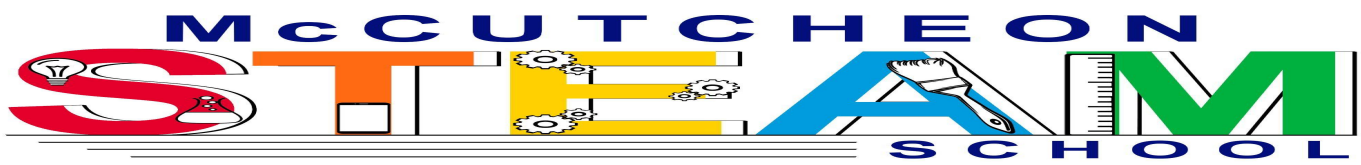


MARCH

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>3 Paper IAR Window Opens</p> <p>Model Mustang Behavior Incentive</p> 	4	5	6	7
<p>10 PAC Meeting 9:15 - 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>BAC Meeting 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>ELA IAR Testing</p>	<p>12</p> <p>ELA IAR Testing.</p>	<p>13 Room 213 Field Trip to Children's Museum</p> <p>Vaccine Event</p> <p>Mustang Theatre Hidden Figures 3:45 - 5:45 p.m.</p>	<p>14 8th Grade Graduation Picture Retakes</p> <p>Go CPS HS Results Released @ 5:00 p.m.</p>  <p>Mustang Mall</p>
17	18	19	20	21
	<p>Math IAR Testing</p>	<p>LSC Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>McCutcheon Closet 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.</p> <p>Math IAR Testing</p> 	<p>Room 206 Field Trip to Whitney Young</p> <p>Ravenswood Food Pantry (by Door 4) 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Math IAR Testing</p>	<p>21 McCutcheon NASCAR Race Day</p>  <p>End of Quarter 3</p>
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McCUTCHEON Preschool Newsletter

PRESCHOOL

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As we say bye bye to our exercise/ball study, we say hello to our clothes study! Students in Pre-k will engage in a hands on exploration to learn about different types of clothes, why we wear clothes, how we take care of our clothes, where we get clothes, and how people make clothes.

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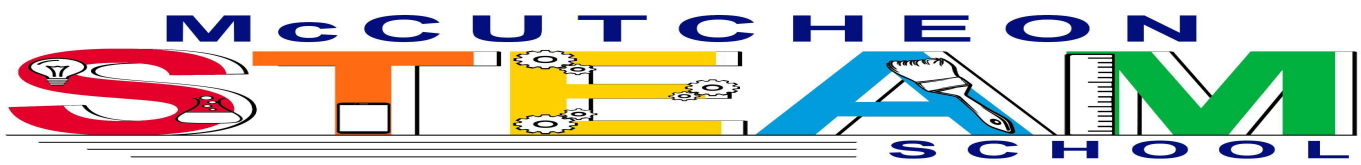
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McCUTCHEON Newsletter Grades K-2

KINDERGARTEN - MS. ARAGON

Hello! March is here and we are doing more challenging activities in the classroom. Please review high frequency words with your children at home, along with short cvc words. In math we are learning ways to break down numbers 10-15. If you have any concerns, please reach out!

Ms. Aragon

1ST GRADE - MS. SCARELLI

Hello families! Happy March! In first grade we are continuing our Reveal Math curriculum and working daily on our paths in ALEKS. Please continue working on ALEKS at home when possible! Please incorporate daily reading into your routine with your child. If you need books for your child to read at home, please reach out! As a reminder, we will be taking our spring iReady standardized test again in May! Thank you for your support!

