



CLASSICAL COLUMNS

Classical School – Appleton, Wisconsin

Building a Just and Excellent Educational Foundation

February 26, 2015

Notes from the Dean~



Dear Classical Families,
February is a short, but productive month at Classical School. Third quarter has begun and our students are deep into their studies for this school year. We also held many activities during this short month. If you have been in the foyer lately, you probably noticed the front bulletin board bursting with multi-colored, three-dimensional hearts. Each heart represents a student's/family's donation to SAVING PAWS Animal Rescue. Thank you to all who contributed and to our Student Council for organizing this event. We collected \$291.00!

Here is some more of the latest Classical news:

Notes from the Board – please read the February Notes from the Board on the following page in this month's Columns. It contains an important update on the upcoming Badger Exam that all Wisconsin students in grades 3-8 will take this spring.

Rockin' 50s & 60s Dance – We held our annual winter dance on Friday, January 30, in the Forum. Students and parents dressed in clothing reminiscent of the 1950s or 1960s--there were poodle skirts and black leather jackets galore! Students danced to the music of the era and competed in the annual Hula Hoop contest. It was great to see so many families enjoying the evening.

Forensics Level I and II Meets – Classical School sponsored this year's Level I and Level II meets this year. Twelve schools with approximately 220 middle school students attended each of the events this year. Thank you to Mrs. Crownhart and Mrs. VanRyzin for their detailed orchestration of these large events.

Science Fair – The annual 7th/8th grade Science Fair was held on Tuesday of this week (February 24th). The students used the scientific method to investigate various questions based on what they have learned in science this year. Thank you to our wonderful Science Fair Committee members (Mr. Bomann, Mrs. Bomann, Mrs. Coenen, Mrs. Diedrich, Ms. Elms, Mrs. Holcomb, and Mr. Nelson—with help from Mr. Schweitzer and Mrs. Kemps) for all of their work coordinating this event. Thank you to Mr. Nelson for his work with his science students—what a successful display of science investigations! We are also fortunate to have a couple dozen scientists from the community judging this event--watch for the results of the fair along with pictures of some student exhibits in the March Classical Columns.

Thank You to All our Wonderful Volunteers – The Classical School staff and I thank all of the wonderful volunteers who help our school in so many different ways. Our volunteers are an integral component to Classical's success. Thank you for all your help!

Parent Teacher Conferences – Spring conferences will be held Tuesday, March 3, Thursday, March 5, and Monday, March 9 from 4:00 – 6:15 p.m. I look forward to seeing you all; please feel free to stop in with concerns or questions or just to say hello!

Notes from the CCSA Board~

The Badger Exam

Follow up Notes

As previously mentioned, assessments given for the purpose of holding schools accountable are a different animal, in this case, a Badger. The hope is that the administration of a test to all schools in a state, or arguably the country, will allow for a side-by-side comparison. As a charter school, created to provide a unique educational opportunity, to “innovate” and to “compete,” we have no qualms about rising to meet the challenges that the Badger Exam presents. Our proactive response to being required by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to administer the Badger Exam is as follows:

Protect teaching time because every educational minute matters. It is the delivery of our full and comprehensive educational program that makes our students successful on any exam. The CCSA Board and Classical School administration will make every attempt to minimize the impact of the loss of instructional time resulting from the administration of the Badger Exam.

Assess in an effort to measure student growth over time and to identify the strengths and weaknesses of our educational program. We are continually in search of the sharpest tools for assessment. There are many such assessment tools already built into our program that have zero impact on our ability to cover content. It is our hope to return to MAP testing in the 2015-2016 academic year.

Communicate information in such a way as not to increase test anxiety for students. Test anxiety can significantly impact a student’s performance on a test. Information about testing will be communicated in such a way to reassure students that the assessments that are already part and parcel of our educational program, along with their teachers’ feedback, are the most important source of information for them and about them.

Partner with parents to develop a full appreciation for the value of our educational program. Our desire to “protect” teaching time flows from our passion for classical education. We want our parents to grow in their knowledge of what classical education is and why it will make a world of difference outside the walls of Classical School, so we can work together to protect our program.

Empower parents to be fully supportive of their students by providing information and assistance. We want to share whatever information is available to us so that our students will not just grow but flourish.

Notes from the CCSA Board~

In light of the CCSA Board commitment outlined on the previous page, we would like to share the following information with you:

- 1) Classical School will provide a minimal amount of technological support for your child. Please work with us to **reassure** your child that the assessments given within the context of our educational program are the best measurement of their growth as a student.
- 2) **Use the free typing resources** provided by the school district to help your child improve their ability to type and develop confidence at the keyboard. **Place the emphasis on confidence and de-emphasize mastery.**
- 3) If you have concerns about your child's participation in this exam, we suggest you investigate your rights as a parent to "opt" your student(s) out of the Badger Exam. <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/Smarter/FAQ>

And finally, the issue the Badger Exam presents is how best to measure the success of our school and the effectiveness of our teachers. We are not confident that the results of the Badger Exam will accurately portray the success of our students and the dedication and passion of our teachers. We have the same concern for other schools in this district. This concern is based primarily upon the move away from the paper and pencil administration of the exam. The need for keyboarding and other computer skills to successfully navigate the Badger Exam could be unnecessarily complicated and stressful for young students and could skew the test results, measuring technology aptitude rather than knowledge transfer. This question may become moot as the State Legislature debates the fate of "the Badger" this spring. Stay tuned!

