



# **Our school, town and country**

*for Frost Middle School, Fairfax, USA*

# Intro

First, we would like to thank you for your ambitions and efforts put in this art exchange project (Art in all of us). Besides the art we are sending, we also created this presentation by which we want to inspire you and help to create an image of Slovenia for yourselves.

# School's look



# **Elementary school Bičevje**

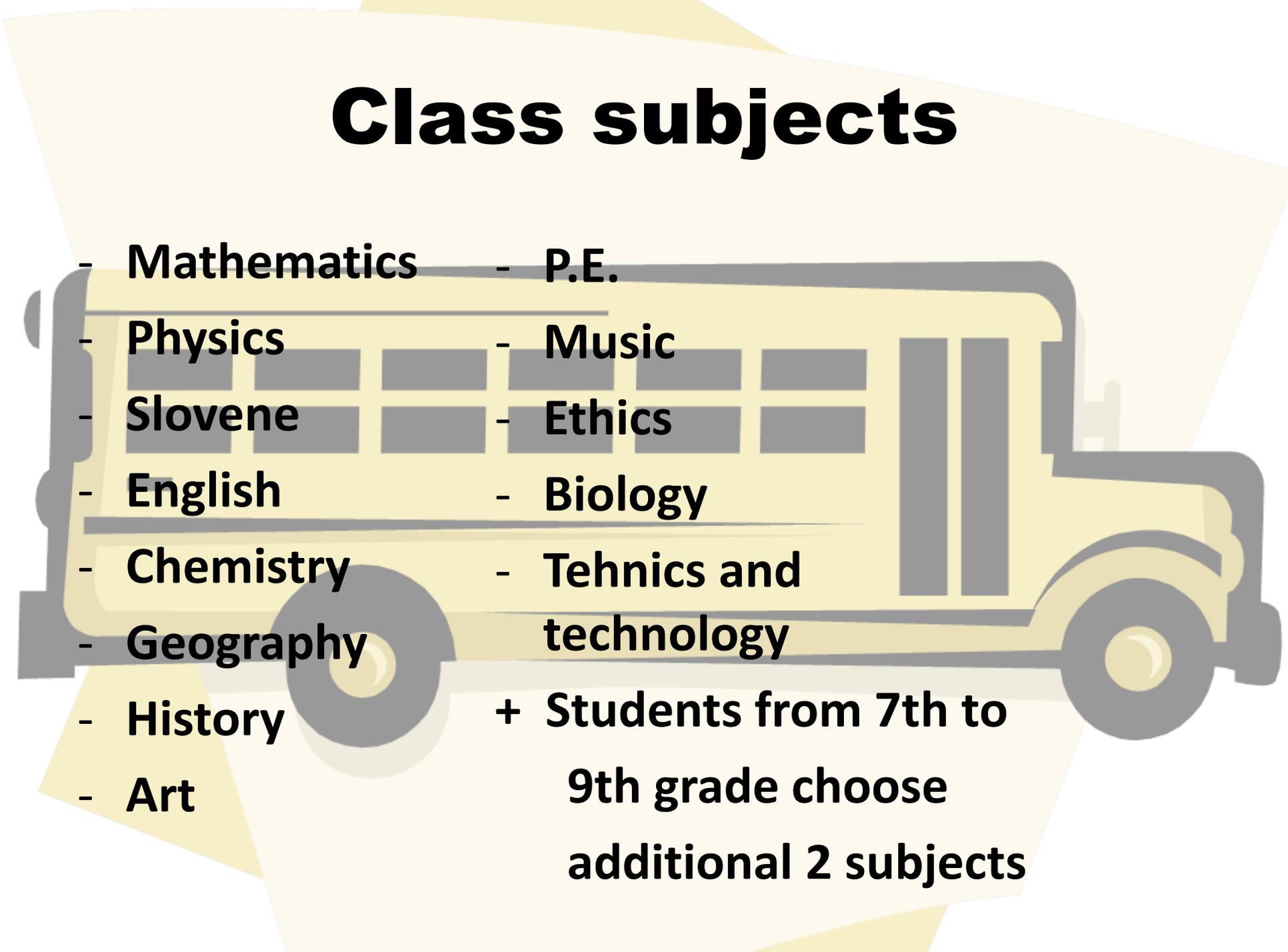
**Elementary school Bičevje (Osnovna šola Bičevje in Slovene) has a nine-year programme, like most schools in Slovenia nowadays. It has got approximately four hundred students at the time and 38 teachers teaching them. There are 18 classes, a pair for each grade ( 2 classes of first graders, 2 classes of 2nd graders, etc.). Each class holds about 20 students.**

