



# SPECIALS' BUZZ

A QUARTERLY 4-8 GRADE SPECIALS' UPDATE

JANUARY 2025, SECOND QUARTER RECAP

## Information from:

Art (4-8) Mrs. Farr/Mr. Feliciano Library (4-6) Mrs. Campofredano Music/Band (5, 6-8) Mrs. Sleggs/Mr. Lehman Music/Choir (4, 6-8) Mrs. Arcuri P.E. (4/5) Mrs. Voss P.E./Health (6-8) Mr. Keenan Pre-Engineering/Robotics (7 & 8) Mr. Walters Technology, Nature/conservation/Ag (5-8) Ms. Schmitz



## Upcoming Events

**January 29:** Parent/Teacher Conferences (after school, last slot at 7:00)  
**January 31:** Academic Awards  
**February 13:** Drama Club field trip to Playhouse Square  
**February 14:** No school, teacher work day  
**February 17:** No school, Presidents' Day  
**February 21:** PBIS Reward game afternoon  
**March 4:** Band Concert @ 7pm  
**March 6:** Choir Concert @ 7pm  
**March 13 & 14:** Drama Club auditions for spring show  
**March 20-21:** WHS Drama Club/Community Theater "Heathers the Musical: High school edition"  
**March 21:** End of third quarter  
**April 2:** Parent/Teacher Conferences  
**April 14-21:** Spring Break



**Valentine's Day  
need not be  
filled with gifts,  
but more with  
reminders to tell  
someone they  
are special to  
you.**

**Art, Mrs. Farr/Mr. Feliciano grades 4-8:** 5th-8th are currently finishing up their current projects. 5th & 6th are currently finishing up the winter project (a winter landscape done in one point perspective or illustrated snowmen). 7th & 8th are finishing up their final projects. 4th will be working on a mini project designed to be finished before the end of the second quarter. We also wish to welcome back Mrs. Farr as she has been away on extended leave. If you would like to schedule a conference please contact me at [jfeliciano@wellingtonvillageschools.org](mailto:jfeliciano@wellingtonvillageschools.org).

**Band/Music, Mrs. Sleggs/Mr. Lehman grades 5-8:** 5th grade music has been working on multiple musical concepts such as rhythm, style, and dance. As 5th grade heads into this new semester they will be receiving their recorders and begin learning how to play and read music. 6th grade band had a fantastic first concert back in December and they are starting to get new songs and music for their next concert. Just recently 6th grade students received their first real song titled Dragon Warrior. 7th and 8th grade band also had an amazing performance back in December and is working towards their next concert. The next band concert is scheduled for March 4th in the PAC. As we head into parent teacher conferences, please reach out to Mr. Lehman via email if you would like to schedule a conference. My email is [tlehman@wellingtonvillageschool.org](mailto:tlehman@wellingtonvillageschool.org).

**Library, Mrs. Campofredano, 4 & 5 library skills, 6th Cover to Screen:** 4th grade has finished their storyboards, which reflect what they learned from the different fiction genres. These will be on display in the library. 5th grade will be importing their presidential research into a slideshow before they present in class. 6th grade has finished their set designs and are continuing with other literary elements in their books before they move onto the movie version of their stories. If you would like to meet for a conference on January 29, please call me at 647-7952 or email me at [ecampofredano@wellingtonvillageschools.org](mailto:ecampofredano@wellingtonvillageschools.org).

**Music/Choir, Mrs. Arcuri, grades 4-8:** 4th grade general music classes finished up their music compositions during which the students worked in small groups to create 2 measure rhythms that they performed for the class. These rhythm compositions were then used to create short melody compositions which were performed for the class on boomwackers. The next unit for grade 4 will include rhythms with sixteenth notes/dotted half notes, the study of theme and variation form, and the instruments of the orchestra. Our MMS Choirs gave wonderful holiday concert performances in December and are now beginning their contest music which includes the study of spirituals, choral works based on distinguished literature, folk songs, and choral pieces in foreign languages. These compositions will be featured in the Music In Our Schools Month concert on Thursday, March 6, 2025 and also in their contest performances in the spring. If you would like to schedule a conference with Mrs. Arcuri during parent/teacher conferences please send an email to [sarcuri@wellingtonvillageschools.org](mailto:sarcuri@wellingtonvillageschools.org).

**P.E., Mrs. Voss, 4/5 grades:** We have been wrapping up the class pickleball tournaments, and will start the class Vs. class tournament as each class completes its individual tournament! Things are getting very exciting as we are headed to the final game! The students can look forward to a written test over pickleball rules, as many students seem to need help with that, and I want everyone to be able to play this summer, without Mrs. Voss! After this is all complete, we will be doing some fitness testing and then dive right into badminton! If you would like to conference with me, I will be at McCormick and at Westwood that evening. Feel free to email me and we can work out a time: [mvoss@wellingtonvillageschools.org](mailto:mvoss@wellingtonvillageschools.org).

**P.E./Health, Mr. Keenan, 6-8 grades:** Email: [pkeen@wellingtonvillageschools.org](mailto:pkeen@wellingtonvillageschools.org)

P.E (6-8) ~ The physical education classes have undertaken a variety of structured activities that encourage/promote movement, overall activity levels, and cooperation skills. These activities enhance spatial awareness, sharpen movement patterns, and work to improve general and overall fundamental locomotor skills. Health (7-8) ~ The health classes began to explore the eight interconnected dimensions of the Wellness Wheel. The students focused on analyzing their own individual health, as well as, gaining basic understandings of alcohol/smoking/vaping, positive influences, and social emotional health.

**Pre-Engineering and Technology/ Robotics, Mr. Walters, 7&8:**

**Technology, Nature/Conservation, Intro to Agriculture, Ms. Schmitz, 6-8:** The fifth graders have been hard at work learning how to use and navigate the Google Suite, the history of technology, and most recently, the evolution of the television. The sixth grade classes have been learning about the impact of the Yellowstone Gray Wolf economically, socially, and environmentally. The plant tower is back up and running and are looking to harvest our first Romaine of the New Year the first week of February while spending the next few weeks learning about winter plants of Ohio.

The 7th and 8th grade Introduction to Agriculture classes will wrap up the quarter on January 17th & a new crew starting January 21st. Quarter 2 students learned about the history of agriculture, attempted to grow lettuce, radish, and cucumbers, made 2 concrete coasters, Tragedy of the Commons, ancestors of common animals & developed their own breed as well as a successful jar of pickles and loaf of bread. It has been a fun & exciting 2nd quarter & we are looking forward to the 3rd!

If you would like to meet for a conference on January 29th with Ms. Schmitz, please email me at [eschmitz@wellingtonvillageschools.org](mailto:eschmitz@wellingtonvillageschools.org).