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IN THIS ISSUE

Happy Spring!

by Katie O. Anderson

We are back from spring break and everyone is busy prepping for spring musicals, concerts, finals, capstones, and graduation ceremonies! This issue will celebrate all we have accomplished since our February issue and will also give a preview of the last performances and events you can look forward to with our fine and performing arts programs for this school year.

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather and the longer days of sunshine! I know that spring fever is high this time of year and many of our students are busier than ever with spring events kicking into high gear. Enjoy every little bit of the remainder of the school year! It flies by and, as busy as we are and even occasionally stressed, these are great days and fun days! Take some time to enjoy and make some memories!

Katie

Governor's Honors Finalists & Alternates

Congratulations to the 2017 Governor's Honors Program Finalists and Alternates! These students were among 3,000 students from across the state of Georgia that competed in January for the opportunity to attend the 2017 GHP at Berry College from June 18-July 15. The Georgia GHP is a residential summer program for gifted and talented high school students. The program offers instruction that is significantly different from the typical high school classroom and is designed to provide students with academic, cultural, and social enrichment necessary to become the next generation of global critical thinkers, innovators, and leaders.

- PCHS – Duncan Lindsey (Science)
- EPHS – Meagan Cox (Theatre)
- EPHS – Caden Pace (Theatre)
- HHS – Madison Russell (Theatre)
- NPHS – Savannah Harr (Communicative Arts)
- NPHS – Alyssa Kautz (Visual Arts)
- NPHS – Alex Gilbert, Alternate (Theatre)

Congratulations on their hard work! We wish them much success as they move forward!

Debbie Kelly



Fine Arts Day Highlights

Check out the details of the March celebration of all things fine and performing art in Paulding County Schools. We had an excellent day on March 25 – article on page 19.

Musicals Not to Miss

Check out the upcoming musicals – you can read about them within the articles throughout the publication and see info on page 20.

North Cluster News

by Chelsea Rhoades, NPHS Choral Director

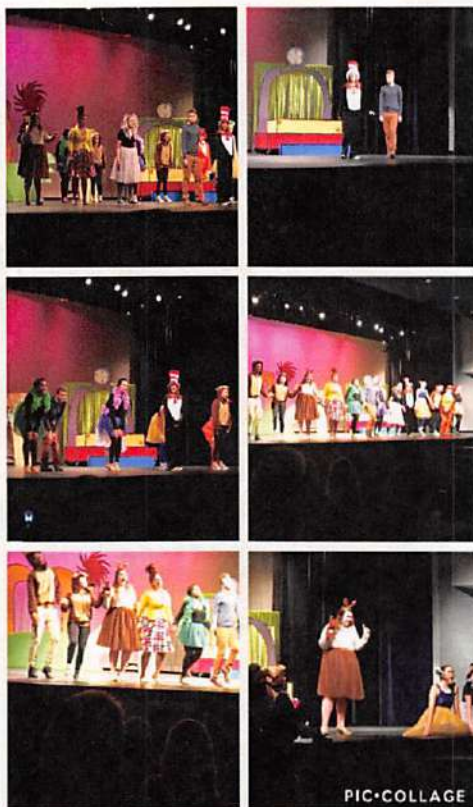
Theatre at NPHS

Spring is a busy time for North Theatre!

The Voice of the Pack was held on Thursday, April 13th at 7pm. Our fierce coaches, Ms. Rhoades, Mr. Bright, Ms. Mac and Mr. Ford battled it out as they coached their team. NPHS Theatre department raised \$600 for Relay for Life!



DO YOU LOVE HORTON HEARS A WHO? Then bring your young friends on Monday, April 17 @7pm to see Seussical jr. "A person's a person no matter how tall." Tickets are \$5 at the door!



Horton Hears a Who performs a preview for BHES Kindergarten

On April 27 and 28 the advanced drama class will perform, *Radium Girls*. This is a drama telling the story of three young women who were poisoned from painting radium (licking their paint brushes for speed to make their daily quota) on clocks in a factory.

It's a heart wrenching story of how each family dealt with the media and court system. Tickets are \$5 at the door, 7pm performance!

Lastly, Hamlet will make an appearance on the North stage on May 19 at 7pm. Tickets are \$5 each!

Pick one or come out to all the wonderful performances the theatre students have prepared! You won't be disappointed!!

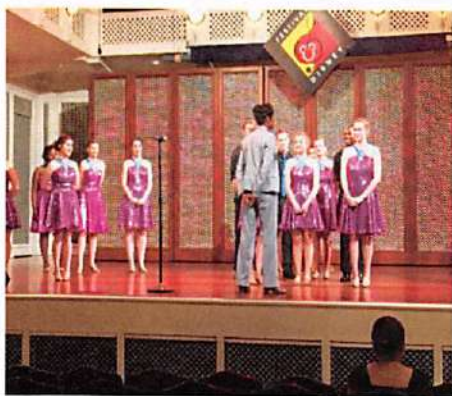
Chorus at NPHS

This semester has already been extremely busy for the North Choirs!

The High Schools of PCSD came together in our 1st Paulding County High School Honor Choir in February! It was wonderful!

PCSD High School Honor Choir was help on February 16 and 17 at NPHS. The collaborations continued March 3rd at our 5th Annual West GA Chorus Invitational, where this year, every high school in PCSD was represented with a stellar group.

Representatives from Chanticleer (Mastery Choi), Dynamics (Varsity Show Choir), and Jazz Choir competed at Festival Disney in March, all earning superior markings as well as constructive comments during clinics with music professors from Auburn University and Rollins College!



Dynamics at Festival Disney in March, 2017

The NPHS Concert Choirs had a successful Large Group Performance Evaluation, which took place in March at First Baptist Church of Lithia Springs.



