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The State of the Arts

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Happy New Year

by Katie O. Anderson, Editor

We have had an exciting and busy first semester of the school year in the world of the Fine Arts. As we kick off this new year, we are celebrating the exciting things we saw in the classrooms and on-stage during the months of November and December while looking ahead with anticipation! We are preparing for a spring full of performances, competitions, art shows, art auctions, musicals, conventions, exhibitions, and more.

There is truly never a dull moment as students and teachers are constantly putting their talent to the test and stretching their creative wings. Beauty and imagination go hand in hand in the fine and performing arts of Paulding County Schools and we love every single second of it! I hope you will enjoy this issue of *The State of the Arts* as much as the team enjoyed putting it together.

Katie



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North Cluster News

by Chelsea Rhoades, NPHS Choral Director

Burnt Hickory Elementary School started an after school Sewing Club, and it has been a huge success so far!

The 22 fourth grade students learned the basics of sewing through various hand-stitching projects, like making pencil cases and embroidery, and they learned how to operate a sewing machine! Using the sewing machines, we made large drawstring bags that double as pillowcases. Next semester, the 5th grade students will learn how to make aprons! We love sewing!



BHES Sewing Club Shows Off their Projects

McClure Middle Bands

The McClure Middle School Bands, under the direction of Mr. Neal Bright, are currently preparing for **Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE)**.

The bands will be traveling to **Carnegie Hall in March** and will represent PCSD well while they are there – They will be in NYC March 21-25!

Come out and hear the Carnegie Hall Send-Off Concert on March 14 at Burnt Hickory Baptist Church (Due West Road), 7:00p.m.



McClure Pup 2 Pack Honor Chorus at the Paulding Wellstar Nursing Home in December



SMMS Honor Chorus students having fun

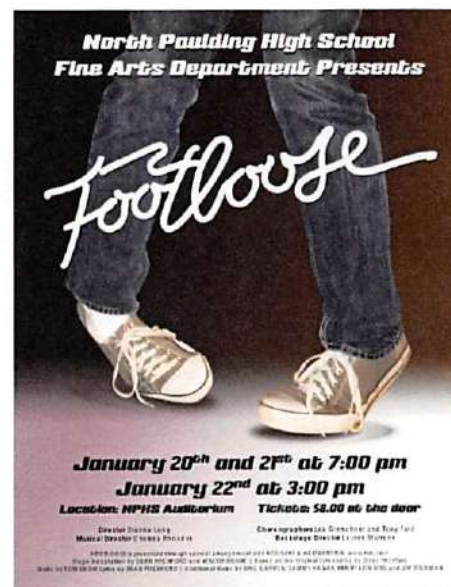
McClure Middle Choruses

On November 3, SMMS Chorus, under the direction of Ms. Liz Dean, attended the District 12 Honor Chorus event at the Bartow County College and Career Center in Cartersville. Seventeen students spent the day rehearsing with excellent clinicians and performed in an outstanding concert for parents that evening at the **Woodland School**.

On December 15, SMMS Pup 2 Pack Honor Chorus students performed at Wellstar Paulding Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center. Students performed Christmas Carols with the residents and finished the night with *I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas*.

NPHS Theatre Program

The North Paulding High School Theatre program, under the direction of Ms. Dianna Long, kicked off the holiday season with its performance of *It's a Wonderful Life!* This student led collaboration celebrated the holiday classic in style.



Next up for North Theatre is **Footloose!!!** You don't want to miss it! The performances are Jan. 20 at 7pm, Jan. 21 at 7pm and Jan. 22 at 3pm. All tickets are \$8 at the door!

NPBS BANDS

The North Paulding High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Mike Bearden and Mr. Stan Philips, had its *Fall Concert* on November 10th with all four ensembles performing. Following a quick turnaround, they performed their *Winter Concert* on December 13th complete with small chamber ensembles and capped off the evening with the *Wolfpack Pride* playing their fall production for the final time.

Spring will be a busy time as there are two after school groups, the *Winter guard* and the *Indoor Percussion*, both rehearsing and learning a production for their competitive seasons. *The Wind Symphony* was invited to and will have a performance at the *University of Alabama Honor Band Festival* on February 3rd.



NPBS Winter Guard Rehearsing!