**A class in Slovenia is a group of class-mates (people) and not a subject.**

# **Subjects and breaks**

**Students attend many different subjects. The higher grade the more, until the 8th grade when you have up to 24 hours of 16 subjects weekly (9th grade has less). Every lesson is 45 minutes long and in between the lessons there are 5-minute long breaks. The meal breaks are longer, they last for 20 minutes so students have time to eat up in the school canteen. The school bell rings at the start and the end of each break.**

# Class subjects

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- A yellow school bus is shown in profile, facing right. The bus has several windows and a door. Overlaid on the bus is a list of subjects. The subjects are arranged in two columns, with a plus sign and additional information at the bottom right.
- Mathematics
  - Physics
  - Slovene
  - English
  - Chemistry
  - Geography
  - History
  - Art
  - P.E.
  - Music
  - Ethics
  - Biology
  - Tehnics and technology
- + Students from 7th to 9th grade choose additional 2 subjects

# School's location

**Our School is located in the western part of Ljubljana called Vič, on Splitska ulica 13 (Splitska street 13).**

Here is a link to the google maps, where you can check it out yourselves. The building with a grey roof is our school.

<http://goo.gl/maps/hxE1h>

Letter "č" is read as "ch" (for example "cherry")

# **The City of Ljubljana**

## ***Origins of the city.***

**The first to build on the land where our capital city Ljubljana lies now, were the Romans. They called their town Emona and the settlement itself was very important for the medieval city Laibach that came next in the 13th century. The city then evolved and now it is now called Ljubljana, it has over 300.000 people and is the capital of Slovenia.**

# **City's basic facts**

**Ljubljana is the capital of Slovenia.**

**There are over 300.000 people living in the city.**

**It's got a medieval castle in the central part of the city called Center.**

**The Ljubljanica is a river that flows through Ljubljana.**

**Ljubljana has many tremendous and magnificent structures designed by a famous Slovenian architect Jože Plečnik.**

**The central part is older, but many people meet there to hang-out, go shopping to the corner stores or just enjoy a walk through the historical part of Ljubljana.**

# The photos of Ljubljana



# The Ljubljana Dragon's Legend

Legend has it that Ljubljana was founded by the Greek mythological hero Jason and his companions, the Argonauts, who had stolen the golden fleece from King Aetes and fled from him across the Black Sea and up the Danube, Sava and Ljubljanica rivers.

At a large lake in the marshes near the source of the Ljubljanica they stopped and disassembled their ship to be able to carry it to the Adriatic Sea, put it together again, and return to Greece. The lake was the dwelling place of a monster, which Jason fought, defeated and killed. The monster, now referred to as the Ljubljana Dragon, found its place atop the castle tower depicted on the Ljubljana coat of arms.



# The Ljubljana castle



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# **Slovenia**

**Slovenia is a small country in the heart of Europe. It shares the northern border with Austria, western with Italy, north-eastern with Hungary and southern with Croatia.**

**Slovenia itself is very unique as it has many different landscapes even though it's small. In the south-western part there is the sea, while on the northern part there are the Alps. So in summer you can have a bath in the sea or in winter people can go skiing in the mountains, just by driving an hour from the capital city.**

# The regions of Slovenia



# The Gorenjska region



# The Pomurje region



# The Coast and the Karst region



# The Dolenjska region



# The Posavje region



# The Goriška region



# The Notranjska region



# The Podravje region



# The Zasavje region



# Central Slovenia



# The Koroška region



# The Savinjska region



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