Keyboarding Resources

- **3rd-6th graders: *Typing Instructor***

AASD offers a keyboarding (typing) program for students in 3rd-6th grade called *Typing Instructor*. We have set up accounts for each of our students in 3rd-6th to be able to access this program at home through the AASD website. Detailed instructions on how to login to your child's account were sent home in the Pegasus Fliers a few weeks back. You may find a copy of these instructions in the mail slots outside the school office, or contact Kathy Diedrich for an electronic copy diedrichkathry@aasd.k12.wi.us.

Each student has a sticker on their assignment notebook with their username and password.
- **7th & 8th graders: *Typing Web***

AASD recommends a free typing website called *Typing Web* for middle school students. The link to the middle school practice site is <http://www.typingweb.com/>. Middle School students have access to the Chromebooks during resource. They can choose to check out a Chromebook and use resource time for keyboarding practice if they desire. We recommend, when setting up their typing account, students use Google Chrome, their school email address, and AASD username and password.

Up and Coming...



Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences

Classical Spring parent-teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd, Thursday, March 5th, and Monday March 9th from 4:00-6:15. We look forward to meeting with you. Please visit the volunteer treat table if you have helped out in any way this year. We truly appreciate partnering with you in making Classical School the best educational program that we can be.

Treats for Volunteers

The Classical School Staff would like to extend its appreciation to all of the wonderful volunteers who help make our school so successful! As a small token of our thanks, we will have some treats available for our volunteers during spring conferences. Please stop by the volunteer table and have a treat on us!

Volunteer Appreciation



Cascarones--Please save egg shells!!!



Dear Parents,

Cinco de mayo will be here before we know it. The Spanish classes at Classical School celebrate with traditional cascarones. Cascarones are empty eggshells that are filled with confetti. Confetti must be biodegradable (from paper only). We want to give families lots of time to save eggshells in advance for this celebration.

The best strategy is to break a one-inch hole or larger in the egg and use it as you normally would. Rinse the eggshell, turn it upside down, and let it dry. When the eggshells have dried, put a small amount of confetti in each one and cover the hole with tissue paper. We hope with this advance notice, you will be able to do them as you use eggs rather than wasting them to make the cascarones.

Please bring your cascarones to school by **Friday, May 1st!** The Spanish teachers would like to thank you in advance for saving eggshells and for all that you do to support our school!

Muchísimas Gracias,

Señora Lariviere
Señora Cihlar

Señora Meidl
Señorita Zwiers

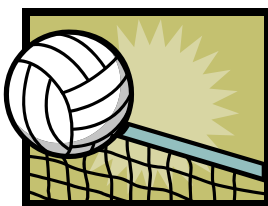


Up and Coming...

Classical/Einstein Upcoming Spring Athletic Teams

The **7th/8th grade boys/girls track**, and **7th grade girls volleyball** seasons will be beginning soon. Please read the important information below regarding dates and requirements to participate.

Practice for volleyball will begin on Monday, March 16th, and track practice will begin on Monday, March 23rd. **You MUST have an updated physical or alternate year physical form and Concussion form on file in the Classical School office prior to the first day of practice.** You may pick up those forms in the Classical office. You will not be able to practice unless the proper paperwork is turned in. Sign-up sheets are available in the Classical School office.

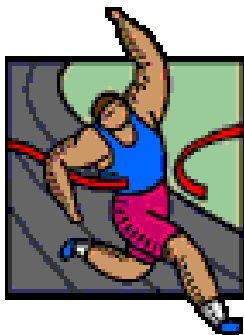


7th Grade - Girls Volleyball

The Einstein girl's volleyball team try-outs will begin **Monday, March 16th** in the gym 3:30-5:30pm. There will be two (2) teams selected after try-outs.

Questions? Please contact the coaching staff:

Mrs. Powell - powellkrista@asd.k12.wi.us or Ms. Duran - duranmikki@asd.k12.wi.us



7th/8th Grade - Boys/Girls Track & Field

Practice starts before spring break! The first practice will be **Monday, March 23rd**. A good pair of running shoes is highly recommended. The team will practice Mon-Tues-Wed of that week. There is no practice on Thursday and Friday. After spring break - practice will resume on Wednesday, April 8th. Most track practices will run from 3:30-5:15pm.

A good pair of running shoes is highly recommended!

Questions: Please contact the head coach.

Head Girls Coach: Mrs. Jadin JADINKATIE@asd.k12.wi.us

Head Boys Coach: Mr. Giaimo gaimodennis@asd.k12.wi.us

Assistant Coaching Staff: Mr. Kramer and Mr. Lavarda

Up and Coming...



Summer School Registration Night

March
11th

Dates
June 15- July 17, 2015
(No classes June 29-July 3)

Appleton Area School District **2015 CLASSICAL** Summer School Information

Class Times:
8:30-9:30
9:30-10:30
10:30-11:30

REGISTRATION KICK-OFF INFORMATION

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.
Enrollment in some classes may be limited.



When: March 11th
Time: 4:00-6:00pm
Where: Classical School (MS Hallway)
What to Bring: Completed registration form and payment

Fees are due at registration. Checks can be made payable to AASD.
Parents must register their own children.

Almost all of the elementary schools in Appleton offer summer school programs. If you are interested in attending another site for summer school, please see the back side of this sheet or the summer school website for a listing of registration dates and times.

If you are unable to register during an evening registration session, you may mail your completed registration form or drop it off (after the final kick-off evening) at the School Office (c/o **Summer School Coordinator**).

