

# ENCORE NEWSLETTER

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6th grader Joseph is glazing his quail before firing.



Liliana M. 6th Grade Art & Technology

## Family and Consumer Science

by Ms. Moore

7th and 8th grade Family and Consumer Science classes are learning about clothing care and are doing a sewing project.

7th graders are making a patchwork pillow, while 8th graders are making a sweatshirt. Parent volunteers have been helping with these projects.

Before the Christmas holiday, 8th graders planned, prepared decorated for, and served a tea for invited guests.

6th grade Family and Consumer Science class is studying nutrition and will soon be cooking.

Parent volunteers are always welcome!



## Person of the Quarter

by EnCore Team

This month, EnCore is pleased to feature our Family & Consumer Science teacher, Ms. Juliana Moore. Ms. Moore was born and raised in Wellington, Texas. She graduated from Texas Tech University. Along with being a great teacher, she is also a registered dietician, having studied at the prestigious Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Prior to teaching here this year, Ms. Moore has taught in Texas, Karlsruhe, Germany, and Heidelberg, Germany.

Some other things you might not know about her: Ms. Moore once served dinner to President Gerald Ford at a banquet in Boston. She plays the piano and organ for her church in Heidelberg. Ms. Moore sponsors the cooking club here at WMS (She wants you to join!). Her favorite thing about WMS is that "It's never boring!"

Neither are you, Ms. Moore. We're so lucky to have you!

## Graphic Communication

By Ms. Gerritson

Most of the 2nd quarter, 7th & 8th Grade Graphic students focused on Adobe Photoshop CS5. Students learned the basic settings and tools. They also had the chance to practice their understanding about layers in Photoshop by combining photos from different periods of time. At the end of semester, all students presented their projects in a digital Portfolio. Students had a

choice to use Adobe Acrobat X or Apple Keynote, converted to a QuickTime movie to present to their parents. Student have done an outstanding job! I am proud of them.



Marissa C. 8th Grade



## Foreign Language

By Ms. Ahrens

German classes have been working hard this quarter learning about the German language and culture. Our major cultural event this quarter was Weihnachten (Christmas). Students



had fun making gingerbread houses and learning about the Christmas traditions in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.



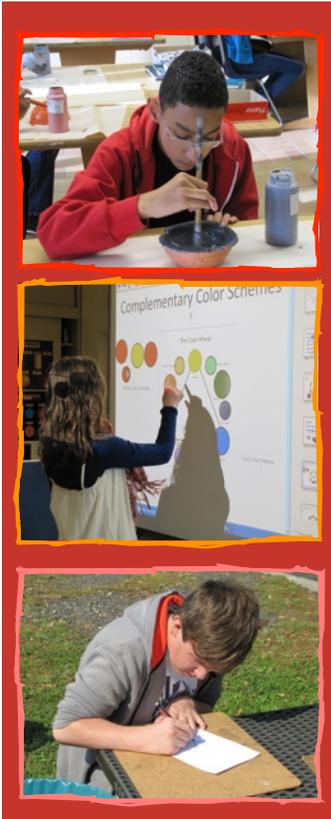
In German 1, we learned about the family. Students are able to describe the physical appearance of their family members and talk about their family tree. We are now learning to talk about free-time activities. In German II, we are learning to describe our house, talk about chores we do at home, and talk about recycling and environmental issues.



## Visual Art Program

By Ms. Gerritson

Time slips by in Art class. The end of the 2nd quarter is here. We have been very busy with projects and studies about the principles of art. These concepts are the basic rules and guidelines for art students to use when creating their art works. The students' outstanding projects can be seen on display in the art room and in the halls throughout the school.



## Music Program

By Ms. Benton

Before the winter break the WMS bands had a lot of wonderful performances. The Stage Band performed for the Christmas Tree lighting on November 30 and then again on Sunday December 9th at the Christmas market downtown.



All 100 plus kids performed two concerts on December 13 and the evening concert was standing room only. On December 18th and 20th my beginning guitar class performed in small groups for different classes at the elementary school. They worked together in class and went around on their own to the rooms, introduced themselves, performed and even had a Q & A session with the kids. On December 19th my stage band went on tour to the elementary schools and performed for them. My kids did a great job!

With school back in session, we are working toward new skills which we will continually do each day of the year. My beginning band is going to start working toward their third quarter *informance* which is a solo concert to be graded by the audience. My intermediate and advanced bands are working on their music for the Honors Fest concert which is on March 8th. As for my guitar class, we are coming to the close of their class since it is only a semester class. I will get new kids at the change of the semester which is bitter sweet. I'll be sad to see this class go but happy to see new eager faces.

