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Strategically Utilizing Community Creativity Empowering Student Success

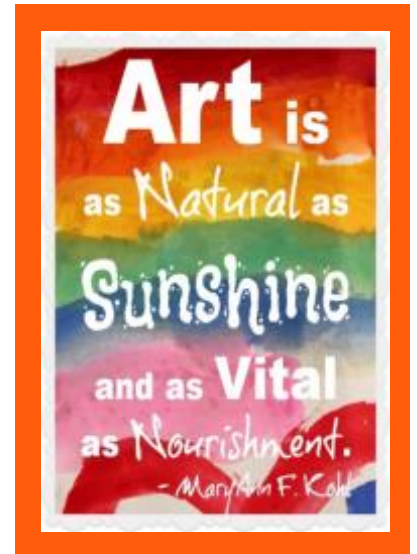
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ARTS BUILD SKILLS NEWSLETTER

ABS Happenings

- The ABS Committee has been busy finishing up the ABS Strategic Plan. This plan will be distributed to each school and throughout the community once it is published.
- The Middle School Art, Industry, and Business initiative has spread its wings. Starting this year, each middle school will have art displayed at a business or industry in the community. The students will learn about the business or industry, create artwork and the best 10- 15 pieces are displayed at the business or industry. Special thanks to *Kerry Stacy* for beginning this program and to *Edgar Cloud* for assisting in the expansion of this effort.
- There is a new Facebook group called "Arts Build Skills" that has links to lesson plans, pictures of ideas, and resources for you to explore and use. Please post your classroom and school arts activities so others can see what you are up to and get ideas for their classrooms.
- New this year... ABS will be partnering with Douglas Cherokee to include arts programming in after school programs at 7 schools.
- Art Integration training workshops are being offered for each elementary school. For more information, please contact Deb Miksa at dmiksa74@gmail.com
- ABS is partnering with the school district and applying for the Arts 360 Grant which will provide funding for Art Integration Training.
- The Knoxville Symphony Orchestra will be performing at Lincoln Heights and East Ridge Middle Schools on 1/23/18.
- Many schools have begun adding an art day each month to focus on various arts activities. Teachers have started to integrate arts activities into their weekly lessons. Way to go awesome educators!
- West Elementary had a "Fall for the Arts" Day. They read Only One You and painted rocks for a rock garden. They also painted paper feathers to add another display to their beautiful, art filled school.
- Fairview Marguerite had a "Fall into the Arts" Day. Students were involved in visual and performance arts activities that were incorporated into the core subjects. One classroom even had a storytelling "campfire" and another had an escape room game. This was a great alternative to stressful class parties and the students and teachers loved having a day of learning through arts activities.
- Email Deb Miksa dmiksa74@gmail.com with information about special events, happenings, pictures, news, etc. We would love to highlight all the arts activities throughout the district!

The 2018 Day of the Arts has been set for Thursday, March 22nd. Mark your calendars and start thinking of the possibilities.



OCTOBER 2017

Art Tree at West Elementary!

Students at West Elementary show off their artwork on this beautiful tree.



Fairview Marguerite's "Fall into the Arts" Day

Some examples of student artwork focused on directed drawing and using fine motor skills.



WHAT'S NEXT?

Day of the Arts Planning

The ABS committees in each elementary school will begin meeting and planning their activities for the 2018 Day of the Arts (DOTA) on March 22nd.

****NEW for the 2018 DOTA...** every student and teacher in HC elementary schools will receive a Day of the Arts bracelet.

The DOTA outline has been sent to each principal and ABS contact. This outline needs to be completed and sent to Deb Miksa at dmiksa74@gmail.com

Funding is based on student population. ABS contacts and principals will be informed of DOTA funding amount. Half of the funds will be delivered as soon as outlines are returned and the remaining funds will be delivered after January 22nd.

Guidelines for DOTA:

- Students must be involved in at least one hour of visual arts and one hour of performance arts, but each school can determine if they would like to extend the timeline of events.
- DOTA outlines can be returned as soon as they are completed but must be returned by January 22nd in order for funds to be distributed.
- Upon completion of the DOTA, each ABS committee will complete and return a DOTA report and turn in receipts for supplies.



Day of the Arts 2017

Students at Whitesburg Elementary transformed their hallways into art galleries for families and visitors to enjoy.

Through the Arts I...

1. Nurture my creativity
2. Build my confidence
3. Learn to see problems as opportunities
4. Persevere through many challenges
5. Learn that I must focus to achieve my goals
6. See that communication is more than just words
7. Improve by accepting constructive feedback
8. Collaborate with others to create amazing things
9. Understand my choices affect others
10. Experience the benefits of my dedication

...learn what I need to succeed!

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