



CONNECTIONS

BERLIN'S FINE ARTS NEWSLETTER

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The Berlin Public Schools Fine Arts Department is committed to fostering a community of creative, innovative, and passionate learners who value and celebrate diversity in a global society through shared experiences in the arts. All learners will be provided with meaningful opportunities in the arts to further develop a deeper form of self-expression, empowering them to become lifelong participants, appreciators, and advocates of the fine arts.

Supervisor's Note



Dear Berlin Public Schools Community,

Welcome to our latest edition of *CONNECTIONS*, where we celebrate the vibrant creativity and boundless potential of arts education in our schools. We have many things to be proud of in our school community, and the artistic excellence achieved by our students is certainly high on the list! I encourage you to continue reading through this edition which highlights classroom happenings, student achievements, and upcoming events.

The Fine Arts are much more than the summative performance or exhibition. Rather, the arts offer students the opportunity to grow, develop, and refine important transferable skills that can be used for a lifetime. Among these skills are creativity and innovation, communication, cultural understanding, and critical thinking. In an ever-changing world that demands innovative solutions, the ability to think creatively is more valuable than ever. Through artistic expression, students learn to navigate their emotions, communicate their feelings, and develop a sense of empathy and compassion for others. In our increasingly diverse and interconnected world, it is essential for students to develop a deep appreciation for different traditions, and perspectives. The Arts are not just about self-expression; it is also a rigorous discipline that requires students to learn how to think critically, articulate their ideas, and engage in meaningful dialogue with their peers. All of these skills, and many more, are on full display on a daily basis in our arts classrooms. Thanks to the dedication and expertise of our talented faculty, our students not only shine when their work is on display, but they thrive in other academic areas as well due in part to their arts education.

Be sure to check out the extensive list of upcoming events, including concerts and art shows. I encourage you to mark your calendars now for these exciting end-of-year celebrations, and I look forward to seeing you at many of them.

Thank you for your continued support of the arts in our schools. Together, let us inspire, innovate, and imagine the possibilities!

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mr. Tyler A. Boyle".

K-12 Fine Arts Supervisor
Berlin Public Schools

Classroom News



Unified Theatre's production of "A Night at the Dance." Students wrote, directed, rehearsed, and performed their own show, and the audience absolutely loved it!



Classroom News



Scenes from the BHS
production of
"The Addams Family."



Classroom News



Scenes from
McGee Drama Club's
production of
"Fairytale Courtroom."



Classroom News



ABOVE LEFT: **Griswold 5th-grade students** building clay monsters.



ABOVE RIGHT: **Hubbard 3rd-grade students** using the coil method to create a clay vessel.

BELOW: **Griswold 1st-grade students** practice keeping a steady beat on drums.



Classroom News



LEFT: Elementary Band Students performed at the March 1st Wolfpack game at the XL Center!

BELOW: Griswold Band Students rehearse in a circle to help improve ensemble performance skills.



Classroom News



ABOVE: Members of the **McGee Jazz Band** gather for a picture after practice. Students are busy rehearsing for March Madness, "Getting To Know You" Days, Upbeat Picnic, Jazz with Pizzazz and the 8th-Grade Promotion.

BELOW: Northern Region Festival Band weekend on March 8th and 9th. Students rehearsed on Friday and Saturday and then gave a very impressive concert on Saturday afternoon at Plainville High School.