Currently, each choir is busily preparing for their end of the year Musical Showcase! Advanced performers will sing selections from operas on *A Taste of Opera* in conjunction with the *Musical Revue* on May 11 (the final concert of the year)!

Band at NPHS

Spring has been an incredibly productive and busy time for the NPHS Band Program. The *Wind Symphony* traveled to the University of Alabama on February 3rd and played an outstanding concert at their *Honor Band Festival*. *Mike Bearden, Director of Bands at North Paulding, was awarded a Citation of Excellence from the*

National Band Association for the performance.

Later in February, several students attended the *District Honor Band event in Ringgold, GA*, as well as one student being placed in the *All-State Band held in March*. *On March 15 and 16, the North Paulding Band Program attended Large Group Performance Evaluation* and enjoyed great success in taking all four concert ensembles to perform for adjudicators at Rome High School. They are one of very few programs in the state to be represented by four ensembles that attended the event.

March also marks the 3rd Annual Paulding County Honor Band, which brings in students from all five high schools and nine middle schools together to perform concerts under the direction of excellent clinicians. The event was held on March 23 and 24 and hosted at NPHS.

In the next few weeks, the NPHS Band Program will be auditioning students for concert ensemble placements for the fall, the Winterguard and Indoor Drumline will both be culminating their successful seasons on April 1, and we will have the annual March Band Kick-Off meeting on Tuesday, April 18.

Art at Northside Elementary

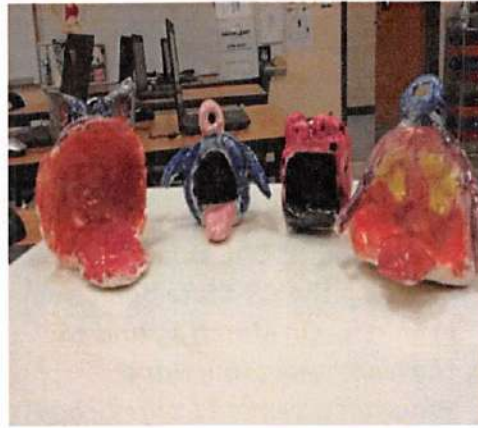
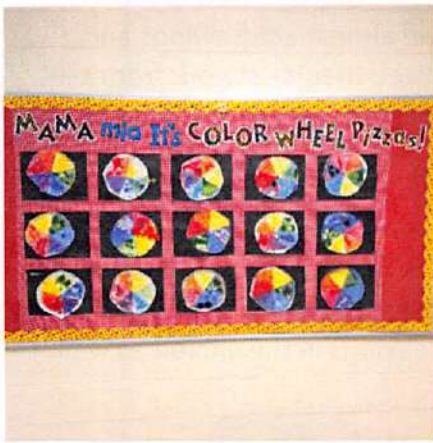
Color, Color, Color!

Northside was well represented at the Paulding County Fine Arts Day on Saturday, March 25. We

had almost 40 drawings and mixed media artwork from 1st-5th grade with high flying "Color Wheel Kites", "Giraffes of Africa", "Cool Colored Penguins", "Keith Haring Action Figures", and "Picasso Portraits". Our Eco-Art Club displayed 3-D sculptures and weavings in the exhibit as well.



The Art Room is buzzing with many spring projects! **Students are learning more about the color wheel and how to mix new colors.** Kindergarteners have finished up their color wheel pizzas with all kinds of silly and colorful toppings and have been working on paintings inspired from the book *Mousepaint*. Now K/1st graders are creating some very large bunnies that will have a painted background.



Royal Pooches in 2nd Grade Art at Shelton

Third and fourth graders are learning about self-taught artists Nellie Mae Rowe and Henri Rousseau, creating colorful landscapes. Fifth graders are exploring portraits with self-portraits and Picasso inspired paintings.

In 2nd Grade, students created Sole Pendant Necklaces by pressing their shoes into the clay!



Kadinsky Inspired Art at Shelton



Art at Shelton Elementary

This is the first year we have had a kiln at Shelton so our students are very excited about their projects!

In the picture below, 4th Grade has created *Monster Pinch Pots!*

Music at Shelton Elementary

Shelton Elementary Show Choir, with Ms. Andrea Sprague and Ms. Tammy Carnes, performed Disney Spectacular on Tuesday, March 28th!



Alladin's Genie at Shelton

Our students sang a medley of classic Disney songs like *Zippety-Doo-Dah*, *Supercalifragilisticexpialidoshus*, A

Whole New World, and Friend Like Me!



It was a fun evening filled with singing and dancing. Our students worked so hard to prepare and our performance was wonderful!



Show Choir at Shelton Elementary

Coming Up Next in Music at Shelton?

- **Kindergarten and 1st Grade Spring Musical called E-I-E-I-Oops!** On Thursday, April 20th at 6:30p.m. in the gymnasium.

Music at Northside Elementary



Northside Elementary Chorus

Upcoming Performances!

Northside Chorus will perform songs from their program "Making the Band" at Chick Fil A in Dallas on May 9 at 6 and 7 pm.

The Chorus will perform their full program at the Northside PTA meeting in the Northside Gym on May 11 at 7pm.

Chorus at McClure Middle

SMMS Spring Chorus Concert will be May 9th at 6:30p.m. in the SMMS Cafeteria. SMMS Chorus Awards will be on May 20 at 9:30a.m. at NGC in Acworth.



McClure Chorus in Disney

East Cluster News

by Michelle Lokhorst, EPHS Choral Director

Performing Arts at EPHS

Spring is an exciting time at EPHS. The chorus and band have just wrapped up Large Group Performance Evaluations. Mrs. Lokhorst took 4 groups to LGPE. The 9th grade chorus and the Women's Choruses received a rating of Excellent. The men's chorus and Relativity (a cappella group) received a rating of Superior.

Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Thomas took 2 bands to LGPE. Both bands received a rating of Superior. Congratulations to all the chorus and band students, your hard work paid off.

Our drama department just finished a children's production of "Jungle Book". Six of our county elementary schools attend the performances. This is a wonderful experience for both the high school students and elementary students.

- **Musical Theatre Showcase** – April 28, 29, 30 at 7p.m. (\$5)
- **Into the Woods** – May 5 at 7p.m., May 6 at 2p.m. & 7p.m., May 7 at 3p.m. (\$7)
- **Band Concert** – May 11 at 7p.m. (Free)
- **Chorus Concert** – May 16 at 7p.m. (Free)

Visual Art at EPHS

EPHS art is currently working on block printing and altered books! **Our Spring Art Show will be May 4** in tandem with the spring musical. The Spring Art Show is a fundraiser for National Art Honor Society and a chance for all students at our school to display their artwork.

Jessica McKaughan won first place in the state for her painting for the PTSA Reflections competitions.

Our students won on multiple levels at the Paulding County Fine Arts Show:

- Jessica McKaughan won 1st Place for the drawing competition
- Madison Kemp won 2nd Place in the painting competition
- Keily Perla won 3rd Place for Viewer's Choice Award

Music & Art Collaborate at McGarity Elementary

In music class for the upper grades, McGarity music students have been getting ready for our performances on **May 4 – McGarity's Night at the Museum.**

We have been preparing Orff arrangements of *Hill and Gully Rider*, *Lullaby*, *Haida*, and *My Mama Told Me!*

Come check-out McGarity's Night at the Museum on May 4 to see a great collaboration of visual and musical arts!

Chorus at EPMS

EPMS 7th and 8th Grade Choirs just returned from LGPE, both groups receiving Superior ratings in Performance and Sight Reading. These students began working on their music in Mid-January, accomplishing the difficult task for the winter months, like so many other choirs in the area.

EPMS Spring Choral Concert for ALL grades is May 15 at 7p.m. in the EPHS Auditorium!

Admission is free!

Band at EPMS

Ten students from EPMS band participated in the 3rd Annual Paulding County Honor Band!

Pictured below are (L-R) Katie Chaney, Jason Horn, Josiah Lanzo, Jackson Gammon, Serafina Penn, Ella Lutzow, McKenna McKean, Caden Finlen, Samantha Paul, and Brayan Arellano



Hiram Cluster

by Jen Grazer, HHS Drama Director

Welcome to our second jammed-packed edition of the Hiram-area Fine Arts Team! Our K-12 partners have been hard at work creating incredible visual and performing arts pieces this quarter and are excited to share them with our communities.

Joyful Noise

by Caitlyn Grubbe, Music Director

Hiram Elementary has performed in every Fine Arts Day so far, and it gets better and better every year! For this year's performance, the HES Orff Ensemble performed two pieces – one from Zimbabwe and one from the Caribbean. Our students represented Hiram so well and their Fine Arts Day performance was a great contribution to March "Music in Our Schools" Month.



Hiram Elementary Orff Ensemble performing at Fine Arts Day in March



5th Grade Honor Chorus participants from Hiram Elementary!

Middle Mania

by M. G. Cason, Band Director; and Courtney Vest, Visual Arts Instructor



These are tremendous musicians representing P. B. Ritch Middle School at the 2ⁿ Annual Paulding County School District Honor Band Festival. All nine middle schools, and all five high schools participated. Three categories presented: MS band, 9/10 band, 11/12 band. Bands rehearsed Th. 7-9pm, F: 9am-5:30pm, and concluded giving a concert starting at 7:30pm Friday. Students paid a small fee which paid for the 3 clinicians, PCSD HB t-shirt, and a pizza supper (Friday).

Students were nominated by their individual band director, then after being selected, auditioned for chairs.



Art Club members at P.B. Ritch Middle School just participated in a Pizza & Paint Fundraiser to raise money for supplies to paint a mural in the school. The students enjoyed this event by painting their very own masterpieces!



Ritch Middle Art Club Pizza and Paint

Pitch Perfect

By Ashley Poole, Choral Instructor

The Hiram High School Chorus had a fabulous start to the Spring semester. We kicked the semester off with musical auditions for our Spring Musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie."



Shortly after, students participated in the annual "Showcase" concert, which highlights Chorus students as they present solos and two all-chorus numbers. The HHS Chorus continued their busy semester by participating in the 1st annual Paulding County Honor Choir. 30 students participated in this event, and they had the opportunity to work under Dr. Leslie Blackwell of Kennesaw State University and Dr. Kevin Hibbard from the University of West Georgia.



HHS Reps to Paulding County Honor Choir

Immediately following Honor Choir, 9 students proudly represented Hiram High School at GMEA All State Chorus event



HHS GMEA all-State Chorus Reps

At the final concert, senior Rachel Hutto was awarded the ACDA Music Education scholarship.



LGPE in March



ACDA Music Education Scholarship winner, Rachel Hutto from Hiram High

In March, the *Hiram Harmonics* participated in the "West Georgia Choral Invitational" for the first time. Student performed several A Cappella numbers and had the opportunity to listen to other A Cappella groups and Show Choirs. **Chorus students spent March perfecting their music for Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE), and they proudly presented their music on Tuesday, March 28th. All participating choirs from HHS received superior ratings in performance at LGPE.** We are very proud of our students and all their accomplishments and are looking forward to an excellent last quarter!



LGPE in March

Thoroughly Theatrical

By Jennifer Grazer, Drama Director

The upcoming drama happenings have definitely provided no shortage of activity for students during this quarter.