- If you plan to register your child, please do not delay as classes will be cut if the minimum number of students is not met.
- Phone registrations will NOT be taken.
- Registrations will also be accepted up through the first two days of summer school if there are still spots available.
- If you wish to receive a confirmation of your child's summer school classes in late May, you will need to include a self addressed, self stamped envelope with your registration form.
- If you have any questions, please call (920) 832-4976.

Policies: All Appleton Area School District policies during the regular academic school year regarding dress, behavior, and school safety are in effect during summer school.

Important: If your child has any health concerns or special needs, please indicate that on the registration form and be sure to tell the summer school coordinator when you register. If your child has an IEP or 504 plan, please indicate that on the registration form and give a copy of the plan to the site coordinator. According to WI Dept of Public Instruction, summer school classes are not tailored to implement a student's IEP.

Material Fees: To be paid at registration. Please make checks payable to Appleton Area School District and note your child's name on check.

Waivers: Students who qualify for the free milk or reduced lunch program may waive material fees. Please verify this with the site coordinator upon registration.

Out of District Students: Any student from the Brillion, Freedom, Hilbert, Hortonville, Kaukauna, Kimberly, Little Chute, Menasha, Neenah, or Shiocton districts may attend summer school in Appleton. Appleton School District students are welcomed to take summer school classes in any of the above mentioned consortium districts.

Summer School Coordinator: Gary Mulry
Support Specialist: Karrie Kadolph kadolphkarrie@asds.k12.wi.us
Summer School Office located at Einstein Middle School
Summer School Office Phone: (920) 832-4976
Web site: <http://www1.aasds.k12.wi.us/sp/district/schools/SummerSchool/Pages/default.aspx>

Up and Coming...

Knowledge-a-Thon (KAT) Kick-off



As most of you know, each year we run a Knowledge-a-thon at Classical School where students answer 100 questions from his/her grade level curriculum. These questions will be given to the students by our KAT Team on KAT Kick-Off Day, **March 20th**. Students practice these questions, collect pledges, and are quizzed on them on KAT Day which is April 24th this year. This is a huge fundraiser for Classical School! Please watch for notes coming home about KAT events and volunteer opportunities—we need your help for this important event!

Gift Card Donations

We are in need of \$5-10 gift cards for KAT Lottery prizes. What type of gift cards? Target, Dairy Queen, Cousins Subs, iTunes, Barnes & Noble, Walmart, etc.. If you are able to donate a card, please send to school in an envelope marked "KAT: attn. Sheri Hartzheim" by **March 20th**. Thank you!



Last Chance to Advertise Your Business in KAT Booklet!

We will gladly accept business cards to be posted in our KAT booklets until **March 3rd**. Please place your card and a check for \$25 in an envelope marked "KAT: attn. Linda Kemps."

Volunteers Needed for KAT Activities: *Poster Contest*

Please consider helping out for one of the KAT activities leading up to KAT Day. One immediate need is for people to help with the Poster Contest. We need volunteers to hang posters after school the week of March 2nd, select winners on March 5th, and take pictures of the posters for the KAT kick-off slide show. For more information or if you think you would be able to assist with this or the following activities, please contact Kara Carmen at peter_kara@hotmail.com.

Help is also needed for the following activities --

You may choose to volunteer for one or more days--Whatever works for you! 😊

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| "Star Week" | March 23 rd - 26 th | during lunch periods 11:15-12:15 | Ask "starred" students a KAT question |
| "Lollapalooza" | April 7 th - 10 th | after school 2:45-3:15 | Man the prize table |
| "Bonanza" | April 13 th - 17 th | during lunch recesses between 11:15-12:15 | Ask students KAT questions on the playground |

Thank you for considering—this fundraiser takes a village! 😊

March Book It! Forms (K-6th graders)

Please do not forget to print the March Book It! form from the Classical School website if you are interested in participating in this program. **March is the last month for the BookIt! Program.**

NEWSWORTHY ODDS AND ENDS...

A Reminder From The School Nurse



Please remember that if your student is carrying "as needed" medications (such as an Asthma Inhaler, Tylenol, Motrin, etc.) in his/her backpack, you must have a completed "Medication Self Administration" form on file in the office. This form is available for printing from the district website. It is also available from the school office. While the practice of student held medications is allowed at the elementary level, it is not recommended. If you have any questions about how to provide medication for your student at school, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Debbie Olson, RN
olsondeborah@asds.k12.wi.us
Cell: 920-419-7302

Attention Parents

If you received a health update request (lime green notice) from the school nurse at the end of January, please return the completed form to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you!

Community Activities for Families: LEAP

Please be sure to read the LEAP which is posted on our website. This is a monthly publication created by the Appleton Area School District to inform families of community activities for children. It is a wonderful resource.

Music Scholarships Available!



Soulstrings Music Camp Scholarship

The Soulstrings Music Camp Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance for students attending a summer music camp, festival, or program for string instruments.

Eligibility: Students entering grades 7-12, who reside in Outagamie, Winnebago, Calumet, Waupaca, Brown, or Shawano County who plan to attend a camp, festival, or music program for string instruments.

Award Amount: Maximum scholarship award will be \$500.

Further Information:

For more information regarding this and other scholarships or to obtain scholarship forms, please visit the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region's website at www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships or contact us at scholarships@cffoxvalley.org or call 920-830-1290.

Applications due May 1st!

NEWSWORTHY ODDS AND ENDS...

Science Olympiad Team Qualifies for State!

