- MG Talent Show Rehearsal (2:50-5:00pm), Green Day

3/19- MG and CSMS Choir Exchange (6:00pm at CSMS), Sports Day

3/20- MG Talent Show (6:30pm), Stuffed Animal Day

3/21- Colorful Rainbow Day and Wear Silly Socks for Down Syndrome Awareness Day

3/22- Fancy Friday (wear fancy gear!)

3/23-3/30- SPRING BREAK

4/1- School Resumes

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# Presents...

DISTRICT 75  
EDUCATION  
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Carl Sandburg Middle School  
(Multipurpose Room)

## Pizza Throwdown 2024 School Order Form

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## Lunch Menus

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## MG Calendar of Events

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