2ND GRADE - MS. HUDAK

Hello parents and families! This month we will continue working on vowel patterns and building our knowledge of sight words. We will also be learning about point of view in literature and how writers support their ideas in informational text. In math we will be learning different strategies for adding 3-digit numbers. Please make sure your child comes to school every day and that they arrive on time. Attendance is critical to your child's success in school. In addition, please make sure they are completing their homework every night. Students have homework every day and on weekends. Doing their homework will help them to become stronger readers, writers, and mathematicians! Thank you to everyone who has been helping their child at home. I am very grateful for your support! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

K-2 CLUSTER - MS. JANKOWSKI

It is hard to believe it is already March! In room 213 we are beginning our next ULS unit "The Hot, Hot Sun." In this unit, all of our content is focused on how the sun helps keep us warm and other ways the sun is important. We will observe how heat and cold can change some materials (e.g., water to ice; ice to water, etc). We will also focus on sun safety. We will be doing a study of important women around the world for Women's History Month. For St. Patrick's Day, we are completing a STEAM challenge to create a Leprechaun trap and make Shamrock Floats. This month we will also be taking a field trip to Chicago Children's Museum! We are also continuing with our music therapy classes each week on Wednesdays (correction from last month!) Also, room 213 is currently seeking donations of reams of white copy paper (8.5x11"), Clorox/Lysol spray, and plastic grocery bags. It is an exciting month ahead! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

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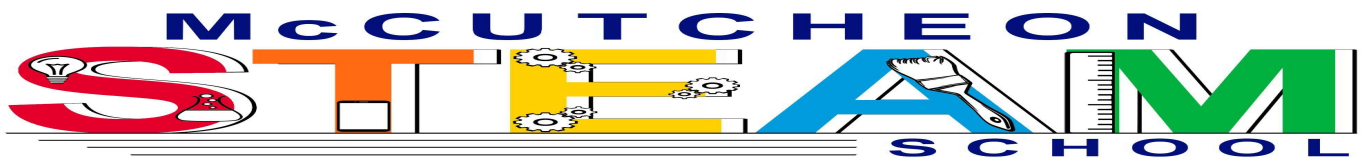
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McCutcheon Newsletter Grades 3-5

3RD GRADE - MS. KELLY

Hello third grade families! In Reading, we are starting up our non-fiction unit focused on text features. In Math, we have learned division strategies and are working on applying them and improving our math fluency. Students will take their ELA IAR tests on March 11th and 12th. Students will take their Math IAR tests on March 19th and 20th. I am looking forward to meeting with all parents/guardians on April 1st during report card pick-up to discuss your child's progress. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

4TH GRADE - MS. MILLER

Happy March Fourth Grade Families! I hope this message finds you well! March is a big month for our fourth graders, filled with important events and exciting learning opportunities. We are preparing for state testing, diving into our personal health unit, and looking forward to a well-earned spring break. As always, thank you for your support in helping our students learn and grow!

As we navigate this busy month, our students are continuing to engage in meaningful learning across all subjects. In literacy, we will be wrapping up our unit on traditions and transitioning into our next unit, where we'll explore poetry through the theme of sports. In math, we recently completed Unit 8, focusing on comparing and finding equivalent fractions. Next, we'll dive into decomposing, adding, and subtracting fractions. Meanwhile, in science, we're continuing our study of energy conversion, examining energy inputs and outputs and discussing the impact of excessive energy use. Please reach out with any questions or concerns!
-Ms. Sparks

5TH GRADE - MS. ANDERSON

I am so excited for the spring season to be here finally. This winter has been long! Despite the chilly temperatures, 5th graders continue to grow and work hard. March is an essential season in 5th grade. It's a big month for testing and the big push to spring break. This month in 206, we're learning about the Underground Railroad and the vital work of abolitionists. We just started our new novel, Number The Stars by Lois Lowry, and we're making our way through fractions.

3-5 CLUSTER - MR. LEMASTER

Happy March! 202 is doing fantastic and growing every day. With regards to spelling, we are learning to spell "th", "wh", and CVC "i" words. With reading comprehension, we are learning how to answer new wh-questions, read texts with CVC "i" words, and read texts with the letters M,P,L,S,T,J. In math, we are continuing to learn about more and less, addition and subtraction, and graphing skills. In science, we will continue to learn about healthy practices (eating, exercise, and self care). In social studies, we are learning about community helpers and establishments. Thanks for all of your hard work and go Mustangs!

ART - MS. CARAG

Happy March! This month we will be focusing on fun subjects such as futuristic cities, lava lamps and Springtime related art. Then we will be moving on 3D projects using clay and masks.