Production for the Spring Musical, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, is in full and energetic swing. The highly anticipated performances will be on Thursday-Saturday, April 20-22 at 7pm, and Sunday, April 23 at 2pm.



The Cast of Millie

More from HHS Chorus and Drama

Check out these You Tube links to see performance pieces of *Millie* from Paulding County Fine Arts Day on March 25th!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmmBH1fS7cY> Thoroughly Modern Millie

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVxxji1QA-Y> Nutty Cracker Suite

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4vRqknQRJM> Ah Sweet Mystery

At the end of March, junior Madison Russell was chosen as a Technical Theatre student for the Governor's Honors Program this summer at Berry College in Rome.



Over Spring Break, the Chorus and Drama departments participated in their first ever joint trip venture to New York City! Despite the unpredictable weather, the students had a fantastic time experiencing the artistic richness and diversity of NYC with teen workshops and Broadway performances.



Strike Up the Band(s)

By Adrian Gibson and Geana Gault, Band Directors

The Hiram High School Band, under the direction of Dr. Adrian Gibson and Ms. Geana Gault, had its Winter Concert on February 13th, with all three ensembles performing. Hiram High School also hosted the Dobbins Middle School Honor Band as they

performed their LGPE program. All three concert groups performed at Large Group Performance Evaluations hosted by Rome High School March 15-17. The three groups received all superior ratings in their performances.

The band program also began a jazz band with 20 students participating in its first semester. Two students participated in the District 7 Honor Band in February at Ringgold High School. In addition, 26 students participated in the Paulding County Honor Band hosted at North Paulding High School.

During the spring, the band will be wrapping up the school year with some students participating in the spring musical and our spring concert on May 2nd at 7 PM featuring a wide variety of music.



South Cluster News

by Shelley Patrick, Choral Director for Austin Middle School

WOW! The students in the South Cluster are helping to set Paulding Fine Arts on FIRE! If you thought the first semester of the year was busy for the South Cluster, you haven't seen anything yet!

The spring semester has brought performances, art shows, Large Group Performance Evaluations, musicals to the stage, and the highly-anticipated event, Paulding County Fine Arts Day! We look forward to seeing you at the many upcoming events that will take us to the end of the year!

Dugan Elementary

Dugan Elementary students, under the direction of Mrs. Clare Tate, are getting ready for their annual Art Show and Chorus performance on **May 11, 2017**. The chorus will be performing School House Rock Live Jr.! 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students have been working extra hours each week in preparation for the show! This night is always a highlight for our school community and it gives parents a chance to see and hear what goes on each day at Dugan!

Hutchens Elementary

This month the art teachers at Hutchens, Heather Austin and Kristen Zelinski, attended the National Art Education Association conference in NYC. The trip was an inspiring professional development experience and of course included a visit to the Museum of Modern Art

and The Metropolitan Museum of Art. They are excited to share all that they learned with their colleagues and students! Hutchens students proudly displayed their artwork in the annual Art Show on March 9th. This year's show featured 730 fabulous pieces of art created by kindergarten- 5th graders. It was a fun evening of celebration with a photo booth, art activities and a raffle basket full of art supplies. Fourth grade Art Club students created a series of prints that were part of the art auction on Fine Arts Day. Each student created a small print of an architectural building in the city of Atlanta. The prints were framed together as one large piece of artwork. In addition, 30 pieces of student art was also on display during Fine Arts Day. In April, Hutchens students will give a performance titled "Make Your Mark". This will be a culminating event featuring the results of a year-long series of interdisciplinary lessons taught by the art, music and physical education teachers. Beautiful artwork, choreographed movement and sweet singing voices . . . what's not to love? As we finish the year in art, students will engage in collaborative projects and lots of clay! It's going to be a wonderful, messy and creative spring 2017. . . just the way we like it!

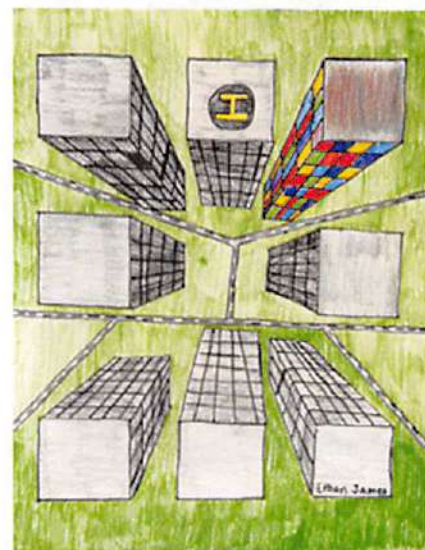
In music classes, led by Mrs. Karen Emerine, fourth and fifth grade students have been learning about Mardi Gras, Carnival, jazz music, and Louis Armstrong. Each class had an opportunity to move along a map of the French Quarter of New Orleans to earn streets for good behavior. The classes are celebrating with Mardi Gras beads, doubloons, jazz music, and cupcakes. A king and queen are being crowned in each class. The students finish off this Mardi Gras celebration by playing a

fast and furious game of Mardi Gras Jeopardy!! AS they say in New Orleans, "Laissez les bons temps rouler!" or "Let the good times roll!"