Congratulations to our Science Olympiad team who participated in the Regional competition on Saturday, February 7th and qualified for the State competition!

Team Members:

Ahmad	Hersh
Salma	Will
Annika	Elijah
Zach	Nathan
Josh	Breanna
Advisor: Mr. Nelson	

Two of our teams placed 2nd in their category:

Salma & Ahmad
Anatomy & Physiology

Nathan & Elijah
Bottle Rockets

Our team, as a whole, placed 11th out of 40 teams. State Competition will be held on March 14th.
Good Luck, Team! We're proud of your hard work!

**Pictures available in the emailed version for parents.*

NEWSWORTHY ODDS AND ENDS...

Classical School Congratulates 8th Grader, Sam!

Sam was one of five poets selected to be part of the City of Appleton's 2015 Sidewalk Poetry Program. Mayor Hanna is going to recognize the five authors of the selected poems at the Wednesday, March 18th City Council Meeting. Through this new program, five poems will be selected each year to be stamped into sidewalk squares throughout the city creating every day moments of open-air reading for Appleton residents. We are proud of you, Sam!

“A Poem for Dad”
Dad, my life teacher.
You bring light
In the dark of the world,
Loving me even when I mess up.
You house me and support me.
I don't know why I don't
Thank you every single moment
Of every day.

***Picture available in the emailed version for parents.**

Classical Student Receives Optimists Club Honor

As part of a Youth Appreciation project, the Appleton Noon Optimist Club of Appleton honors eighth grade students for their accomplishments. Congratulations to Classical School student Silvia, who was selected for the honor based on her positive attitude, actions and deeds, as well as her contributions to her home, school, and community.

Silvia has achieved academic success and exhibited admirable character and spirited volunteerism. We are very proud of her! Silvia received her award at the Optimist Club luncheon on January 21st. Silvia's mother, Rachel, and Mrs. Eastman also attended the lunch.

The Appleton Noon Optimist Club has been honoring local youth through Youth Appreciation Events for over 20 years. Youth Appreciation is the most popular program sponsored by clubs throughout Optimist International with more than 2,000 clubs participating each year.

Picture available in the emailed version for parents.

NEWSWORTHY ODDS AND ENDS...

Rockin' '50s & '60s Dance a Big Hit!

Once again the Rockin' 50s and 60s Dance was tons of fun. Popcorn, face painting, dancing, and a hula hoop contest was enjoyed by all!

A huge "Thank You" goes out to the dance coordinator, **Cindy Nelson-Singh**, and to all the fabulous volunteers who help make these fun school events possible!



A note from Cindy...

"Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for volunteering for the school dance. It definitely took a small village to serve all of the Classical students and families who attended. A special thank you to **Lisa Tillema-Cuff and Tami Schneider** for being "coordinator mentors" and assisting with the many details on dance night. I want to thank **Lorie Young** and her family for donating the popcorn for the dance. It was delicious! We also appreciate the **middle school and high school students** that helped with face painting. They did a great job! Everything went very well, and we could not have done it without everyone's help.

In my family's short tenure at the school, we have felt so welcomed and already feel a sense of pride in being part of the Classical 'family.'

Thanks again for your help and support!

Sincerely,
Cindy"

Pictures available in the emailed version for parents.

NEWSWORTHY ODDS AND ENDS...

PASTA Night!

On February 19 Classical & Einstein middle school students held their 2015 PASTA Night, an annual fundraiser for the middle school music program. Students showcased some of the work they have been doing in class for the last 6-10 weeks of lessons. Students played chamber pieces while the audience dined on pasta, salad, and breadsticks.

The middle school musicians performed either by themselves or with a small group. This was one of the first times many of these students have done something like this; it was both exciting and a bit scary for them!

Students choose their own music to perform at PASTA. Inspiration for their selections came in many forms. Students played pop music, classic rock, jazz, and classical music. Some of the music was already written out, but some students have had to transcribe and transpose the music themselves. Other students added harmony to a written melody or added accompanimental backgrounds. Some students included improvisation, the act of creating music on the spot. It was a great opportunity for students to get creative, learn something that is not in the normal full ensemble experience, and really challenge themselves.

Thank you, Mr. Grover, Ms. Casey, Ms. Kottman, Ms. Leavitt, Ms. Olson and all of our courageous musicians--It was a great night enjoyed by all!

Pictures available in the emailed version for parents.

Clubs & Activities

Student Council

By Salma, 8th grade Student Council member

Hello Classical School!

Thank you for all the donations during the Have a Heart campaign. The heart chains in front of the school office looked wonderful. All those donations will go to the Saving Paws organization to help the homeless animals. Altogether, we collected \$291.00! Great job!



Coming up next month, Student Council has organized a school movie night. All Classical School families are invited to attend. The featured movie will be Pixar's Monsters University, which is a G-rated movie. There is no entry fee, and the event will take place on Friday, March 20th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Forum. Popcorn and water bottles will be sold for 50 cents each. Please come and enjoy a movie with family and friends.

Keyboarding Practice



We are very pleased to see that many of our 3rd-6th grade students have been utilizing the online keyboarding program, Typing Instructor, at home! This practice will definitely help you with future projects and will make the Badger Exam easier to complete. Thank you for helping your child access this program and encouraging them to practice!

Physical Education Moves...

Mrs. Jadin

K-6th grade PE

This month we are starting to talk about heart health with some added information about proper nutrition. We will be talking about how to find your pulse and what this number means in regards to your health. With the growing rates for heart disease in America, it is imperative to teach our students about the importance of a healthy heart. We will also be working on the heart challenge course at the end of the month which is an obstacle course that simulates how the blood flows through our hearts.

