

WELCOME LETTER

from the
Specials Team!



STEAM with Kelsey

Hi, I'm Kelsey and I will be the K-5 STEAM teacher. I am very excited to start up the STEAM program at Izzi B! STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. We will be doing STEAM challenges while focusing on a Growth Mindset by developing empathy, flexibility, persistence, resilience, and optimism. We will also focus on the Design Process of ask, imagine, plan, create, improve, and share. We will spend a large amount of time working in teams so communication and collaboration will be important! I will be utilizing a STEAM blog to help keep you updated with each of our projects, <http://innovationlab.edublogs.org>, please check it out! I am looking forward to a year filled with creativity, excitement, and learning!

PE with Kevin

Hi, I'm Kevin Ross, I am the P.E. teacher at Izzi B. I will be entering my 5th year at Izzi B! I'm really excited to have everyone back in the gym. As always we will be looking to be active as much as possible when we are in P.E. class. When your students come to P.E. they can expect to work on basic movements as well as learning some sports specific skills throughout the year. I really want to focus on building team work and sportsmanship this year, as well as provide opportunities for leadership during P.E. We are also concerned about your child's safety during P.E. and for that reason we ask that students wear athletic or running type shoes on P.E. days. Shoes with heels, boots, sandals and crocs make it difficult for safe student participation. Thanks for your cooperation and I can't wait to start the year!





MUSIC with Isaac

Welcome back to music class! I am eager to get started on the adventure of making music with all of you. I am excited to announce that along with the standard curriculum, in 3rd-5th grade music we will be starting a "modern band class" where students will get to play and participate in rock bands. All students will get a chance to play electric guitar, acoustic guitar, bass guitar, keyboard, drums, and sing in these bands. K-2nd grade music will continue our adventure into the big musical world: learning, singing, dancing, and playing instruments. Information on dates for performances, IBCS choir, and general music information will be on the bulletin board outside my room (124). Thank you and I am looking forward to a great school year.

Art with Morgan

The Art room is excited to continue building on the skills we learned last year and learning how to connect personal experiences to the artmaking process! Additionally, we will resume looking at historic and contemporary artists for inspiration. The Art room has several goals for this year including displaying student artwork throughout the school and consistently uploading student artwork to **Artsonia** (<https://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=156743>).

Please email me, morgan_cofer@dpsk12.org, if your student(s) is not signed up for Artsonia and would like to join. New this year, I plan on putting together the **first Izzi B Art Show this Spring!!!** Details to follow after winter break. I hope to present artwork made by each student in the school and will need volunteers to execute this exciting new chapter in the Art room! I look forward to another creative and fun year at Izzi B!



3rd-5th Spanish with Sara

Hello! My name is Sara and I am the 3rd-5th grade Spanish teacher. This is my second year at Izzi B and I am very excited to be sharing my passion with all of our wonderful students. Just like all World Language teachers in DPS, I teach using Comprehensible Input and TPRS (Total Proficiency Through Reading and Storytelling). This means that during class, I speak 90-100% in Spanish, and we do a lot of acting, storytelling and reading as we learn. This gives the students the opportunity to hear and read as much Spanish as possible to help build proficiency, just like when they learn their native language at home. I am really looking forward to building on the language skills the students developed in their previous years of Spanish. Additionally, we will be doing cultural pieces throughout the year to help our students learn more about other countries. Please do not hesitate to reach out with anything, even just to say hi: sara_jenkins2@dpsk12.org. I am very ready for another great year of language and culture here at Izzi B!