In addition to all the work the band program is doing, all four concert ensembles are spending the first few months of spring preparing for their *Large Group Performance Evaluations* held in the middle of March in Rome, GA.



NPBS Wolfpack Pride at the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) Parade in December

NPBS Choral Department

The NPBS Choirs, under the direction of Ms. Chelsea Rhoades, ended last semester with caroling through the community, a Holiday Candlelight Processional, and a Holiday dinner showcasing individual talent.

Looking forward, the North Paulding Choruses are gearing up for *Large Group Performance Evaluation* and working on a new concert evening, *A Taste of Opera!*

Check the NPBS chorus website for more details at www.northpauldinghighschoolchorus.weebly.com.



NPBS Choirs at the Winter Concert



NPBS Choruses at the Christmas Concert in December



Jazz Choir at the Christmas Concert



NPBS Show Choir, Dynamics

Hiram Cluster

by Jen Grazer, HHS Drama Director

Welcome to our second jam-packed edition of the Hiram Cluster 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!

Colourful Concept Creations

By Iia D. Owens-Williamson, Visual Arts Instructor

One of Baggett Elementary's 3rd grade classes had a chance to experience the 'power of democracy' by designing a new "Whip" as a retirement gift for President Obama and allowing the whole school to vote on the best design!



The winning car was car #3!



One of Baggett's 5th grade classes created these 3D, stuffed owl sculptures. These talented students painted the paper used to construct the owls, designed them, cut them out, decorated them, glued them together and finished the project by stuffing them. The emphasis for the project was 2D design versus 3D design and the art element: LINE



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Vocal Variations

By Ashley Poole, Choral Instructor

The Hiram High School Chorus, under the direction of Ms. Ashley Poole, has had a stellar second quarter! Students participated in three different concerts, including the Fall Concert, Winter Concert, and the HHS Fine Art's Night. Additionally, many students participated in extra-curricular performances, including Shorter University's NWGA Choral Festival, Berry College's High School Choral Day, and District 7 Honor Choir.



The **Hiram Harmonies** (A Capella group) performed at the *Hiram Tree Lighting* in Downtown Hiram, *Hiram Difference*, and several other community Holiday events!



Students also had the opportunity to participate in Master Classes led by professors from **Shorter University and Reinhardt University** over the course of the quarter. Also, eleven of the HHS Chorus students pass the first round of **GMEA All-State Chorus** auditions, and these students are preparing diligently for the second audition in January.

As we approach the second semester, students are preparing for the **HHS Chorus Showcase Concert (January 24th)** and auditions for the Spring Production of **Thoroughly Modern Millie**.



Art Explosion

by Richard T. Williams, Visual Arts Instructor

At Hiram Elementary, we have been working hard getting ready for our **Artome** show in the spring which we be from 5:00-7:00 on April 18th.



Kindergarten Created texture Rubbing Monster Collages – By: Luke Mayes



2nd Grade Line Design by Mae Stewart



3rd Graders created King Tut artworks with symmetry, rhythm, and pattern and then wrote their names in hieroglyphics



One Point Perspective by Achilles Triplett, 5th Grade

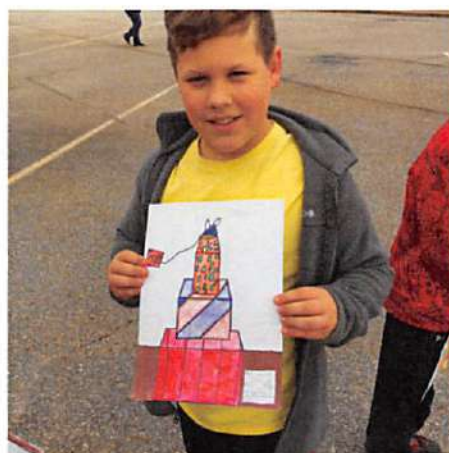
We have also been featuring and artwork of the week on Mr. Williams' website here.
<http://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/Domain/1805>

Panther Pride

by Rebecca Leitz, Visual Arts Instructor

Panther Elementary artists have been working on many different projects and mastering a plethora of standards! For example, Kindergartners used those fine motor skills to learn how to weave paper, use yarn to wrap a shape, and learned how to whip stitch the contour line of a pine tree. Also, First grade has been busy practicing their watercolor skills by creating several winter landscapes based on the book, *Owl Moon*. Second grade artists used their knowledge of warm and cool colors on the color wheel to create a still life of Indian corn and/or a Laurel Burch inspired cat. Artists in third grade finished up their mastery of positive and negative space with a landscape inspired by Gustav Klimt's, "Tree of Life" using homemade scratch art

paper. Fifth graders are completing their amazing Escher tessellations using organic shape, pattern, and repetition. Finally, Fourth grade artists have been trying their hand at linear perspective and space by drawing a stack of gift boxes!



