



Early Childhood & Lower School



Middle School



Upper School



## Middle School ICS Players Shakespeare Group Performs at Folger Shakespeare Library

Indian Creek School students have long enjoyed the opportunity to hear, see, and perform Shakespeare. Cultural arts assemblies and workshops bring internationally known troupes to School to perform and conduct workshops with students. Beginning in the fifth grade, students tackle productions of such perennial Shakespeare favorites as *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

In the Middle School, what began as a small, after-school club, has become a significant Middle School tradition. For several years, this group has participated in the Folger Shakespeare Library's Secondary School Shakespeare Festival in Washington, D.C.

This year eighteen students in The Middle School ICS Players, Shakespeare Group, under the direction of faculty members Brad Woodward and Aaron Kleffman, are rehearsing scenes from *Romeo and Juliet*. The Players have been invited to perform at the Library's Shakespeare Festival on March 23 in Washington DC.

The group will present the play's opening fight/riot scene, the Capulet party scene, the famous balcony scene, and the final death scene of the two title tragic lovers. The Players have chosen to update the period of the play, no Sharks or Jets though. Instead, they are creating a work which presents the Capulets and the Montagues as two opposing camps of computer technophiles "the Macs" and "the PCs". The players will include use of digital devices for "texting" dialogue and "fighting" with competing applications on stage.

After their showing at the Folger Library, the Players hope to present their short production to the Middle School later this Spring, date to be determined. "Do you text your thumb at me sir!" "I do text my thumb, sir" "Have at thee, coward!"