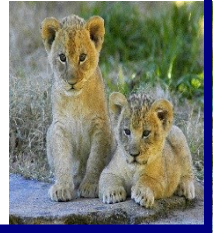




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Our Vision: Galway Elementary School will empower students to be valued, productive members of a global society.

The Galway Pledge : We pledge to respect one another, to be trustworthy and fair. We will care about each other, and be good citizens. Above all else, I will take responsibility for my actions, in a quest to build a better you...and a better me.

Principally Speaking: "Fitness Week"

We are excited to have our first "Fitness Week" sponsored by the PTA, American Heart Association and Galway Elementary fifth graders. Galway will continue their annual "Kids Heart Challenge" and students will participate during their regularly scheduled physical education classes. Mr. Howard and Mr. O'Reilly will facilitate the daily events. All students can participate in the healthy habits promoted each day and families also. Please sign on to the family fun culminating event on Friday evening, 2/26 sponsored by the PTA.



2/16-Tuesday- Sports Day: where your favorite sports apparel to help stay physically active!



2/17-Wednesday- Fruit Day: where a shirt the color of your favorite fruit and remember to eat fruit today!

2/18-Thursday- Vegetable Day: where a shirt the color of your favorite vegetable and remember to eat your veggies today!



2/19-Friday- Pajama Day: remember to make sure you are getting enough rest to help your body recover from all of your exercising!

2/22-Monday- Water Day, wear blue and record the amount of water you drank in the day. We will track how much water Galway students consume to help make sure they are staying hydrated!



Students will have access to activities to perform at home and to help them register for the event: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1YHQeBwRizgdkBXAQM7vIzTnKdzf_K2auVV5m_VCeHs/edit#slide=id.g9a2a5ffdf6_6_139

"The time is always right to do what is right." — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10

Valentine Day Celebration 9:45-10:30

February 12

Schools Closed— Professional Day

February 15

Schools Closed— President's Day

February 16-February 22

Fitness Week

February 17

African American Literacy Day

February 18

Grab & Go Food Distribution 4:00 pm

February 24

African American Quiz Bowl

February 26

Black History Assembly-Tapestries
Virtual Family Fun Night-7:00 pm
(PTA Sponsored)



Galway ES Specialist Team Newsletter

School Year 2020-2021

3rd Quarter



Art

Kindergarten and First grade are working on shapes, color and creating space on a 2-d surface, exploring the artworks of Jeff Koons, and Yayoi Kusama.

Second and third grade are working with fantasy, getting our imagination and memories working together to create meaningful compositions, using shapes, colors, patterns, and emphasis. Viewing the artwork of Piuzza Soriano.

Fourth and Fifth grade are finishing up creating 3-d spatial concepts on a 2-d surface and moving on to showing movement and emphasis on a static page.



Media

Library Media:

Kindergarten, first, and second grades are working on story elements, geography, and parts of a website.

Third, fourth, and fifth grade are learning how to make multimedia presentations using Google Slides. Fifth grade will advance to using a video editor to convert their slides and include voice over presentations.

Coding:

Every other week students explore a variety of coding lessons from Common Sense Media and adapted to online learning by MCPS. The website students use is code.org. Courses A (kindergarten) through Course F (fifth grade) allow students to make games, create characters that perform actions, and solve puzzles. All classes are on track to finish these lessons by the end of the 2021 school year. For more information, visit <https://code.org/student/learn-more>.

Digital Literacy:

As well, students receive [Common Sense Media digital citizenship lessons](#), roughly every third week during media time or coding integrated into their lessons or as a stand alone lesson.

All families are encouraged to have their child's public library card handy in order to take advantage of MCPS digital subscription and other services. If you or your child don't have one, [you can obtain a digital library card](#) by visiting the [MCPS website](#).



Music

Classes and lessons are continuing to go well in music, students are participating and working well with the virtual tools and instruments. Check out Blog Open for a fun experiment in 4-part vocal harmony.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade students are working with musical differences like high and low, loud and soft and fast and slow. We are also working out rhythms with iconic (Kindergarten) and standard (1st Grade) notation. Some favorite songs include Engine, Engine Number 9, It's So Good to See You, and Highway No. 1.

Second Grade students are becoming more comfortable with half note and half rests in reading and performing rhythms. We are also working at recognizing other musical symbols, like repeat signs, treble clef and bar lines.

Third Graders are reading and notating 16th notes, where the beat is divided in 4 equal sounds. We continue to work on pentatonic scale pitches (Do, Re, Mi, So, La, Do) and will begin to read absolute pitches G, A, and B on the treble clef staff.

Fourth Graders students are extending scale knowledge to include the entire diatonic scale (Do, Re, Mi, Fa, So, La, Ti, Do) and reading, notating and performing rhythms that include eighths and sixteenth notes within the beat.

Fifth Graders are working with the diatonic scale and syncopated rhythms where the emphasis of the rhythm is off the beat. We have been working on the melodic variation form. Ask to hear your student's variation on Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. We varied timbre, tempo, meter, rhythm, and texture using Chrome Music Lab. Ask your 5th grader how it works!



PE

The Galway PTA will be sponsoring "Fitness Week" which will take place February 15th thru February 19th. We are excited to announce that Galway ES has partnered with the American Heart Association to have our students participate in the Kids Heart Challenge (KHC) during Fitness week. This will help students learn about the importance of making healthy choices and provide them the opportunity to help others in need. More information to come shortly.

During the third marking period students in kindergarten, first grade, and second grade will focus on the fundamental jumping and landing patterns. Students will also participate in a gymnastics unit which will focus on static balance and weight transfer.

Students in grades 3-5 will participate in a creative dance unit which will focus on sequence, rhythm, formation, and coordinating movement with others. During their gymnastics unit, students will perform weight transfer, balance, and a variety of rolls.



The Galway PTA will be sponsoring "Fitness Week" which will take place February 16th thru February 21st. During this week, Galway Elementary School will be partnering with The American Heart Association to participate in the Kids Heart Challenge. Students will participate in the Kids Heart Challenge during their regularly scheduled Physical Education class with either Mr. O'Reilly or Mr. Howard.

By participating in Kids Heart Challenge, students will raise funds to help kids with special hearts and make all communities healthier. They'll also learn about taking care of their own hearts and participate in cardio-pumping challenges. Plus, your child can earn fun thank-you gifts!

There will be a special theme each day during "Fitness Week" and students will have a special activity to complete. Additionally, the PTA will be throwing a DJ Dance Party for the class with the most participation.

Fitness Days	Fitness Outfit	Fitness Challenge
Tuesday February 16th SPORTS DAY	Wear your favorite sports team apparel!	Stay fit! Record how many jumping jacks you can do in 1 minute.
Wednesday February 17th FRUIT DAY	Wear the color of your favorite fruit!	Eat your fruit! Record what and how much fruit you ate today.
Thursday February 18th VEGGIE DAY	Wear the color of your favorite vegetable!	Eat your vegetables! Record what and how much fruit you ate.
Friday February 19th PAJAMA DAY	Wear your cozy P.J.'s!	Get some good rest! Record how many hours you slept at night (Friday-Saturday).
Monday February 22nd WATER DAY	Wear the color blue!	Stay hydrated! Record how many glasses/liters of water you drank today.

Please click on the link below and use as a guide to get started:

https://www2.heart.org/site/SPageNavigator/ym_khc_get_started_guide.html