4th Grade Linear Perspective



Masterful Music

By Caitlyn Grubbe, Choral Instructor

On Monday, Oct. 17th, a select group of Hiram Elementary 4th and 5th grade students led by their music teacher, Ms. Caitlin Grubbe, participated in the Northwest Georgia Choral Festival at Shorter University. Before the day of the festival, Ms. Grubbe led 5 rehearsals to prepare the students ahead of time, working on the music after school on Tuesdays. The day of the festival, the group took a bus to Rome (practicing the songs on the way), and the students combined with many other students in the Northwest Georgia area to work with a special conductor, Dr. Patty Nelson. Dr. Nelson rehearsed the music with the students

all day long to prepare for the evening concert for their parents.



After rehearsing with the conductor all morning, the students had some time on their own. Ms. Grubbe took her students on a tour of the campus – she knows all the cool spots since Shorter is her alma mater. Then, the students got to eat in the dining hall like real college students!



Enjoying time as College Kids at Shorter!

Dramatic Devices

By Jennifer Grazer, Drama Director

The past few months with the Drama Department at Hiram High have been extremely eventful. At the end of October, a dramatic double-whammy occurred with the *Haunted House* and *Region One-Act Competition* being scheduled on the same day! Talk about a performance marathon.



Haunted House 2016

Haunted Hiram 2016 and its Creepy Carnival frightened over 250+ guests as the major fall fundraiser for the Drama and Engineering departments. This marks the third successful collaboration between these two disciplines with more partnerships on the horizon.



The terrific *One-Act Play* cast of the production *Third Class* represented Hiram High the GHSA 5-A Region Competition at Woodland High School in Cartersville. The performance was an audience favorite and received very positive feedback from evaluators. The link below is a compilation of various scenes from the show:

One-Act Play Highlights

<http://www.esenetworks.com/custom.asp?id=15424&menu=110062>

In November, the juniors and seniors in the Drama III & IV course, presented student-directed short plays for the school community. The event, entitled "Unsettled Realities", explored the performers' interests in alternative or dystopian situations and illustrated their growth in the drama program.

Student Directed Plays



The upcoming theatre happenings will certainly keep participants busy during the next few months. *Production for the Spring Musical, Thoroughly Modern Millie, has already begun, and the highly anticipated performances will be in April.* Hiram High will have several writers, speakers, and performers present at the school Literary Event auditions in late January and Region Competition in early March.



More Student Directed Plays



South Cluster News

by Shelley Patrick, AMS Choral Director

THE SOUTH CLUSTER IS ON FIRE!

The weeks between *Halloween* and *Christmas* are some of the busiest times for our visual and performing arts students. *There were art shows, Veteran's Day programs, honor chorus events, caroling trips, parades, and holiday concerts that showcased the wonderful array of talented fine arts students on the south side!* And just as soon as they return from the much-needed break, students will be well on their way to preparing for the next opportunity to share their immense talents.

Be sure to catch a show, concert, or stop by and browse the wonderful art work on display at our schools in the south cluster.

We look forward to seeing you!

Dugan Elementary

Art at Dugan is led by Ms. Elizabeth Diltz! Recently, Dugan art students completed a school wide study of pop art and the artist *James Rizzi*. Kindergarten and 1st graders made silly Rizzi-style birds, 2nd and 3rd graders



Veterans were honored on November 10th with the combined choirs of SPHS and Dugan Elementary!

made a simple pop art landscape followed by a more complicated Rizzi-style cityscape, and 4th and 5th graders made Rizzi-style the city scape, and then Rizzi-style self- portraits. After school fun included over a hundred students participating in holiday craft camp, where they made ornaments and other fun decorative holiday items.



