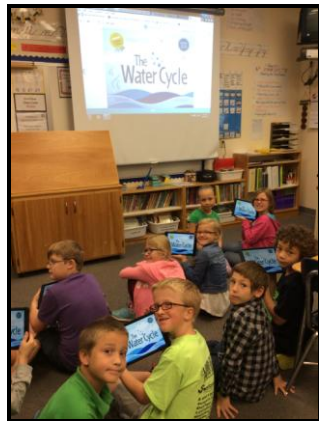


FOCUS ON IMPACT GRANTS

The Impact Grants awarded in May are bearing fruit this school year. Third graders at McGhee Elementary are using iPads as an integral part of their school work. The class recently completed a unit on the Water Cycle.

Student interest levels, concentration, and learning are evident as they follow along on their iPads as the teacher introduces the lesson (right); watch a video on the topic (below left); create their own drawings of the Water Cycle (below right);



Sixth grade students shown below, along with students from lower grades at Camelot Elementary, are learning about rhythm in different musical genres, from classical to jazz. They are not doing so by listening alone. Tubano drumsticks and drums, ribbons, and other props offer a much more engaging and hands-on approach.



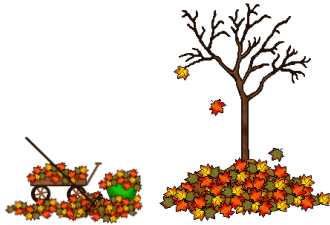
Using drums and drumsticks to perform rhythms in music.



and, finally, take a quiz to assess their understanding of the topic (left).



Using ribbons to create movements to classical pieces of music.



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MORE IMPACT GRANTS

At Centennial Elementary, sixth grade students are looking forward to gusty spring weather, when they will build wind turbines from PVC pipe to study Energy, Variables, and Simple Machines.



We have highlighted just three of the thirteen grants awarded in May. Every year we look forward to reading proposals for innovative classroom projects that bring an extra level of excellence to the education received by students in the Lewiston schools.

The next round of grant applications is due at the end of February. Recipients will be announced in May for grants to be implemented in 2016-17.

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We are pleased to announce that proposals are being accepted through November 15th for the inaugural Ann Marie Award, with funding provided by the Ann Marie Kemp Foundation.

One or more awards with a combined value of up to \$5000 will be granted before the end of 2015, and may be spent immediately. Preference will be given to projects which derive from

student ideas; engage students with the community; foster student ownership and/or leadership; and demonstrate creative and innovative ideas and concepts. Individual or small group projects will be considered, but preference will be given to projects that impact a significant number of students.

Partnerships between students, parents and educators are encouraged. Projects are encouraged which demonstrate potential for growth and/or sustainability through individual or corporate donations or private grant sources.

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GIVING THANKS FOR SMALL BLESSINGS

This is a personal story I would like to share. I was babysitting my granddaughter, who is three, and very much into being a princess.

It was one of those balmy days in this warm fall we have been experiencing. The late afternoon sun was golden and warm, and Ginny was wearing a yellow dress with glitter in the fabric, so she sparkled in the sun.

We were blowing bubbles. She took the wand and swirled around, a radiant being in the midst of a spiral of iridescent bubbles shining diamond bright in the sunlight.

It was one of those small moments of pure magic, as evanescent as the bubbles, easily forgotten or not even noticed in the busyness of getting on with life.

I share this at this season of Thanksgiving, as just a small reminder to us all. May we never be too busy to rejoice in small wonders.

Carla

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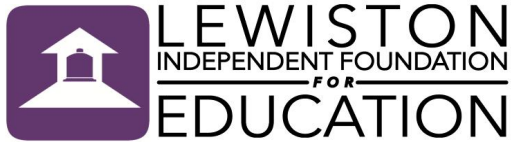
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