New Georgia Elementary

Student art work from New Georgia Elementary

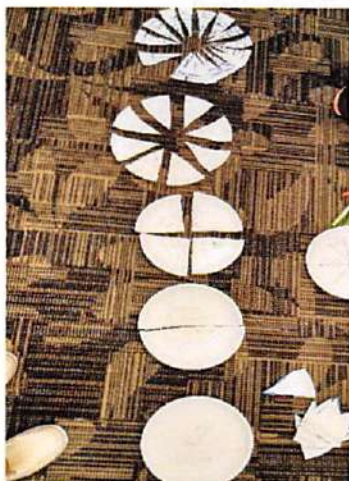


Union Elementary

Union Elementary Music, under the direction of Ms. Katie Matthews, has been studying rhythm and note values through making “musical pizzas”! The students have loved creating their own musical compositions from these! They had six 5th grade students who participated in the Paulding County 5th Grade District Honor Chorus! They represented Union very well! Congratulations Makenzie Sowerby, Lucius Trujillo, Skylar Bragg, Ava Sewell, and Emma Lyons! The Wildcat Singers will be presenting “Dateline: Rock n Roll” on Thursday, April 20th at 6:00! Come let us take you back through time so you can hear from of your rock n’ roll favorites!!



Instrument Time in Music Class at Union

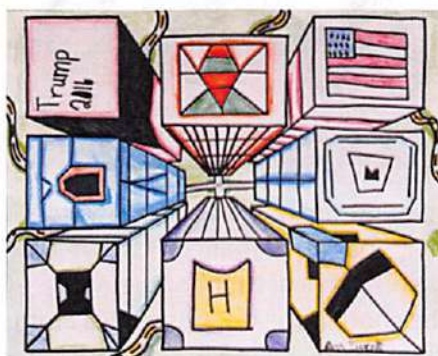


Pizza Rhythms at Union



Honor Chorus 2017 - Union Elementary Representatives

Student Artwork from Union



Austin Middle School

Be sure to check out the AMS 6th Annual Night of the Arts! It is a collaboration of all our Fine Arts programs. The art show will begin at 6:00pm, the jazz band will perform at 6:30 and the chorus will perform a pop concert beginning at 7:00pm. Be sure to check out this celebration of fine and performing arts at Austin – it is an event not to be missed!!

Band at Austin Middle

The Austin Middle School Symphonic Band, under the direction of Mr. Jonathan Brown, made the short trip to South Paulding High School in March for Large Group Performance Evaluation. The group, made up of 8th and 7th graders, is the Austin Bands top performing group and scored all superiors on stage and in sight reading. South Paulding High School and the directors were fantastic hosts for District 7 Middle School LGPE. The Austin 7th grade band had a great performance at the annual Paulding County Fine Arts Day. The rest of the bands are practicing for their Spring Concert May 23rd.

an experience that will not soon be forgotten! Five of our sixth-grade students participated in the annual Sixth Grade Spring Sing at East Paulding High School on March 6th. They represented AMS well and put on a great performance!



Chorus when placing your order on these nights!!

Art at Austin Middle

Austin Art students, led by Mrs. Jeanne Ebert, completed Mandalas with their choice of media. Symbols were used to create meaning and focus. Some Art Club members are busy making Byzantine Bells out of copper, beads, suede lace and wire. A patina is created with vinegar and salt. Other art members are letting their ceramic lanterns dry for firing.



AMS Band at LGPE in March

Chorus at Austin Middle

The Austin Middle School Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Shelley Patrick, had wonderful performances at Large Group Performance Evaluation at the end of March. Eighth grade and sixth grade earned a rating of Excellent in performance and seventh grade earned a rating of Superior in performance! These students left it all on the stage and their hard work paid off!



AMS Chorus at LGPE in March

Winter Break was a busy time for the AMS chorus! February 17-18 was spent in Athens, GA with 5 of Austin's Sixth Grade Statewide Honor Chorus participants. It was a fun trip and they made some beautiful music with 500 students from around Georgia! At the end of the break, February 23-25, Rhianna McKinney represented Austin at the GMEA All-State Chorus in Athens, GA. It was an amazing concert and

Students are now working toward their final performance of the year at Austin's annual Night of the Arts! The chorus is also sponsoring a Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A in Dallas on Tuesday, April 18th and on Monday, May 15th from 5-8pm. Be sure to tell them you are there with the AMS

Scoggins Middle School

Carl Scoggins Middle School 7th/8th grade Band recently performed for the Georgia Music Educators Association Large Group Performance Evaluation and received a superior rating from each of the four adjudicators. A shout out to Mr. Jon Brown for his help in rehearsals! A shout out to Mr. McConnell at SPHS for a wonderfully hosted GMEA District 7 LGPE! Additionally, 9 students from Scoggins Middle School band participated in the GMEA District 7 Honor Band held at Heritage High School in Ringgold, GA. Students from the band will perform in the annual Scoggins Talent Show The band will perform at the EpiCenter for the Southern Star Music Festival in April. Nothing tacit about this band! Happy Spring from Scoggins Middle School Band!

South Paulding High School

South Paulding High School Choral and Musical Theatre students, under the direction of Cindi Richardson, placed first in the GHSA Literary Competition in Girl's Trio and Men's Quartet. The Men's Ensemble included Baraka Salamu, Malik Collier, Jesse Silvernail and Alex Givens. The Girl's Trio included Gabby Story, Eva Richardson and AnLi French. The Girl's Trio traveled to Houston County High School to compete at the State Level and placed 3rd and 5th there! Way to go girls!!!

Under the direction of DJ McConnell, The South Paulding High School Band has been very busy the past few months. On February 18th, the band had 16 students perform in our District Honor Band. Then, during the Winter Break, the band traveled to Walt Disney World and marched through the Magic Kingdom. Once

the band returned from Orlando, they hosted sixty different bands for the District VII Middle School Large Group Performance Evaluation. The band also had two students who were selected and performed in the Georgia Music Educator's All-State Band. Every year thousands of students across the state of Georgia audition spots in the All-State Band. Tristan Travitz was selected as the 2nd chair Trumpet Player, and Catherine Flowers was selected as the 2nd chair Tenor Saxophonist. South Paulding High School Band is incredibly proud of these two students.

portrayed a message they found relevant and they are now working on multi-layer stencils that, when put together, will create portraits. After establishing the fundamentals in each level last semester students are growing and building upon those skills as artists this semester. Mrs. Sellers' ceramics kids have been getting their hands dirty making clay whistles that work. Ceramics II kids have made owls, pierced spheres and animals in boats! We love being whacky!