1st Graders at Dugan made Rizzi-Style Birds

Music at Dugan is led by Ms. Clare Tate!

The Music Department at Dugan put on a fantastic Veteran's Day program on November 10th with the Spartan Singers, directed by Cindy Richardson, at South Paulding High School.



Dugan Elementary Chorus honors Veterans with beautiful music

The combined talents of our elementary and high school students honored our veterans and the result was something truly heartwarming and special.

Hutchens Fine Arts

Students at Hutchens Elementary have been busy performers and artists this past semester!

Music at Hutchens, under the direction of Ms. Karen Emerine, has been enjoying the holiday season! On December 16th, Mrs. Emerine's show choir students led a Christmas sing-a-long performance. The whole school

got into the holiday spirit by singing favorite Christmas carols! Show choir is now preparing for their spring performance of the musical *Aladdin*.

Art at Hutchens, with Ms. Heather Austin, have enjoyed some recent travel! On December 2nd, Mrs. Austin's 5th grade Art Club took a field trip to the High Museum of Art in Atlanta. They toured the museum exhibits and participated in hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math) activities. It was a great learning experience and an amazing way to show the connections between science, math, technology and the arts!



Hutchens Elementary Art Students enjoy a tour of the High Museum in Atlanta

COLLABORATION!!

The art, music and PE teachers at Hutchens are integrating lessons at each grade level this year.

A culmination of these student projects will be presented at a schoolwide performance titled *Make Your Mark*.

This event will take place on April 28th.

New Georgia Elementary

GOOOO New GA Bulldogs!! WOOF! The following students have been recognized for outstanding achievement in Art with Ms. Heather Talton!

- Abigayle Davis
- Aubrey Kerst
- Stela Evans
- Kaiya Linthicum
- Kaitlyn Gilpin
- Kevin Nguyen
- Ethan James
- Jennifer Salinas Munoz
- Kai Keller
- Abigail Waters

New Georgia Music, under the direction of Ms. Elizabeth Weathington, is busy!!

All New Georgia students performed in the 10th annual Veteran's Day celebration. Many local veterans attended the program and shared about their time in the armed forces. The 70-Member Bulldog Chorus had two wonderful performances of *Jingle Bell Jukebox - The Flip Side* in December. They are now working on a new musical to be performed on May 4th. The kindergarteners are also working on a musical that will be performed on March 30th.

At New Georgia Elementary all students sing, move, and play every day!



New Georgia Chorus!

UNION WILDCATS!

Art Studio News... The following students have been recognized for their outstanding achievement in art at Union Elementary!

- Brandon Jones
- Levi Purcell
- Michael Morris
- Gauge Smith
- Rylan Oetting
- Baylor Thomason

Austin Middle School

Fine Arts Programs

The Austin Middle School Bands, under the direction of Mr. Jonathan Brown, wrapped up the fall semester with a fantastic winter concert. Multiple students traveled to

Excel Christian Academy in Cartersville for District Honor Band Auditions. Austin had three students make the band along with two alternates.

Currently, AMS bands are pushing into the spring preparing the Austin Middle School Symphonic Band for Large Group Performance Evaluation in March.

The Symphonic Band will also be performing their pre-festival concert on Tuesday, February 28th at South Paulding High School.



Mr. Brown and the band at the Christmas Concert

In the Art Studio at Austin Middle, with Mrs. Ebert, students worked on sculptures during the second half of the semester.

Eighth graders made architectural letters and numbers with chip board, paper tape, and Dixie cups.



Architectural Letters and Numbers created by 8th Graders at AMS

Seventh graders created human sculptures out of packing tape and origami butterflies kept the 6th graders busy.

Human Sculptures by the 7th Graders at AMS





6th Graders created Origami Butterflies at AMS

Our new semester brings new students and new projects to the art room. **Many of our art works will be on display at the annual Night of the Arts at Austin on Thursday, May 11th.** You can also visit the hallways of Austin to see many of our students' art on display.

Chorus at Austin Middle, under the direction of Ms. Shelley Patrick, is a busy place!