MUSIC - MR. TEARSE

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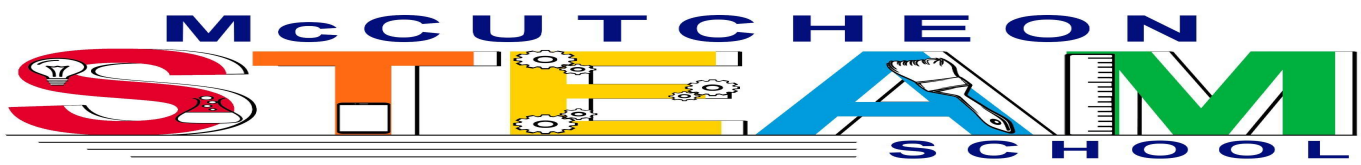
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McCutcheon Newsletter Grades 6-8

ELA/6TH GRADE HOMEROOM - MR. VEACH

Middle School students will be learning about informational text types and informational text features this month in ELA. In Social Studies, students will be conducting research and using what we are learning about informational texts to create projects that we are excited to share with our families in early April!

MATH/7TH GRADE HOMEROOM - MS. MEINKEN

6th grade math students will begin Unit 6, working on numerical and algebraic expressions. 7th grade math students will continue Unit 6, working on solving problems involving operations with integers and rational numbers. 8th grade math students will continue Unit 6, working on angles, triangles and the Pythagorean Theorem.

SCIENCE/8TH GRADE HOMEROOM - MR. HENKIN

As we approach March, our young scientists are starting their new units! 6th Graders are now climatologists as they collect evidence to understand why different places around the world have different climates and weather patterns. 7th Graders are now chemists as they begin the exciting process of understanding chemical reactions and explore the wonderful Periodic Table! 8th Graders are now astronomers as they study the moon and its phases. We will also learn all about eclipses which is very exciting as our 8th graders were able to experience the solar eclipse here last year!

Additionally as we conclude the month of February, our Mustangs have become scholars on Black scientists and inventors. As we approach March, we now increase our learning and knowledge about women scientists and inventors in honor of Women's History Month! We are also really excited to begin our annual NASCAR challenge where our winning students have the chance to compete against other CPS students!

6-8 CLUSTER - MR. COLLINS

Hello parents and students! It's March !!! Just to recap, we celebrated Black History last month. In March we will celebrate women that made outstanding contributions to the world. In ELA we will explore different forms of energy. Students will explore potential and kinetic energy, heat energy, electrical energy and the use of energy in technology. Students will also learn about the safety and maintenance of batteries. This month in our Life Skills unit students will learn how to read nutrition labels. Be on the lookout for a sea of green, because St Patrick's Day is the 17th, good luck!

ART - MS. CARAG

Happy March! This month we will be finishing our futuristic cities and then work on art for our Art and Music Showcase in May. The theme is Celebration, so we will continue to work on fun projects such as lava lamps and disco balls. Later we'll be immersed in 3D projects such as masks, lanterns and costumes.

MUSIC - MR. TEARSE

Hello McCutcheon families! Your students did a wonderful job working in our brand new keyboard lab this past month. Middle school students worked on reading music and performing it on keyboards throughout this unit. Please consider having students seek out private piano lessons to continue this study! Moving into March we will move on to a new project based unit surrounding cultural celebrations; specifically Carnival and Samba music from Brazil. Students will work with understanding how music can be ceremonial, how it can impact feelings/emotions, as well as performing Samba music using drums and auxiliary percussion instruments. I am really excited for this unit, and to create some great music which we will present at the middle school STEAM showcase in May!

ROCK BAND rehearsals are Tuesday afternoons from 3:45-5:15PM. Also, our CONCERT BAND rehearses BOTH Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-6PM. Congratulations to the concert band on their performance last month. Everyone did a great job, and now we can begin practicing some new, challenging music which will be featured at the end of the school year. It is crucial that students are attending as many rehearsals as possible, as these instruments require hours of practice! Wednesdays we are fortunate to have 2 DePaul University graduate music students to come and work with our Brass and Clarinet sections. As always, please reach out to me via email (ptearse@cps.edu) if you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns.

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