SPHS Bands at Disney in February

Art at SPHS

In Ms. Doster's and Mrs. Sellers' art classes, students have been busy refining their skills this semester. The painting class learned about value and color in portraiture by creating monochromatic portrait paintings. Art Comprehensive students have been busy with Graffiti lettering and learning about and using analogous colors. Ms. Doster's printmaking dove head first into stenciling this semester, starting first with a 1 layer stencil that

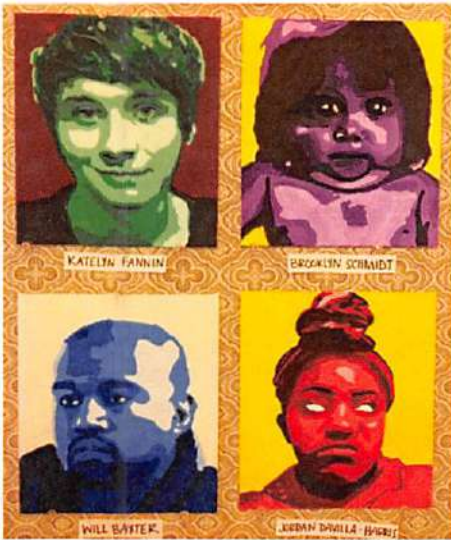


Ceramics II Class at SPSHS

Drama at SPSHS

Under the direction of Joshua Baines, rehearsals for The SPSHS Drama Department's production of Mary Poppins are well underway. The cast has been working exceptionally hard on the music and intense choreography that goes into the show. Performances will be April 27-29th. Tickets will be \$8 in advance, and \$10 at the door.

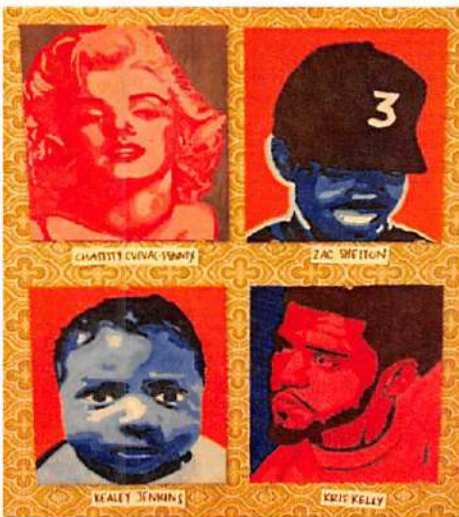
On March 31st, the SPSHS Drama Department presented "A Night of One-Acts." Level II and level III students performed "Booby Trap" by Ed Monk, "A Moment In Time" by Eddie Kennedy, and "Miss Polly's Institute for Criminally Damaged Young Ladies Puts On A Show" by Don Zolidis.



Value and Color in Portraiture at SPSHS



A Night of One-Acts at SPSHS

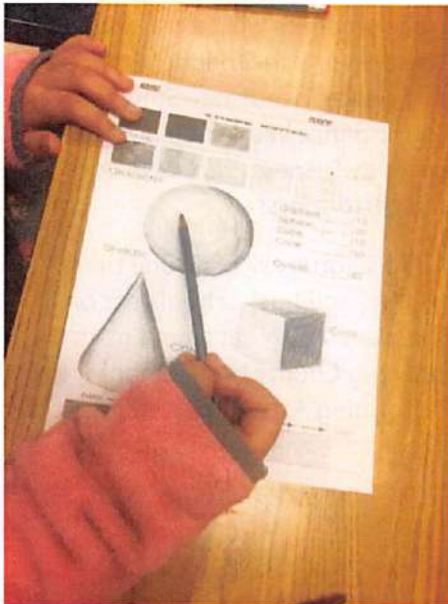


Central Cluster News

by Shea Roberts, HJMS Choral Director

Elementary

Poole's art classes have been working hard at creating incredibly amazing work! 4th and 5th grade classes have been working on their value unit. Below you will see how students have created the illusion of depth in their Pop Art drawings!



Poole's Art Club students have been having a blast this semester!

Below you can see their papier-mache crayon and pencil sculptures as well as the Under the Sea paintings from their latest painting party!



Poole Elementary Music:

Students are preparing for our Around the World Family Night on March 30. Each grade level presents a display on countries around the world. Social studies projects are out for everyone to see. This year, for the first time, we are adding music to the event. Students from every grade level will perform songs from different countries to round out the evening's entertainment.

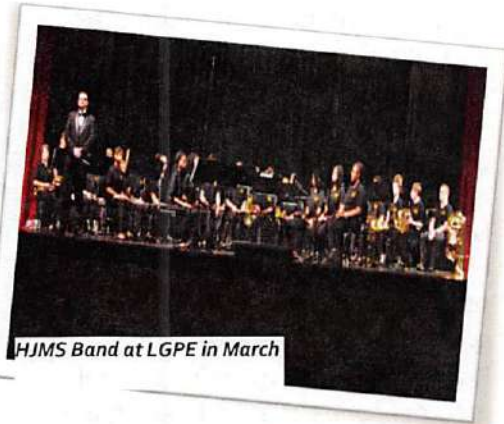
Kindergarten has learned songs from England. First grade has learned songs from Mexico and can count AND say the alphabet in Spanish. 2nd grade brings Calypso style from the Caribbean islands and 3rd grade is singing in two-part harmony in French! Fourth and fifth grade students will be sharing their progress through the Recorder Karate program by playing several recorder songs. We Trail Blazers are excited to share how music is a universal language, understood all over the planet!