Austin Middle Choruses put on an amazing winter concert and didn't disappoint with their holiday selections. **The 6th grade chorus made their debut performance and Austin Robinson was the star during his solo in *When Christmas Comes to Town* from the movie, *The Polar Express*!**



Austin Robinson singing *When Christmas Comes to Town*



Austin Middle School Choruses Holiday Concert

Twenty students from 7th and 8th grade attended the GMEA District 7 Honor Chorus in early November. It was a great experience filled with learning and fun!

The next two months are super busy for the Austin Chorus.

Austin Middle School is proud to recognize Rhianna McKinney for making the GMEA All-State Chorus for the second year in a row! Rhianna will represent AMS in Athens, GA in February!

Also in February, five of our 6th grade chorus students will represent AMS at the **6th Grade Statewide Honor Chorus**, also in Athens.

AMS 6th Grade Statewide Reps:

- Kyla King
- Olivia Barron
- Madison Beatty
- Andrea Ellis
- Anahjah Booker.

All chorus classes are now working toward their performances for **Large Group Performance Evaluation** at the end of March.

There will be a **pre-festival concert, in conjunction with the Spartan Singers at South Paulding High School on Tuesday, March 14th!**

Scoggins Bands

The Scoggins Middle School Bands, under the direction of Mr. Mark Legear, is comprised of approximately 140 members in grades 6-8.

AWARD WINNING!

- The concert band consistently receives superior ratings at Large Group Performance Evaluation.
- The concert band has received Gold/Superior ratings at the Southern Star Music Festival.
- In April 2016, the band received the Sweepstakes Award for having the highest score of the 15 middle school bands performing at the festival.
- In December, Scoggins Middle School Band had 15 students audition for the **GMEA District 7 Honor Band. Nine students** were selected to participate in this honor band.

This semester, students will participate in District Honor Band, Large Group Performance Evaluation, Solo & Ensemble, Scoggins Talent Show, Paulding County Fine Arts Day, Southern Star Music Festival and 3 school concerts.

Be sure to check the Paulding County fine arts calendar for dates and times of these events.

The Fine Arts Programs of

South Paulding High School

Fine arts students from all disciplines could participate in the **SPHS Collaboration of the Arts** that was held last semester. There were amazing artists and performers featured at this event.

The Collaborative efforts of the entire Fine Arts Department at South Paulding High School is second to none!

- D.J. McConnell, Director of Bands
- Bethany Nickelson, Assistant Band Director
- Cindy Richardson, Director of Choral Activities/Musical Theatre
- Joshua Baines, Theatre Director
- Dawn Sellers, Art Teacher
- Emily Doster, Art Teacher



Artists featured at the annual Collaboration of the Arts at SPHS

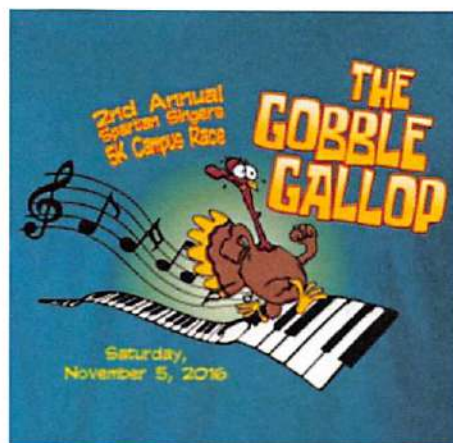
This December, the Spirit of South Paulding participated in the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Christmas Parade. You may have even see them on TV! Way to go Spirit!



In February, the band will be traveling to Orlando to perform at **Disney's Magic Kingdom**. It is sure to be a trip of a lifetime for many of the students!

The Spartan Singers are also preparing for Large Group Performance Evaluation and will perform a pre-festival concert in conjunction with Austin Middle School on Tuesday, March 14th in the SPSHS auditorium.

The South Paulding High School Musical Theatre Department is preparing for its spring musical, *Mary Poppins*. Auditions begin in early January and the show will run April 27th, 28th and 29th.



Spartan Singers held their annual Gobble Gallop in November!



Gobble Gallop Medalists

Central Cluster News

by Shea Roberts, HJMS Choral Director

ELEMENTARY ART NEWS – CENTRAL CLUSTER

Nebo Elementary School

Nebo Elementary Art Teacher, Latessa Spivey, and her student, Rhyse J., celebrated her top ten award for the *National Celebrating Art Competition*!