Student Accolades



CMEA Northern Region Middle School Festival

Tristan Fiertek - 8th Grade

Alena Helming - 6th Grade

Leo Morisse-Corsetti - 6th Grade

Avery Wethje - 8th Grade

CMEA Northern Region High School Festival

Nathan DeJackome, band

Addison Guarino, mixed choir

Cameron Malcarne, treble choir

Thomas Morisse-Corsetti, mixed choir

Elyse Niemiec, treble choir

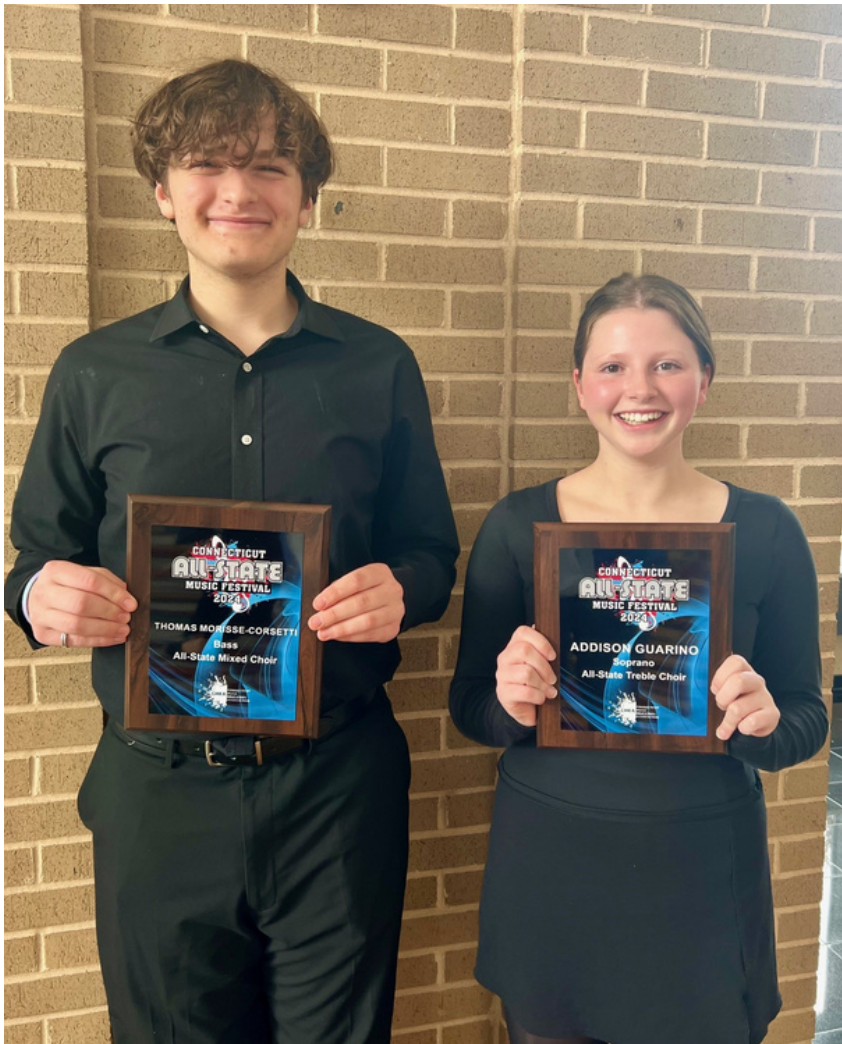
Gretchen Perreault, band

Meghan Snyder, treble choir

Cole Webster, band

Student Accolades

PICTURED RIGHT:
CMEA All-State Festival
Gretchen Perreault, orchestra



PICTURED LEFT:
CMEA All-State Festival
Addison Guarino, treble choir
Thomas Morisse-Corsetti, mixed
choir

Student Accolades

Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) Arts Awards Ceremony
for 5th grade Music & Art students...

Griswold:
Abigail Georgini
Zachary Lavoie



Hubbard:
Brooklyn Comeau
Brooke Galecki



Willard:
Eowyn (Wynnie) Kosienki
Adrian Michalczak



Student Accolades

Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS)
High School Arts Awards
Glenn Fearn, performing arts
Madelyn Lazzara, visual arts



Upcoming Events

Berlin Public Schools District Art Show: April 24th @ 5PM

Griswold School Art Show: May 2nd @ 5:30PM

McGee 6th Grade Band & Chorus Concert: May 7th @ 6:30PM

McGee 7th & 8th Grade Band & Chorus Concert: May 9th @ 6:30PM

BHS Spring Chorus Concert: May 14th @ 7PM

Willard Spring Chorus Concert: May 15th @ 6PM

Hubbard Spring Chorus Concert: May 16th @ 6:30PM

Hubbard School Art Show: May 20th @ 5:30

Willard Spring Band Concert: May 22nd @ 6:30PM

Griswold Spring Chorus Concert: May 22nd @ 7PM

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony: May 27th @ 9AM

Willard School Art Show: May 28th @ 5PM

Hubbard Spring Band Concert: May 29th @ 6:30PM

Griswold Spring Band Concert: May 30th @ 6PM

BHS AP/ECE Visual Arts Exhibition: May 30th @ 6PM

BHS Jazz with Pizzazz: May 31st @ 6PM