Nebo Elementary Music:

Chorus students at Nebo are preparing a Beatles Tribute concert. Chorus director, Christopher Day has arranged eight well-known Beatles' tunes for the chorus to be accompanied by a small combo band. We will present a sneak preview at Fine Arts Day. However, the real treat will come April 27 at our full concert at Nebo. Students are excited to share their love for this iconic band and its music!

Middle School

Since the last publication, the **Herschel Jones Symphonic Band** completed their LGPE performance at South Paulding High School. The band received an overall excellent rating on stage and a superior rating in sight reading. Also, the HJMS Symphonic Band performed at the Southern Star Music Festival where they competed against other middle school and high school bands around the Southeast. To finish out another great year, the Herschel Jones Bands will have their Spring Concert on Thursday, May 11th. The concert will be at Paulding County High School's Performing Arts Center and will



HJMS Band at LGPE in March

throughout the Metro-Atlanta area. Students rehearsed for the day and presented an afternoon concert under the direction of Florida State University's Dr. Judy Bowers



HJMS Chorus at Berry College Middle School Choir Festival

Starting the month of March strong, nine 6th grade students were selected to perform as part of Spring Sing. Spring Sing is an annual event involving Paulding County 6th grade chorus students. Directors select their students and begin preparing their music for the event. On March 6th, nearly 80 sixth grade students gathered, rehearsed, and presented a concert at East Paulding High School's Performance Arts Center. Students have the advantage of working with all the directors in attendance. Special Thanks to Shelley Patrick, Austin Middle School, for organizing the event and to Michelle Lokhorst, East Paulding High School, for hosting us.

begin at 7:00. Admission is free and open to the public.

Herschel Jones Middle School Chorus is continuing this semester with performances, festivals, and workshops! On February 17th and 18th, 5 sixth grade students travelled to Athens, Georgia to be part of the Georgia Music Educator's Association 6th Grade State Wide Honor Choir. Students rehearsed for two days, then put on an incredible concert at The Classic Center. HJMS students were under the direction of Columbus State's Dr. Michelle Herring.



HJMS 6th Grade Statewide Reps (L to R) Madison Brown, Talynn Plyler, Shelby Miller, Josie Webster, and Anna Thomason – ready for rehearsal at the Classic Center in Athens!

Wrapping up the month of February, 42 seventh and eighth grade students travelled to Rome, Georgia for the first ever Berry College Middle School Choir Festival. Students worked diligently to prepare their music in advance and joined several other schools



HJMS Students at EPHS (Back Row - Hailey Obermiller, Shelby Miller, Anna Thomason, Tre Smith, and Kindell Kramer/Front Row - Mackenzie Cronon, Mason Wilcox, Kendall Hynek, and Kinsey Tushim)

Concluding this month, 33 eighth grade students will be traveling to Disney World in Orlando, Florida to participate in a Disney Sings Performance Workshop hosted at Epcot by Disney's very own vocalists and performers!

HJMS Chorus will conclude their exciting and busy school year on Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Paulding County High School Performing Arts Center. Admission is free, all are welcome to attend.



HJMS Participates in Spring Sing in March

Art at SPMS

6th, 7th, and 8th grade art students at SPMS are working on endangered animal drawings for the IFAW (International Fund for Animal Welfare) art contest. Through this project, students learned about the mission of IFAW and some of their important work around the world. Students were inspired by various endangered animals and learned how to draw correct proportions of the figures. The drawings will be mailed in to the organization, and 12 "winners" and 12 "Honorable mentions" will be announced by May 17th.



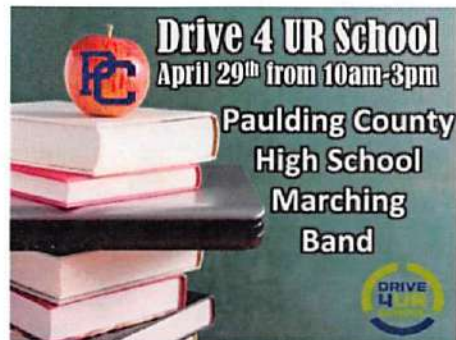
High School

As always, Fine Arts is busy, busy, busy at Paulding County High School!

Just last month, all 5 PCSD High Schools collaborated to form the Paulding County Honor Choir on February 16-17, 2017. The event was hosted at NPHS and gave students from EPHS, HHS, NPHS, PCHS, and SPHS the opportunity to work together with their peers and to present a concert for the community. Approximately 150 students came together to form 2 choirs under the direction of Kennesaw State University's Dr.

Leslie Blackwell and the University of West Georgia's Dr. Kevin Hibbard.

PCHS Band Needs You! Come out to PCHS & support the band program by simply test driving a new Ford Vehicle. It only takes a few minutes, and they don't pressure you to purchase a vehicle.

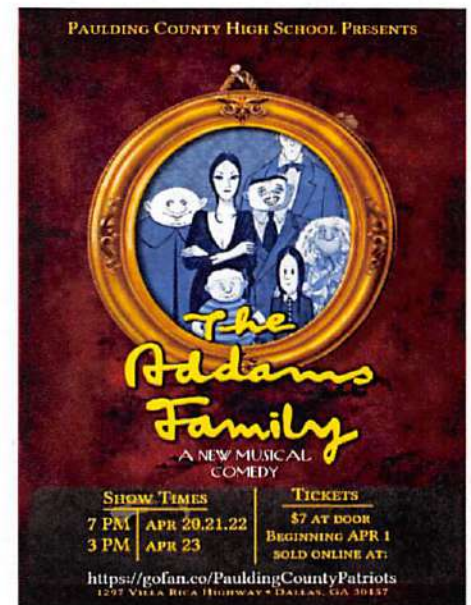


Student Talent Show at PCHS - February 7

The Talent Show is a fundraiser for the chorus program and gives students an opportunity to perform individually or as a group. Several alumni members of the chorus program served as judges & trophies were awarded to the top 3 winners.

