



News from the Logan Elm Local School District

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McDowell Students Enjoy Reading...

Students in Beth Wasmer's English Language Arts class at McDowell Middle School have been reading James Patterson's *Middle School, The Worst Years of My Life*. The main character, Rafe Khatchadorian, sets out to break every rule in his school's Code of Conduct. The students report that, from what they have read so far, this plan is not working out very well for Rafe!



...and Creating Art...

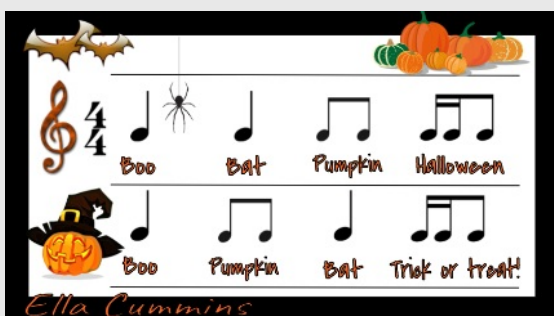
A mandala is an image in a circular form with an obvious or implied center point. From the center both geometric and organic symbols, shapes and forms emerge. It can also contain recognizable images that have a meaning for the person creating it. A mandala represents wholeness, transformation, integration, and balance and represents a connection between our inner worlds and outer reality. Mandala means "sacred circle" in Sanskrit and is often used as a way to center, transform and heal. The seventh and eighth grade art students began the school year creating mandalas with special meanings to them.





...and Choir class!

This month the 7th and 8th grade choir students have been singing "Do-Re-Mi" from The Sound of Music, "Let it Ring!" a patriotic tune, several folk songs, and learning about Motown Music. They just wrapped up their Halloween Rhythm Project where they composed a rhythm pattern that went with Halloween-themed words and turned it into a Google Slide to share and perform with the class. Here are two of our 8th grader's projects!



Salt Creek Students Design "Lunar Landers"

Students in Mrs. Bethel's 5th grade Science Classes were tasked with creating a Lunar Lander that could survive a drop from various heights. Students were given a certain set of materials that were available to design their lunar lander. Students worked in groups to create their lunar landers and ensure their designs remained within the specifications that were given at the beginning of the activity. Groups assigned mission names to their lander and also designed mission patches. As the Lunar Landers were dropped, their design had to protect the marshmallows being contained above the unit. Mission groups were given opportunities to re-design their lunar landers and observe possible weaknesses through various drops. Everyone had a great time watching, and competing, to see which lunar lander could survive the highest drop.



Mr. Griffith...Central Region's Art Teacher of the Year!

Robert Griffith, art teacher at Pickaway Elementary and Salt Creek Intermediate School was recently named the recipient of the 2021 Outstanding Art Teacher Award by the Ohio Art Education



Association Central Region. He will receive his award at dinner during the annual OAEA professional development conference entitled, "Queen City Collaboration," taking place in the greater Cincinnati area at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, Kentucky on Friday, November 5, 2021.

Congratulations, Mr. Griffith!

Our Community Partners: Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District

Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District provides classroom programming to Pickaway County schools each year in the following areas: soil, water, agriculture, geography, forestry, waste management, and wildlife.

Some of their highlights at Logan Elm this school year have included learning about the pumpkin lifecycle and planting pumpkin seeds with 1st grade, Ag Day at the fairgrounds with 4th grade, creating topo maps with the augmented reality sandbox with 7th grade, and soil sampling with 8th grade. They are looking forward to again providing farm-to-table books to all 1st grade students countywide this fall. New to their countywide programming this year, which was inspired by a Logan Elm student, they plan to provide a tree sapling to all 5th grade students each spring.

Pickaway SWCD provided two \$1,000 scholarships to LE students this past spring! They also typically get a lot of participation from LE for their annual conservation themed poster contest.

Katerina Sharp, Education and Outreach Coordinator for Pickaway SWCD stated, "We are grateful to have such great partnership with Logan Elm's teachers and students, who are always fantastic to work with!"

Traci Wilson, McDowell science teacher, said "I enjoy working with Katerina because she leads fun hands-on lessons that teach conservation education. This allows my science students to think about real life situations and gets them involved with community leaders.

More information may be found by visiting the [Pickaway SWCD website](#).



This fall, the seventh-grade students completed the Augmented Reality Sandbox program. This activity allows the students to study topography maps. Using kinetic sand and computer technology, the students can see how the contour lines change to match landforms allowing them to learn about maps, geography, land forms and the flow of water.

This hands-on lesson allowed students to become soil scientists. They collected soil samples around our LE campus and performed tests to measure pH, nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. By partnering with Katerina and other community leaders, students can see how their work in the classroom relates to real-life situations.



The eighth-grade students completed the Topsoil Tour program.

*Traci Wilson
Science Teacher*



Thank You!

Thank you for reading the Logan Elm Schools e-Newsletter! We appreciate your interest in the students and activities of all Logan Elm schools!

Our e-newsletter is distributed twice a month during the school year.

Pictured: As part of Fire Safety Week, students at Laurelville Elementary learned about Fire Safety from volunteers with the Laurelville Fire Department.



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