February Lesson Highlights

- K-2nd grade will be working on tracking objects and catching. We are now working with heavier, faster objects to increase difficulty.
- 3rd -6th grade will be finishing a unit on volleyball skills and net game tactics
- All grades will be starting to talk about heart health and proper nutrition



Core Virtue Focus – Stewardship

“There are no problems we cannot solve together, and very few that we can solve by ourselves.”

—Lyndon B. Johnson

Physical Education Moves...

Mr. Gilbert

7th & 8th grade PE

We are in the middle of our Basketball/Floor Hockey Unit. The students have been learning and practicing skills, strategies, and lead-up games for each of these sports. We end our unit with regular basketball and floor hockey games. Participation plays a huge role into our curriculum and the students have been doing great!



Fine Arts Brushstrokes...



I don't know about you, but the winter months sure can give me the "cabin fever" effect. Looking to get out of the house? Why not go to an art museum? Places like the Trout Museum of Art here in Appleton and the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum in Neenah offer wonderful art exhibitions all throughout the year. The admission for museums is

usually minimal (the Trout has an admission fee, whereas the Bergstrom-Mahler is free), and provides families with an opportunity for a fun and (dare I mention?) educational afternoon. Usually, museums will offer additional art classes for both children and adults, so be sure to check out their websites for what classes are offered.

The websites for each museum are:

Trout Museum: www.troutmuseum.org

Bergstrom-Mahler Museum: www.bergstrom-mahlermuseum.com

Lesson Highlights:

- **Kindergarten:** We are reviewing color families and line types through a watercolor bird piece.
- **Grade 1:** 1st graders learning about and working on portraits and the art of Egypt.
- **Grade 2:** 2nd graders are learning about and working on architecture drawings.
- **Grade 3:** 3rd graders are finishing their shadow pieces, then looking to complete a piece inspired by Munch's, *The Scream*.
- **Grade 4:** 4th grade is looking at the art of China and painting watercolor tree blossoms.
- **Grade 5:** Grade 5 is finishing their fresco pieces.
- **Grade 6:** Grade 6 will continue to work on their one point perspective pieces.
- **Grade 7:** Grade 7 is writing an artist statement for their self-portraits and beginning the unit on Realism.
- **Grade 8:** Grade 8 is starting the North American Modern Art unit.

Have a wonderful March!

Mrs. Eastman

Musical Notes...



Ms. Kottman

7th & 8th Grade Chorus

The Choirs have been singing our way through winter! The 8th grade choirs finished up our extended unit on the evolution of the American Musical by finding the connections between classic shows like “Oklahoma!” and “West Side Story” with new favorites like “The Lion King” and “Wicked.” Students read short dramatic scenes and learned songs from each featured musical and showcased quite the breadth of acting skill – both dramatic and comedic! We are now diving into some choral arrangements of pop music and are discovering the relationships between those pieces and more traditional choral repertoire that was “pop music” in its own time. We look forward to sharing what we’ve learned and singing with the Einstein 8th grade Choirs (and a live band!) at the upcoming **Classic Hits Concert on Thursday, March 26 at 7:30pm in the Einstein Auditorium.**

The 7th grade Choir wrapped up our unit on blues and jazz by studying improvisation. Students played the 12 Bar Blues on boomwhackers to accompany the soloist as each member of the Choir took a turn at the piano improvising with the blues scale. A study of George Gershwin and his “Rhapsody in Blue” led us to discover how music can create images for the listener. We’re using our own pictures and melody maps to complement traditional notation in learning our music for the upcoming **Northside Choral Festival on Tuesday, March 24 at 7pm at the Lawrence Memorial Chapel.**

Please note the different requirements for concert attire for the March performances and plan accordingly. Contact Ms. Kottman with any questions.

Classical Choirs Performances, 2014-2015

Date	Event	Who	Where & Wear	When
Tuesday, Mar 24	Northside Choral Festival	7 th Grade Choirs (Classical & Einstein) & North High School Choirs Tickets: \$5 – Adults; \$3 – Students/Seniors Singers will not need a ticket	Lawrence University Memorial Chapel - <i>all black</i>	7:00pm *call time 6:40pm
Thursday, Mar 26	Classic Hits Concert	8 th Grade Choir & Einstein 8 th Grade Choirs	Einstein Auditorium - <i>colorful shirt, jeans</i>	7:30pm *call time 7:10pm
Tuesday, May 12	Classical Spring Choral Concert	Classical 6-8 Choirs	The Forum - <i>standard concert dress</i>	7:30pm *call time 7:00pm

Musical Notes Continued...

Mrs. Casey

K-6 General Music, 4th-6th Strings

OPERA FOR THE YOUNG'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

**Congratulations to these students
who are participants in the 2015
Opera for the Young student chorus:**

Elizabeth
Kritika
Ben
AJ
Alivia
Linnea
Jacob
Silas
Ella
Anissa
Willa
McKayla
Morgan
Lilyann
Claire
Isabelle

General Music

Gr. K-3, congratulations on a terrific music concert on Feb 5!
Thank you, parents, for your attendance and support.

Elementary Strings

Important Dates:

Solo & Ensemble Festivals (optional for Gr. 6-8)

- **Saturday, Feb 28**–Vocal/Piano
- **Saturday, March 7**–Instrumental

Festival days will be held at East High School

Students who are not performing are still allowed and encouraged to come and support others

Strings Festival at the PAC (5th-8th grade)

Tuesday, April 14



Elementary rehearses at the PAC that day at 9:30 AM, middle school rehearses at 12:30 PM. The concert will be at 7:00 PM; \$6 tickets will be available through the PAC box office.