Ms. Spivey and Rhyse



Rhyse's Award Winning Piece



Nebo 4th Grade Artists!

These fourth graders used texture plates to create beautiful backgrounds for their works.

Poole Elementary School

At Poole Elementary School, the Trailblazers have been on Fire this year with their Art Teacher, Meredith Lowe! Recently, Kindergarten learned about *Paul Klee* and created their own line drawings, and later explored the world of paint and color mixing! First grade loved learning about *Henri Matisse* while creating their own Matisse masterpieces! They had a blast mixing the primary colors to make secondary colors! There is nothing better than seeing children light up when they make new discoveries!



First Grade Matisse Masterpieces at Poole

Second and Third Grade students have worked hard producing beautiful weavings at Poole. Fourth and Fifth Grades have been working hard on their gesture drawings for their *Keith Haring Unit*! They spent a day watching PE classes to see movement and practice drawing!



4th and 5th Grade Gesture Drawings

Art at Herschel Jones Middle

8th Graders and Art Teacher, Ms. Jordyn Kerr at HJMS have been hard at work creating with clay!



Student Clay Creations



Herschel Jones Middle School Music Programs are ON FIRE!!

Herschel Jones Middle School Chorus has been hard at work all semester long! With an incredibly successful October Concert, the December Concert proved to be no different! On December 13th, *HJMS Chorus* packed out the *PCHS Auditorium*, standing room only, and presented a festive and delightful musical performance. In addition to preparing concerts, students have participated in *GMEA District 7 Honor Chorus*, *The Northwest Georgia Choir Festival* at *Shorter College*, special performance for *HJMS Community Thanksgiving*, and participated in the first ever *8th Grade Chorus Night* at *PCHS* hosted by *Ginger Corley* and the *PCHS Chorus*.



8th Grade Chorus in Concert, December 2016



Grace Notes & Selected Students perform at HJMS Community Thanksgiving



6th Graders with their favorite teacher, Ms. Roberts at NWGA at Shorter University



District 7 Honor Chorus Students & Mrs. Roberts

Students are continuously seeking performance and musical growth opportunities. In February, Mrs. Roberts will travel with over 40 seventh and eighth grade students to *Berry College* for the *First Annual Berry College Middle School Choir Festival*. Also in February, 5 sixth grade students will be performing as part of the *GMEA 6th Grade State-Wide Chorus*. In conjunction with *PCHS*, selected *HJMS* students will perform in the spring production of *The Addams Family*. Further, in April, 35 eighth grade students will travel to *Walt Disney World* to be part of a performing arts workshop at *Epcot*.

HJMS Chorus will present one more all grade level concert this year on Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the *PCHS Auditorium*. Admission is always free and all are welcome to attend!

In December, the *HJMS Band* had their annual **Christmas Concert** at *Paulding County High School*. Students performed a variety of holiday tunes including an audience participation version of Leroy Anderson's classic *Sleigh Ride*.

In addition to the Christmas Concert, *HJMS* welcomed a very special guest to their band room. *Rob Opitz*, director of bands at *Reinhardt University* spent the day working with students across all three grades. Our students thoroughly enjoyed learning from a university professor.



Top: Mr. Roberts leads the Christmas Concert.
Bottom: Mr. Rob Opitz, director of bands at Reinhardt University leading students at HJMS

Lastly, Mr. Roberts wants to congratulate 8th grader Matthew Burger for being accepted into GMEA District 7 Middle School Honor Band. Matthew plays tenor saxophone and will represent HJMS well at District Honor Band in February at Ringgold HS.

Paulding County High School

The latter half of the semester continued to be exciting at PCHS!

Paulding County High School Theater, under the direction of Mr. Matt Pavlak, participated in the Region One Act Play competition on October 29 at Woodland High School. Their play was *Conform!* by Reid Conrad. *Conform!* is an absurdist farce which takes place in a park where three men in boxes comment on humanity and the passersby who frequent their territory. They urge one and all to conform to the constraints of society, but in the end, it is they who must practice what they preach.

Chorus students, under the direction of Ms. Ginger Corley, from PCHS participated in the District Honor Choir on November 1. Held at Woodland High School, the students had the opportunity to rehearse with students from other high schools across Georgia and perform in a concert at the end of the day.



