



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



Welcome to the first edition of CONNECTIONS, Berlin's Fine Arts Newsletter, for the 2023-2024 school year. We are thrilled to kick off the new school year with a burst of creativity and enthusiasm! As we dive into the exciting world of fine arts, we invite you to join us on this journey of exploration and imagination.

The beginning of the school year is always a thrilling time for us, with a host of fun and exciting activities lined up for our young artists. From vibrant art exhibitions to captivating musical performances and dynamic theater productions, we have an array of events that will surely leave our students in awe of the wonders the fine arts hold.

But beyond the exhilarating shows and displays, it's essential to remember the vital role that the arts play in education. The arts encourage self-expression, foster creativity, and enhance critical thinking skills. Through artistic exploration, our students not only develop a deeper appreciation for culture and beauty but also gain a more profound understanding of themselves and the world around them.

We invite you to join us in celebrating the arts as a powerful force in shaping the future of our students. Your support, encouragement, and involvement in our fine arts community make a significant difference.

Stay tuned for the quarterly fine arts newsletter to stay updated on our upcoming events, achievements, and the incredible talent that fills our school. We look forward to sharing this artistic journey with you and your children.

Best,

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RIGHT: **BHS Chorus Singers** perform at this year's Cabaret & Choral Revue.



Classroom News



LEFT: Third grade artists are currently working on self-portraits and learning the correct placement of facial features and using creative lettering for their names in their portraits.



RIGHT: Griswold & Hubbard art students took part in a collaborative art project in honor of International Dot Day, an annual celebration of creativity, courage and collaboration inspired by Peter H. Reylod’s book, The Dot.

Students and staff were invited to create their own Dot on a large white paper and sign their name after they had “made their mark”. The culminating artwork is a beautiful display of imagination, inspiration and creativity!

Classroom News



McGee 8th Grade Music Experience students practicing Ukulele.



Hubbard Kindergarten students are learning to play instruments as sound effects such as raking leaves, picking apples and pumpkins, going on a hay ride, and zipping our jacket along with music for the fall season.

Classroom News



McGee Sound Express performed the National Anthem at the Berlin Fair Opening Ceremony and McGee Cross Country Invitational.



Classroom News



The McGee Band performed at the Berlin Fair in September. It was an awesome event, and we are so proud of the students for working so hard to prepare for this performance at the start of the school year!



Griswold 4th Grade Beginning Band

Classroom News



McGee 7th Graders have been painting their own disco ball. They started the project by cutting a circle out of recycled cardboard and drawing cross contour lines to represent the mirrored tiles of a disco ball. Students explored color theory and talked about how "shades" and "tints" help us to achieve the illusion of 3D form when painting. Now, using their chosen color scheme, students have begun to bring their disco ball to life... Many have requested a dance party when their paintings are finished!

Classroom News



Elementary, middle, and high school band students came together to rehearse and perform for the BHS Homecoming Football Game! This was the first time we've had all three levels come together to learn and play with one another!



Classroom News



The BHS Unified Art Class is having a wonderful experience working with a variety of mediums and techniques while engaging with their peers as an art community. In these photos students are engaging in a fall scene using torn paper collage in the style of Henri Matisse.



Classroom News

Griswold Band Students perform for a school-wide parade to honor a classmate!



BELOW:

To honor our nation and the people who served in the military, the students at **Willard Elementary School** gathered on Veteran's Day (observed) to perform patriotic songs.



Upcoming Events

**McGee 6th Grade Band & Chorus Concert
12/5/2023, 6:30 PM**

**McGee 7th & 8th Grade Band & Chorus Concert
12/7/2023, 6:30 PM**

**Willard Winter Concert (Band/Chorus)
12/13/2023, 6:30 PM**

**Hubbard Winter Chorus Concert
12/14/2023, 6:30 PM**

**BHS Winter Pops Concert
12/15/2023, 7:00 PM**

**Griswold Winter Chorus Concert
12/20/2023, 7:00 PM**

**Willard Winter Band Concert
1/17/2024, 6:30 PM**

**Griswold Winter Band Concert
1/18/2024, 6:00 PM**

**Hubbard Winter Band Concert
1/24/2024, 6:30 PM**

On behalf of the Fine Arts department, we wish you and your families and joyous and peaceful holiday season, filled with gratitude and light!