

Funderburk Room 18 Multi-Age Classroom Newsletter Vol. 10

Weeks of March 25 – April 5, 2019

“When I discover who I am, I’ll be free.” Ralph Ellison, novelist

Most of this newsletter will focus on various supplemental academic activities in the coming months. See side # 2 for a list of BCEF grants given to Coffin School.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Tuesdays After School Game Day in Room 18 – 3:30 -4:15
- Arts Are Elementary – Body Mapping –March 22, 25 & 26th (our class)
- Coffin School Spring Concert - Thursday March 28 – 9:30 & 1:00 (same performance each time)
- Multi-Age Writing Celebration –Café, Thursday March 28: 1:45 – 2:30 PM (after the 1:00 Spring Concert)
- Incoming Kindergarten Information Night Thursday March 28 – 6:30 – 7:30 (for those w/ incoming K siblings)
- Multi-lingual Mainers Lunch Session # 2 – Monday April 1-Monday April 8 (during lunch)
- “Dinomite!” Scholastic Book Fair April 3-5, Wednesday 8 -4:30 PM, Thursday 8:00 -4:30 & 5:30 – 7:30 PM, Friday 8:00 AM – 4:00
- Scholastic Book Fair Class Visit – Friday April 5 @ 2:30 PM (come join us if you can)
- BOKS Fun Run For Champions School Wide– Thursday April 4 Playground 9:15-9:45 AM
- Early Release Professional Day Thursday April 11, 1:10 Dismissal
- No School Professional Day Friday April 12
- Screen Free Week – April 29 – May 3 (we will try to be screen free also this week!)
- Diversified Arts Screen Free Evening – Wednesday May 1, Coffin School, 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Last Week, This Week (and Next Week):

- **Read Aloud: *The One & Only Ivan*** – On Friday we had a nice discussion on identity (who we are and what defines us), specifically Ivan’s identity as a caged gorilla in a human world. We’ve read up a little on gorillas and how they live in groups with a silverback (elder male) leading the pack. We talked about how important it is for us to hold on to things we value that make us who we are.
- **Science/Social Studies:** Shifting into designing our own animal and habitat base on what we’ve learned in our animal study group – designing attributes of our animals, habitat, food, kind of teeth, eggs...?

Classroom Updates

- **Book Fair Update:** Each student will receive a \$10 voucher towards books during this year’s book fair. Feel free to be specific for what your child may use any money they bring in purchasing books. I plan to encourage book purchases and we’ll likely not allow tchotchkes or toys to be purchased with the voucher
- **Arts Are Elementary – Body Mapping:** The start of this upcoming weeks marks the final two sessions with AAE artist, Elly Lovin who has designed session that have incorporated a mix of body movement, yoga, mindfulness, curiosity, & spatial awareness to connect to a deeper understanding of how maps are used.
- **Multi-Lingual Mainers** – Bowdoin students will meet with our class for a 2nd lunch session in early April that will introduce them to a foreign language. [HERE](#) is an article from last year’s *Forcaster* that details the program at Coffin School (different program name, different books, possibly different languages too)
- **April is Poetry Month** – We’ll compile and read a poem a day in the month of April
- **Storm Day Update** – As of now, Friday June 21 will be our school last day
 - Boots are still needed on the playground as there are plenty of puddles and mud as the snow melts
 - Use discretion for send snow pants at the weather gets warmer – we still have a couple snow hills that are getting smaller by the day, but most children are choosing not to suit up as thoroughly
- LEAP/Talent Development: Future extension lessons linked to: Arthropods, matter, probability and more!

Questions? Contact Mr. Funderburk at efunderburk@brunswick.k12.me.us or 319-1950 or by note. All class newsletters are also available 24/7 at

<http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/efunderburk/classroom-newsletters> OVER FOR MORE ---->

BCEF (Brunswick Community Educational Foundation) Grants for Coffin School

Visit <http://brunswickcef.org/2019-bcef-grant-awards/> for a full list of grants from all Brunswick Schools

- **Music Grant: [Marimba Ensemble](#)** visits Coffin School on **Wednesday May 29** - *The Ensemble will work with smaller groups of 1st and 2nd graders to introduce them to the sounds of the marimba, help them create music of a different culture, show them some mechanics of marimba building, and allow them to discover the link between marimba and Zimbabwe.*
- **Library Grant: STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Mathematics) Cart** - *Funding is provided for a cart designed for various materials for makerspace activities. The cart's mobility allows it to be shared throughout the school.*
- **Literacy Grant: [Little Bird's Flock](#)** - *This project would connect first and second grade writers in the four multi-age classrooms with published young adult authors from The Telling Room through a one-hour visit to each classroom and a set of 12 copies of the book Little Bird's Flock for the multi-age classrooms to share.*
- **Behavioral Grant: Mindfulness in The Classroom** - *Provides teachers with resources to foster mindfulness throughout Coffin School. Each classroom will be provided with Yoga cards, reading material and CDs.*