Parent permission slips for bussing to the PAC, etc., will be coming home in March.

Musical Notes Continued...

Classical Charter School Performances:

Saturday, February 28 – Piano and Vocal District Solo & Ensemble Festival (Gr. 6-12), Appleton East HS

Saturday, March 7 – Instrumental District Solo & Ensemble Festival (Gr. 6-12), Appleton East HS

Monday, March 16 – Opera for the Young's Beauty and the Beast (Gr. K-8), 1:30 PM, forum

Tuesday, March 24 - Northside Choral Festival (Gr. 7), 7:00 PM, Lawrence Memorial Chapel

Thursday, March 26 - Classic Hits Choir Concert (Gr. 8), 7:30 PM, Einstein MS Auditorium

Saturday, April 11 – AASD "Band Together" Music Marathon (Gr. 7-12), North HS

Tuesday, April 14 – All-City Strings Festival (Gr. 5-12), 7:00 PM, PAC

Saturday, April 25 – State Solo & Ensemble Festival (Gr. 7-12), UW-Oshkosh

Tuesday, May 5 – Spring Band Concert (Gr. 6-8), 7:30 PM, forum

Tuesday, May 12 – Spring Choir Concert (Gr. 6-8), 7:30 PM, forum

Tuesday, May 19 – Spring Orchestra Concert (Gr. 4-8), 7:00 PM, forum

Thursday, May 28 – Suzuki Stars Spring Recital, 4:00 PM, forum



Appleton North High School Presents *Mary Poppins*

March 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21 at 7:00 PM

March 14, 15 and 21 and 22 at 12:30 PM

Admission is \$15.00. March 12 & 19 feature family prices at \$12.00.

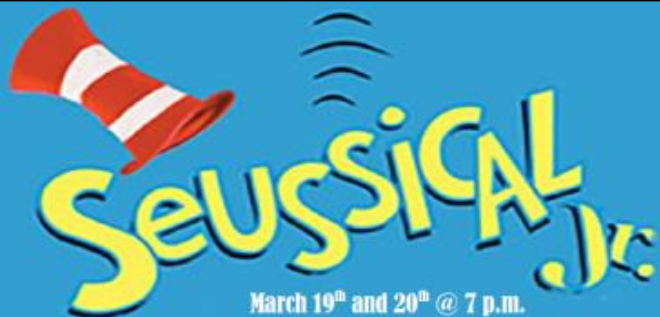
Box office hours are Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased on line by going to

www.appletonnorththeatre.com . All seats are reserved. For

ticket information, contact the North Theatre Office at 997-3994 or by

e-mail northboxoffice@gmail.com .



March 19th and 20th @ 7 p.m.

March 21st @ 2 p.m.

Tickets: Adults \$3 Children \$2

****Special school performances**

March 18th and 19th @ 1:30**

Wilson Middle School Auditorium

KHS Theatre presents

Annie

The Broadway musical hit that's fun
for the whole family!

March 6, 7, 12, 13, & 14—7:00 PM

Sunday Matinee: March 8—2:00 PM

Evening performances: \$13 adult / \$10 students

Matinee performance: \$10 adult / \$6 students

Call: 1-866-967-8167

Tickets will also be available at the door (if available)
starting one hour prior to every performance.


Upcoming Performances

You'll have a **supercalifragilisticexpialidocious** good time!

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The 2015 KAT Poster Contest Begins Now!

Posters are due to your homeroom teacher
by Thursday, **March 5th** 

*Use your creativity to tell everyone who sees your poster
that our*

2015 Knowledge-a-Thon (KAT) is coming soon...

(KAT Kick-Off is March 20th; KAT Day is April 24th)

- Poster paper will be available in the school office. (Posters must be 12" x 18".)
- Winners will be announced and shown in a slideshow at the KAT Kick-Off.
- **IMPORTANT:**
 1. Write YOUR NAME on the BACK of your poster only!
 2. Write your homeroom teacher's name on the bottom front of your poster.

Classical School's Knowledge-A-Thon (KAT) 2015

(Psst.... it has begun! 😊)



February 2015 signals the start of our school's one major fundraiser for the school year. **Knowledge-A-Thon** – commonly referred to as “KAT” – is a fundraiser designed to help meet some of our school's needs that are not covered by the school's budget. **KAT** also enhances and reinforces our **Core Knowledge** curriculum in a fun and positive way for students, parents, and staff.

On **Friday, March 20th**, we will begin the fun with the **KAT Kick-Off** in the Forum at 1:45 pm. Parents are encouraged to attend to catch the excitement! After the kick-off festivities, each student will receive a **KAT Booklet** containing 100 grade-level-appropriate KAT Questions/Answers and a **Pledge Sheet**.

We ask students to gather pledges from family and friends. Students can request a “per question” pledge amount or a flat pledge amount from donors. Parents, please consider asking your employer(s) if they offer matching donations. Please make sure that your child's name is on the top of the pledge sheet and keep it attached to the questions.

