



# Encore

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## NEWSLETTER

### Spanish

6th Grade: We will explore cultural facts about the beautiful country of Perú. Along the way, we'll also learn new vocabulary related to food and body parts through engaging and simple readings in Spanish.

7th Grade: We'll explore body parts together and learn comforting phrases like "Me duele". Each student will have the opportunity to create their very own monster, allowing them to describe it and share their unique imagination.

8th Grade: We will be reading a Short Novel in Spanish that talks about the Day of the Dead celebration. This reading is part of a Cultural Unit.

**Ms. Carrasquillo**  
Spanish Teacher

### Instrumental Music

Band students are doing a great job preparing for our upcoming winter concert. It is on December 11th, at 6:00. It is required and worth 100 points. Some of our 8th grade band students recently performed at Centennial High School for 8th grade band night and did a great job representing CCPSC. Students are learning more advanced music and extending their music vocabulary knowledge as well as learning how to assess their own playing. Students should be practicing at home to refine their skills and to prepare for the winter concert. Shout out to 7th grade band members Issabella Walters and Kamayah Young as well as 8th Grade band members Angel Bryant, Melanie Woodard, and Robyn Hughes for being selected for the OMEA Middle School Honor Band.

### Music Survey

Students just completed their unit on the piano. They learned songs with two hands and also learned to read music during the first quarter. Students will be transitioning to the guitar for quarter two to learn chords and short songs. They are also learning to recognize and perform rhythms. Students in this class will continue to explore musical instruments and perform in

**Allison Brooks, Ed.D. Instrumental**  
Music Director

### Choir

Hello Parents! Mark your calendars for Dec. 11th - our first concert of the year! Both choirs have been working hard daily and thus far have mastered three songs, soon to be a fourth. In addition, students have continued with music theory with their current lesson focusing on ties, additional key signatures, and use of solfege throughout the scale. Students can work on their parts using Google Classroom for homework!

In General Music, Grade 6 and 8 we have learned about different musical eras and are just starting our research project on a composer of their choice. I look forward to seeing their presentations!

Choir, Band and Strings Concert is Dec. 11. Art Gala begins at 5:30, Music at 6.

**Cheli Cappetta**  
Vocal Music Director



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## Phys Ed

In Physical education, we are exploring various net and wall sports. Net and wall sports include those sports in which a net divides the two teams or individuals. During these sports or activities, the goal of the offense is to hit the ball over the net to score points and the goal of the defense is to prevent the scoring. We are currently learning the rules and skills needed to play the game of pickleball. We will conclude the unit of pickleball with class tournaments where partners will be playing against other partners in class. Please remind your daughters that they need a change of clothes everyday for class, which consists of shorts or sweats, t-shirt (no tank tops), sock and tennis shoes.

**Susie Stoff**  
Physical Educator  
Soccer & Track Coach

## Art



6th grade finished their one point perspective room design. They used perspective techniques to make their rooms show illusion of space.

7th grade just finished a house drawing using two point perspective to show illusion of space.



8th grade learned about the principle of design "unity", and about color schemes. They finished their candy shoe design. They were inspired by a candy or candy wrapper of their choice. The choice of colors and other elements should demonstrate a sense of unity in their work



**Nina Young**  
Visual Art Educator

## Career Tech Ed

6th Grade Update: We have completed our unit on basic coding skills and are now transitioning to the study of email etiquette.

7th Grade Update: We have successfully completed our unit on JavaScript programming and are now transitioning to the Python programming language.

8th Grade Update: We are continuing our occupational research, exploring the intricacies required for success in our chosen professions.

**Career Technical Education**  
**Mr. Vanmeter**