PCHS Chorus Students

The Beginning Guitar class at Paulding County High School, under the direction of Mrs. Krista Berezo, presented a Mini Concert on December 9. The students, who just started learning to play the guitar in August, played several songs for the Beginning Chorus and Music Theory classes.



Guitar with Mrs. Krista Berezo

The Georgia Southern University Wind Ensemble visited PCHS on December 12 and performed a program of works by Percy Grainger. After the concert, band students were given an opportunity to talk with and ask questions of college students and faculty members.

Juliana Thomas, Paulding County High School Art Teacher was awarded the Art Access Grant from the High Museum. Not only will students get their tickets and transportation paid for, but they also will receive a "Welcome Back" card to bring their entire family back to the museum for free! **Big thanks to The High Museum for their generous gift!**

Paulding County High School's Art program is partnering with the *Memory Project* again this year doing portraits for orphans from Columbia and Syria. The *Memory Project* is a charitable nonprofit organization that invites art teachers and their students to create portraits for youth around the world who have faced substantial challenges, such as neglect, abuse, loss of parents, violence, and extreme poverty. For the art students, we want this to be an opportunity to creatively practice kindness and global awareness.

The Music Dept. at PCHS Brings Holiday Cheer!

The Music Department at PCHS was very busy during December, entertaining the community and spreading Holiday Cheer! Concerts by the Band and Chorus, the annual community production of *The Nutcracker*, and the Pride of Paulding Marching Band's traditional participation in the Dallas Christmas Parade kept students, directors, and parents busy all month long!



Top Left: *The Nutcracker*, Top Middle: Band Christmas Concert, Top Right: Dallas Christmas Parade, Bottom: Chorus at the Holiday Concert

PCHS Spring Production *The Addams Family*

Looking ahead, PCHS is proud to announce their Spring Production of *The Addams Family*! The show will be co-directed by Drama instructor Mr. Matt Pavlak and Choral director Ms. Ginger Corley. The cast and crew will feature 45 PCHS students and 10 HJMS Chorus students, and will begin rehearsals in January.

The Addams Family features an original story, and it's every father's nightmare. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family – a man her parents have never met. And if that weren't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before – keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's 'normal' boyfriend and his parents.

East Cluster News

by Stephen Hendricks, EPHS Director of Bands & Michelle Lokhorst, Director of Choral Programs

The Addams Family will be presented at Paulding County High School. Show times for the 2017 production will be 7:00 pm on April 20, 21, and 22 and 3:00 pm on April 23. Tickets will be \$7 and will be sold at the door.

McGarity Music



Mr. Gaddis working with students on music literacy

The music department at McGarity Elementary School, with Mr. Daniel Gaddis, will be getting ready for the 5th grade Spring Musical: *Cinderella Kids!* In the general music classes at McGarity, boom whackers, dancing, and performing Orff pieces will be the main points of focus for January-March.

Abney Music & Art

Art at Abney with Ms. Van Wyke

Adventures in Art Annual Art Show will be on March 21st from 5-7pm in the gym. The 5th grade Abney Art Club made up of 50 creative artists have been very busy working with clay, paint, and oil pastels.



5th Grade Art Club at Abney

Music at Abney with Ms. Barber, Ms. Miller, & Ms. Baker

The Christmas Chorus Program sponsored by Glee Barber and Mary Baker was a beautiful night of holiday song which also included a recorder ensemble, Orff ensemble, and a performance by special guest, Abraham Ogunlade.



Special Guest performer, Abraham Ogunlade, at Abney's Christmas Concert

Roberts' Music Notes

The Roberts Rocket musicians, under the direction of Ms. Cheryl Walburn, are soaring into 2017 with lots of excitement! In the classroom, we are continuing to learn through singing, listening, creating, moving, and playing! We always have lots of FUN while we learn!

Congratulations to our 2017 Honor Chorus representatives: Emma Ashworth, Abbigayle Chapman, Evelyn Miller, Chloe Pergrem, Halle Wade, and Molly Willingham.

Each year, outstanding 5th grade chorus students are chosen from each elementary school in the county. This is quite an honor and we are so excited that they will be representing us! **PCSD Elementary Honor Chorus will perform on Saturday, March 11th at 5:00pm at East Paulding High School.** Come on out and help us support them!