Upcoming and exciting things to come for PCHS Fine Arts! PCHS will present The Addams Family Musical on April 20-23, 2017.

Show times are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7 pm and Sunday at 3 pm. Tickets are \$7 and will be sold at the door and online starting April 1 at <https://gofan.co/PauldingCountyPatriots>



The Georgia Governor's Honors Program (GHP) is a residential summer program for gifted and talented high school students who will be rising juniors and seniors during the program. GHP is held in mid-summer as a residential educational experience on a college or university campus. Students attend classes in the mornings and afternoons in specific areas of study, and they participate in a wide variety of social and instructional opportunities every evening. The 2017 session will be held at Berry College in Rome, Georgia.

Once students are nominated by a teacher or counselor, they go through a rigorous selection process

at the school, district, and state levels.

Art at PCHS

The Paulding County Visual Arts Program has partnered with *The Memory Project* which is a nonprofit organization that invited Mrs. Thomas and her students to create portraits for youth around the world who have faced substantial challenges, such as neglect, abuse, loss of parents, and extreme poverty.

The portraits help the children feel valued and important, to know that many people care about their well-being, and to act as meaningful pieces of personal history in the future. For our art students, this is an opportunity to creatively practice kindness and global awareness.

To do this, *The Memory Project* receive photos of children and teens from global charities operating residential homes, schools, and care centers in a number of different countries every year.

Then they provide us with full-page color prints as well as digital copies of those photos, along with plastic sleeves to protect the finished portraits. Mrs. Thomas then works with her students to create the portraits, and the Memory Project hand-delivers them to the kids (we have several different art students create portraits for each child based on several different poses).

This is the fourth year Mrs. Thomas's Drawing and Painting classes and Art Club have participated through a generous grant from the Memory Project and its founder Ben Shumaker. Mrs. Thomas not only

uses this project as an opportunity to teach students the value of outreach and giving back as global citizens, but also as a rich Art History lesson where students must make their portraits in the style of a famous artist and create a powerpoint presentation on their artist and how it relates to their Memory Project portrait.



Pictured below are Brianna Duncan and Emily Hadden. These PCHS students were selected for GHP the state level interviews in the areas of music and dance.



Logo and Car Magnets!

PCSD Fine Arts has a new logo and with that, a new car magnet that you can purchase to help support and advocate for the great Fine and Performing Arts programs in your schools. The magnets are \$10 and are available any time. Please contact Katie Anderson at kanderson@paulding.k12.ga.us to order yours today!



Fine Arts Day CELEBRATIONS and Updates

We had a WONDERFUL Fine Arts Day on March 25! Thank you to Paulding County High School for hosting our event this year, where well over 4000 people attended and enjoyed a beautiful day listening to our performance groups, viewing fabulous student art and participating in the first ever *Going Beyond Scholarship Art Auction!* Just a few of the great things we would like to share:

- Over \$5000 raised for the fine and performing arts in PCSD
 - Grants for our teachers for the classroom!
- About \$1500 raised for scholarships for students entering a fine or performing art course of study
 - Scholarships will begin for graduating seniors 2018
- New Car Magnets with our new #pauldingfinearts logo! \$10 each – all proceeds go directly to the scholarship campaign (this will be ongoing)
- Community Outreach and impacts with our food trucks and vendors (Food Trucks completely SOLD OUT!)
- **Winning Groups – Audience Choice Awards**
 - **First Place** – Burnt Hickory Elementary
 - **Second Place** – PCHS Addams' Family Cast
 - **Third Place** – Hiram Elementary Chorus
- **Winning Student Artists – Audience Choice Awards**
 - **First Place (TIE)** - Bethany Peterson and Caitlin Peterson from Panter
 - **Second Place** – Anna Haney from Ragsdale
 - **Third Place** – Keily Perla from EPHS



As you can see, everyone had a great time! Packed performances, artwork everyone, beautiful blue skies and a Super Amazing Photo booth enjoyed by ALL! Thank you all for your support and encouragement! We are doing it again next year! It was a great time!

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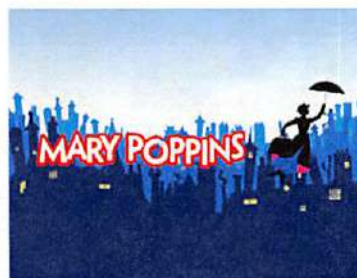
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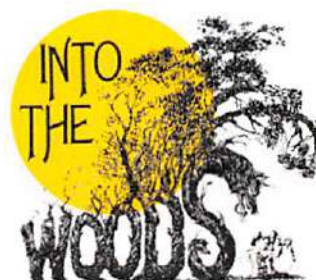
HIRAM HIGH - APRIL 20-23



PCHS APRIL 20-23



SPHS APRIL 27-29



EPHS MAY 5-7

MEET THE PUBLICATION TEAM

The quarterly publication is a result of the hard work and dedication of many people. These teachers, already busy with successful programs of their own, have agreed to take on the task of gathering and sharing the great things that occur within their cluster schools to share with all stakeholders. Truly, we could not provide such an insightful glimpse into the various activities which occur day-to-day in our fine and performing arts classrooms without these wonderful team players!

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