~ Each student will need to bring his/her own Q&A Booklet and Pledge Sheet to KAT testing day! ~

The weeks leading up to KAT are also filled with fun activities designed to help them learn their KAT facts:

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| KAT Poster Contest | Has already begun! Students use their creativity to create a poster to promote the start of KAT 2014. Posters must be turned in to homeroom teachers by Thursday, March 5th . |
| KAT Star Week | Week of March 23rd . Students answer KAT questions during lunchtime to win a prize. |
| KAT Lottery Lollapalooza | Week of April 6th . Students answer KAT questions to have their name entered in a daily prize drawing. |
| KAT Bonanza | Week of April 13th . Students answer KAT questions during recess to win treats. |
| KAT Spirit Week | Week of April 20th . Fun KAT activities are scheduled throughout the week, including School Spirit and Dress-Up days. |

On **Knowledge-A-Thon KAT Testing Day – Friday, April 24th** – students will be individually tested on the 100 KAT questions they have studied. Results will be tabulated, pledges calculated, and then the students may begin collecting their pledges and turning in pledge money at school.

For more information about KAT or to volunteer to help with any KAT activities,
Please call or email Sheri Hartzheim at 920 450-7733 or sherisue@att.net

Important Attachments...

CLASSICAL SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES 2015

Appleton Summer School Course Descriptions

When looking at grade level, use grade entering in fall.

<u>NEW!!</u> Beginners Knitting & More	\$10.00	Grades 2-4
Students taking this class will learn how to finger knit, knit with different types of looms and will also make crafts using rubber bands. The students taking this class will not learn to knit using needles.		
<u>NEW!!</u> Beginners No Bake Cooking	\$10.00	Grades 2-4
This class introduces the student to cooking skills. Children will have an exposure to fundamental cooking skills <u>except using a knife</u> . No previous cooking is required and students may be asked to bring cooking utensils/supplies for their own use.		
<u>NEW!!</u> Get Your Boogie Shoes On	\$5.00	Grades 4-8
In this advanced class students will be dance focused, learning movement, combo-moves and the spacial awareness needed to dance. Students will dance to jazz, contemporary and pop music.		
<u>NEW!!</u> Knitting is Fun	\$10.00	Grades 3-8
Students will learn to knit or continue their knitting skills to make a variety of projects; which may include hats, scarves, squares, and washcloths. All knitting levels welcome!		
<u>NEW!!</u> Little Summer Runners	\$5.00	Grades 2-3
This class for young runners will focus on warm-ups, cool-downs, stretching, walking, cross-training, and gradually building up to running 1-2 miles. Students should bring a water bottle, wear athletic clothes and a good pair of tennis shoes, and be ready for a fun workout!		
<u>NEW!!</u> Ready to Dance	\$5.00	Grades 2-3
This beginners class will concentrate on movement, musicality and rhythm. Students will learn beginning dance moves while dancing to jazz, pop, hip-hop.		
<u>NEW!!</u> Summer Runners	\$5.00	Grades 4-8
Train for a 5k during summer school! This class will focus on a daily training plan including warm-ups, strength training, walking, running, and cool downs to gradually train you for a 5k race at the end of summer school. An optional community 5k on a Saturday will be the culminating activity. Students will need running shoes, a water bottle, athletic clothing and should expect to train hard and keep up with the group.		
Advanced Creative Woodshop	\$10.00	Grades 4-8
Must have completed Basic Creative Woodshop prior to enrollment. Advanced use of non-power woodworking tools for sawing, sanding, assembling, and finishing. This class is intended for children who wish to work on longer more advanced projects. Parents are encouraged to provide leather gloves for their child to help guard against splinters and abrasions.		
Basketball and Volleyball Skills	\$5.00	Grades 4-8
Have fun this summer and get some exercise! In this class you will learn the basic skills needed for basketball and volleyball. Regular attendance is requested in order to learn all basic skills and have practice games. This class is for students entering 4 th grade and above.		
Beginning Creative Woodshop	\$10.00	Grades 2-8
Basic use of non-power woodworking tools for sawing, sanding, assembling, and finishing. This class is for those children with little or no experience with using hand tools. Parents are encouraged to provide leather gloves for their child to help guard against splinters and abrasions.		
Blast into South America	\$10.00	Grades 2-6
Learn more about Latin American culture through song, dance, food, games, and language. We will be immersing ourselves in the cultures of 4 Latin American countries. Come learn about their history, culture, and leisure activities!		
Blast-off to Outer Space	\$10.00	Grades 2-7
Soar into space to discover stars, asteroids, solar systems and space travel. Learn about becoming an astronaut, life in space, scientific experiments and mysteries that are yet unraveled. Exploration is through books, research, hands-on activities, and art projects.		
Brain Games	\$5.00	Grades 3-5
Does your brain need a workout this summer? This is the class for you! Learn the skills of logic while playing board games and working on activities that will challenge and test your skills of logic, memory and reasoning! This class is intended for children entering 3 rd grade and above and you must have a brain to enroll!		
Core Knowledge First Grade Readiness	\$15.00	Grade 1
A course designed for children who have completed kindergarten. Students will continue the Core Knowledge curriculum from kindergarten, doing enriching math, reading, writing, science, social studies, and art activities. <i>Class meets from 8:30-11:30.</i>		
Core Knowledge Kindergarten Readiness	\$15.00	Grade K
This course will provide an introduction to the Core Knowledge curriculum using a classical framework. Some Kindergarten core topics will be introduced along with basic developmental skills. This class is intended as preparation for children who will be entering kindergarten in the fall. <i>Class meets from 8:30-11:30.</i>		
Crafts around the World	\$10.00	Grades 2-8
Work on crafts from different cultures. Possible projects include origami, a Chinese dragon, Matryushka dolls (Russia), African drums or a dideridoo, Celtic Knot greeting cards, Mexican (metal) cut-outs, and paper maracas.		

