

# Special's Speak

An SES Monthly Newsletter from Art, Computer Lab, Music & P.E.  
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## Art

Art students have been learning about color in art. Kindergarten did art with all the colors they are learning in their classrooms. First grade is learning about *primary* (red, yellow, blue) and *secondary* (orange, green, purple) colors. Second grade learned about *warm* and *cool* colors. They are also learning about *value*. Third grade learned about *intermediate* colors (red-orange, yellow-orange, yellow-green, etc.). Fourth grade is painting using *values* of one color. Fifth grade has just finished a civil war collage that tied in with their social studies unit. Student artwork is on display in the school hallways. More will be added as the year progresses. This year we are also displaying some of our student artwork at Mulberry Grove Assisted Living in Statham. They are one of our Partners in Education.

Miss Gorham

## Computer Lab

Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders have taken the OAS (practice CRCT). You can also access practice tests at home by going to [www.georgiaoas.org](http://www.georgiaoas.org) or by going to the SES website [www.barrow.k12.ga.us/ses](http://www.barrow.k12.ga.us/ses) and clicking on the link at the bottom of the page. You will need your child's 10 digit test ID (you may get this from their teacher) and the password is *student*. Our kindergartners will soon be starting on the math part of Classworks. Please work with your kindergartener on the memorizing their lunch ID. This ID is also how they access Classworks.

Mrs. Mann & Mrs. Pursell

## Music

Music class is a fun and exciting place to be! In Kindergarten and First Grade, we are focusing on basic concepts of different ways to use our voices, and high and low pitches. In Second Grade, we are exploring the scale and where we place notes on the music staff. Third Grade took a rhythm dictation test using beans, which was very fun. Our third graders really know their stuff! Fourth Grade is busy working on the Christmas musical, Christmas at the O.K. Corral. Fifth Grade is beginning a composition project, as well as continuing to do Recorder Karate.

*The Fourth Grade will be presenting their musical, Christmas at the O.K. Corral, on Tuesday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The Singing Wildcats will also be performing that night. We hope you will be able to join in the celebration. Ya-hoo!*

Mrs. Anderson

## P.E.

The physical education department is excited to announce that it has received several grants to begin a program called Quickstart tennis. We will begin this program in the late winter-early spring. The United States Tennis Association has provided us with the funding to house three Quickstart tennis courts on the black top surface near the school. These courts are smaller than regulation sized courts, aimed at giving elementary school children a court more suited for them to play on. We have already lined off one court and will proceed with the other two shortly. The USTA has also set aside funds for equipment. This equipment includes portable nets, tennis racquets and the special foam and compression balls which are used in this program. Quickstart tennis has all the excitement and skills of regular tennis. I am sure the students will take to it well. The Barrow County area has produced some fine tennis players. My son Drake who currently plays for the University of Georgia, began playing right here in Barrow County. Hopefully this will open the door for many more excellent players. Tennis is a game that rewards those that start at a younger age.

Coach Bernstein & Assistant Mrs. Clark