



# Specialist's Newsletter



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**Guidance Counselor Notes:** The 4<sup>th</sup> marking period has come upon us and we are so excited to share all of our exciting new activities. We will be working on our Child protection unit. Parents be on the lookout for information specifically concerning this unit. We will also be delving into the wonderful world of careers. There will be lots of fun activities surrounding this topic so stay tuned! Lastly, our 5<sup>th</sup> graders are getting older and will be moving on to middle school. Although we will miss them, this is such a joyous occasion. We will have different activities that involve this amazing milestone. Well, that is all for now, let's rock out the rest of this school year!!!

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**Book Fair:** April 19th-23rd



**Art News:** For the whole month of April, your related arts teachers will be tracking your participation in their classes! This means that the two classes with the most submissions from grade K-2 and grades 3-5 will win a prize! We hope that you have been enjoying your related arts classes this year and that you take advantage of this fun opportunity! Here is a video that explains it all: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1UvTCERdoFw>

Lastly, the Young Brandywine Artist Exhibit (YBAE) will be virtual this year. 60 student artworks were chosen for this exhibit from Claymont—that is out of almost 900 students so it is quite an honor to be chosen! Students and families who will have artwork in the exhibit have already been notified—if your art was not chosen, please know that I truly appreciate your hard work this school year, if I could put everyone's art in the exhibit, I would. In my eyes, you are all amazing artists! The exhibit opening day will be online on May 17<sup>th</sup> and families will be receiving more information as we get closer to the opening date.



**Library News:** Virtual Book Fair April 17th to April 30<sup>th</sup>. The month of April is Poetry month. All grades will study different forms of poetry. In addition, grades 2 thru 5 will be introduced to Coding on different websites. The month of May we will be learning about reliable data and research. June we will be going on another virtual 360 field trip of their choosing.



**Physical Education Notes:** Hey Friends! With spring coming, we have ventured into some baseball/softball skills. We are going to be celebrating the upcoming summer Olympics with some facts and activities that you will see. We are also going to be doing a virtual field day, so be on the lookout for that! I can't believe we are on the home stretch! Let's make it awesome!



**Music Notes:** In music for our last marking period, we are concentrating on reviewing materials we have learned this year and introducing a few new concepts such as note reading. But, we are mostly going to make sure we have fun and are as engaged as we possibly can be.

This marking period in music we will continue to work on learning rhythms and notes using fun interactive music games, videos and books! Miss Thomas is also sharing her love for nature and music inspired by nature by hiding secret bird links in her bitmoji classroom and creating a fun mystery bird slide which introduces the students to a new piece of music or musical moment they may have never heard or experienced before! Or biggest goal is to be engaged in learning and to find joy in making and listening to music. Miss Thomas



**Band Notes:** Band students are continuing to make music on Zoom! 4th and 5th grade band members are preparing pieces of music for a video ensemble project to be recorded in May. 4th grade is preparing a piece called "Conquest" and 5th grade is preparing "Danza Africana." We look forward to sharing what we've been working on!



**Orchestra Notes:** 4th and 5th grade orchestra members have been working on polishing some of their music. Students will be submitting video and audio recordings to Mrs. Braddock to compile into combined concert pieces between Claymont, Forwood, Lombardy and Maple Lane Elementary Schools. Ask your orchestra student for a sneak peak of their concert tune!