Creative Writing	\$5.00	Grades 2-8
Students are encouraged to think of themselves as authors and will do what "real" authors do. They will select their own topics, develop their own style, and share and learn from one another. Students will learn the 6-traits of good writing taking a piece of writing from the pre-writing stage all the way through the publishing stage.		
Dinosaurs	\$10.00	Grades 2-4
Come learn more about the world of dinosaurs. This course will integrate reading and writing as the students learn about the many types of dinosaurs, how they lived, and the theories about why they are extinct.		
Forensic Science Investigation	\$10.00	Grades 4-8
Students will solve mysteries using forensic science techniques such as fingerprinting, shoe impressions, deductive reasoning, tire tracks, and powder analysis to mention a few. This will be a lab based class with an introduction to the justice system and crime solving skills.		
Frisbee Golf	\$5.00	Grades 3-8
Golf rules, etiquette, and safety will be emphasized as each student plays golf with a frisbee instead of woods and irons. Individual improvement will be monitored and teams games such as scramble, alternate shot, and best ball will be played.		
Hablo Español	\$10.00	Grades 2-6
Keep up with your Spanish over the summer with this Spanish class focusing on conversation. We will immerse ourselves in the language and culture with games, songs, dance, and food.		
Intermediate Art	\$10.00	Grades 4-8
Hands-on art class will emphasize the important elements of making and appreciating art. Students will produce art from a variety of media and cultures. Students will gain a broader understanding of key periods in art through classroom lessons in art production and critiques!		
Intermediate Computer Skills	\$10.00	Grades 4-8
Students must have already taken Keyboarding to enroll in this class. Students will learn how to use the Internet and use various Microsoft programs that are very useful for personal and school projects such as PowerPoint and Word. Students will also improve their keyboarding skills.		
Introduction to Braiding	\$10.00	Grades 3-8
Students will learn basic braiding techniques to create jewelry and other functional, wearable items.		
Introductory Keyboarding	\$10.00	Grades 2-8
The ability to type is an important skill in today's technology-driven world. This computer keyboarding class is designed for students with little or no previous keyboarding (typing) experience. In this course the student will learn the alphabetic keyboarding technique. The class will emphasize the development of typing speed and accuracy. This course is offered to students <u>going into grades 2-8 in the fall</u> . Younger students enrolling in this class must have the ability to concentrate for long periods of time.		
Jewelry Jamboree	\$10.00	Grades 2-8
Create a colorful bracelet, necklace, even pins using a variety of materials. Design your own beads and use them to create original jewelry works of art.		
Lights, Camera, Action!	\$10.00	Grades 2-8
This course is designed for the student who likes to put on plays, do improvisations, act out dramatic situations, and pantomime. Basic stage and theatre concepts will also be taught while encouraging and providing an outlet for the dramatically creative side of the children's personalities.		
Mad About the Middle Ages	\$10.00	Grades 4-8
Love the Middle Ages? Learn more about the history, perform some reader's theatre, create projects and read a novel. Throughout the class students will work on comprehension, reading fluency and writing.		
Math Reinforcement	\$5.00	Grades 2-4
This class is designed for students who need reinforcement in the basic skills of math. Practice and skill-building will be targeted toward the specific skills needed for success in the Saxon programs at Level 1, 2, 3 and 5/4.		
Math Wizards	\$5.00	Grades 2-6
Designed for students who enjoy mathematics challenges and problem solving. This class is not intended for students needing remedial skills.		
No-Bake Cooking	\$10.00	Grades 3-8
Learn the basics of cooking in safe and fun environment. No-bake cooking provides students exposure to fundamental cooking skills without having to use an oven. The class is intended for students entering 3 rd grade and up with no cooking skills required. Students will be asked to bring for their own use, basic cooking utensils/supplies such as bowls, spoons, spatulas, etc.		
One Day Wonders	\$10.00	Grades 2-8
Inquisitive students wanted! Join us for a class of wonders where each day we will explore something new. Topics will range from crafts, playacting, outdoor adventures, history, math, games, and more! Each day will present a new learning surprise!		
Primary Art	\$10.00	Grades 2-3
Hands-on art class will emphasize the important elements of making and appreciating art. Students will produce art from a variety of media and cultures. Students will gain a broader understanding of key periods in art through classroom lessons in art production and critiques!		

Saxon Algebra 1/2 (pre-algebra)**\$5.00****Grades 6-8**

Firm up your math skills during summer school. The Saxon Algebra $\frac{1}{2}$ class covers exponents (negative and positive), roots, surface area, volume, multiple conversions for metric and US units of measure, proportions and more. Conquer problem areas and be ready for new math challenges next September.

Saxon Math 7/6**\$5.00****Grades 5-7**

Firm up your math skills during summer school. The Saxon 7/6 math class covers decimals, fractions, conversion of metric and US units of measure, area of a variety of figures, and more. Participate in this math review and be ready for new math challenges next September.

Soccer Skills Class**\$5.00****Grades 2-3**

Introductory soccer skills, drills and practice play for students entering grades 1 to 3.

If you wish to register your child on March 11th, summer school registration forms were sent home in the Pegasus Fliers last week or you may find the registration form and class grid in the mail slots outside the school office. An electronic copy of these forms may be found on the school website under the "Academics" tab. www.classicalcharter.com

School Calendar: March



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* The March calendar can be found in the emailed version for parents*