March is Reading Month has come to a close, and what a success! Our team (Ms. Koutoulas—Y5 teacher, Ms. Guerra—3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Rentz—media specialist, and our Enrichment and Equity Team) joined forces to bring your children fun and motivating activities and events throughout the month. From mystery readers to Friday activities/dress up days to the March Madness Book Bracket, we’ve had a blast celebrating and sharing our love of reading! Our kids, families, and staff came together for events like Reading Night, the Scholastic Book Fair, and assemblies by storyteller, poet, singer, and author Eric Ode. Our special area teachers helped promote the theme “Only One You” through activities in their classes as well. Student Council supported March is Reading Month with additional spirit days tied to literary figures. We have an amazing community of staff, students, and families that helped make March is Reading Month exceptional!

Next month our third, fourth, and fifth graders will be ready to dive into MSTEP/MI-Access. They’ve been working hard all year, and although we know one assessment does not measure everything we know our children can do or showcase all their other qualities and capabilities, they are well prepared! You can help your child by ensuring they get adequate sleep, a full breakfast, and a positive pep talk on test days.

We are looking forward to some exciting developments for our school in the coming months and next couple years. With the help of parents, staff, and students we have chosen new playground equipment and structures to be installed at Haisley over the summer. The district allocated $65,000 in playground upgrades from a 2015 bond. The final renderings will be shared with you once I receive them. Other updates/upgrades that will be coming from bond allocations (by next year or the following) are classroom furniture, new door entry security systems, new instruments (including a new piano), creating a collaborative common space, and replacing our sound system. Interior and exterior security cameras have already been installed at Haisley.

There are even more programs and developments in store for Haisley next year. Stay tuned!  

Kelly

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Kelly House
Hello Haisley Community!

The PTO Board will be sending out nomination forms for our upcoming election in the next two weeks. We want YOU to consider nominating yourself and joining the board for 2017-2018!

Perks of PTO?
- Joining an organization that has DIRECT and IMMEDIATE impact on our children’s future
- YOU will have direct and immediate impact on our school!
- Share your talents! Bring your ideas, perspective, and change!
- Get to know our amazing community. Meet families, teachers, and staff
- It’s FUN! This is no secret society—please join us in creating the most good for all our kids
- Did I mention the impact on our kids??!!

If this sounds like it’s for you, please email haisleypto@gmail.com

April Upcoming PTO Events:
- Nomination forms for next year’s PTO Board will be coming home the week of April 10. After nominations are complete, the ballot will follow week of 5/8.
- Teacher Appreciation week is the first week of May 1-5. A sign-up genius will be sent out soon school wide if you’d like to help the PTO shower our teaching staff with gratitude! If you have an idea for this week, email Jennifer DeCapua at jklozik2002@yahoo.com
- Planning for the Walk-A-Thon is well underway! Keep your eyes peeled for a call for volunteers. We will need assistance with set-up, lap counting, and take down. This is a fun all-day event (Friday, May 19), and one of only two fundraisers the PTO holds.
- Save the date! Ice Cream Social is Friday 6/9 from 6-8 PM

Enjoy your Spring Break!
Howdy Haisley!

What a wonderful start to spring. The media center is full of happenings and I’m looking forward to coming back from Spring Break and getting down to work. We will be studying genres in the lower grades as well as reviewing the parts of a book. Technology wise, we will continue working on typing skills and some basic word processing.

In the upper grades, we will review some digital citizenship, try out a new app on the iPads, and start some review as well.

Reviews are starting early as I am pregnant and due towards the end of the school year. In the effort to be prepared, I want to make sure that all assessments are finished in early May (just in case).
Physical Education
Mrs. Garcia’s PE Class

Haisley Phys Ed is getting ready for spring!!!! PLEASE remember to help your child bring appropriate footwear for the gym. When the weather breaks, it can become muddy outside. Therefore, students should be wearing their boots outside and clean, dry, appropriate footwear when they come to their PE class. If you are able, we suggest leaving an extra pair of tennis shoes in their locker so we never forget them.

With Upper Elementary we have been working on floor hockey! Our students have practice puck-handling, passing, and shooting: wrist shot, snap shot, and slap shot. We are also preparing for our upcoming spring Fitness gram testing during our warm-up time. Students are learning to pace themselves to sustain a 4 minute jog without walking or stopping. They are also focusing on their curl-ups and pushups to help improve their initial score from the fall. April will start to focus more on fitness-related activities and stations.

Lower Elementary is focusing on locomotor skills and improving overall motor skill and coordination. We break down the skills to practice and also implement them into game activities. They also got their shot at some basic "noodle hockey" skills. It was too cute!

Please remember to encourage the practice of fitness at home... everyone should be active at least 60 minutes a day to maintain their health! Expect a take home spring break challenge!!!!

Jennifer Garcia
Kindergarten - Students will focus more on distinguishing beats and rhythms, while listening for same/different music examples.

First Grade - Students will start working on short songs to use during a school performance. Information will go home separately about their performance.

Second Grade - Students will explore music from different cultures, along with learning about instruments of the orchestra.

Third Grade - Students will return to learning some new songs, celebrating Earth Day and adding new notes to our rhythm reading practices.

Fourth Grade - Along with perfecting our rhythm skills, more music theory exercises and returning to our textbook for some fun, silly songs.

Fifth Grade - Guests from UMS will teach a class to wrap up our field trip concert. We will then continue learning more about Native American and how music influences their lives.

Cech/Caballeros/Addison - Along with their grade level instruction, students will have their Enrichment presentation from 4th Wall Theater Company on April 17th.

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- Tiffanie
Here is what is happening in Haisley’s art classes

All the classes will be working on painting rocks like fish to be part of a future art installation. The style of the fish is based on book “The Only One You.”

The **Young 5’s & Kindergartens** will be working on collages made from different colored paper.

The **1st Graders** are finishing up their fish unit with a puppet show.

The **2nd graders** are exploring mixing paints to create a color wheel. They will next use these mixing skills to create a painting.

The **3rd graders** will be finishing up their prequel or sequel fairy tales and acting them out in a shadow puppet show.

**4th graders’** will be working like graphic designers to design Anti-Bullying posters.

The **5th graders** will be finishing their totem pole soon. Look for them in the after Spring Break. We will be working on Printmaking next.

AAPS Student Art Show will be up next month at the Ann Arbor Public Library, Main Branch. There will be student art work from all over Ann Arbor. The show opens up on the 18th with an Open House on the 20th.

**Wish list:**
Towels and washcloths, Art Calendars, News papers (no glossy adds please), Magazines (no fashion magazines please), Plastic containers with lids, Styrofoam takeout boxes or other flat Styrofoam (clean please)

If you have any questions or concerns or if you would like to volunteer during art please email me at vintera@aaps.k12.mi.us Thank you.
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