The Rocket Choir – the Spring 2017 edition – will be soon starting rehearsals and preparing to shine! **The first performance will be at the Paulding County Fine Arts Day on Saturday, March 25th at Paulding County High School.** This is going to be an AWESOME community-wide festival-type event that you DO NOT want to miss! In addition to various, wonderful student performances throughout the day, there will also be student artwork on display, a professional art auction, various crafts, activities, food and lots of FUN! **The Roberts Elementary School Concert this year will have a camping theme.** Come on

out and join us around the “campfire” on Tuesday, April 25th at 7:00pm!

EPMS Chorus News

The East Paulding Middle School Chorus, under the direction of Ms. Nikki McLeroy, is getting back into the swing of things by preparing for LGPE and school-wide talent show this quarter. That includes more emphasis on sight singing and in-depth rehearsals of repertoire.

The EPMS Pre-Festival Concert is March 7 at EPHS Auditorium.

EPHS Fine Arts

The East Paulding High School Chorus Program, under the direction of Ms. Michelle Lokhorst, was busy during the month of December.



Our fierce leader, Ms. Michelle Lokhorst!

On top of preparing for our yearly holiday concert we were also preparing to sing in **Disney's Candlelight Processional.** The chorus went to Disney the 1st 4 days of December!



EPHS Chorus at Disney's Candlelight Processional with Whoopi Goldberg in December

On December 3rd, we performed and our guest narrator was **Whoopi Goldberg!!** Whoopi turned around at the end and gave the kids a thumb up. We also had a **celebrity sighting; Neil Patrick Harris.** He was the narrator the day before and several of the kids saw him riding **Rockin' Roller Coaster.**



EPHS Chorus at Disney, December, 2016

Singin' for our Supper....um, we mean *Breakfast!*

Our A Capella Chorus sang for their breakfast at the Paulding Wellstar Hospital's staff holiday breakfast! It was great fun to share the holiday spirit!



EPHS A Capella Chorus at Wellstar Paulding

LGPE

Large Group Performance Evaluation

a.k.a. *FESTIVAL!*

The EPHS Chorus and Band will be preparing for Large Group Performance Evaluation. East has 4 choirs that will perform at LGPE. Band will have 2 groups participate. During this time, chorus will focus on sight singing and preparing 2 require pieces. At the high school level one of the pieces must be sung a cappella. Band will focus on sight reading and preparing 3 required pieces.

EPHS Bands!

East Paulding High School Bands, under the direction of Mr. Stephen Hendricks and Mr. Michael Thomas, are busy this winter!

EPHS Winter Guard is performing at the WGI Regional Competition in Pensacola Florida, February 25th.

EPHS Theatre Department

This is a busy time of year for Drama at EPHS, under the direction of Ms. Britt Hensley!

The *Musical Theater class is currently working on Anything Goes*. Our Thespian Troupe is preparing to go to the Georgia Thespian Conference Feb. 9th-11th. The Acting Class is working on a children's show. There will also be a movie night and an improve night as fundraisers for the drama department.

PERFORMANCE DATES at EPHS

January 20 at 7:00p.m. - *Anything Goes* - Tickets \$7

Jan. 21st 2:30pm & 7pm - *Anything Goes* - Tickets \$7

Jan. 22nd 2:30pm - *Anything Goes* - Tickets \$7

Feb. 3rd Movie Night - wear your PJ's, have hot chocolate and popcorn in the drama room (Tickets \$5) Showing of the movie *Frozen* in the theater at 6:30pm

Improv Night: Feb 15th at 7:00p.m. Tickets \$5 Theme is LOVE
March 7th Pre-Festival Chorus Concert, time TBA

March 9th Pre-Festival Band Concert 7pm

March 15th-17th Band LGPE

March 17th at 7:00p.m. - Children's Show *The Jungle Book* Tickets \$3

March 18th at 3:00p.m. & 7:00p.m. - Children's Show *The Jungle Book* Tickets \$3

March 28th-30th Chorus LGPE



We couldn't help but show Ms. Lokhorst enjoying a beautiful day at Disney with the Chorus in December!



EPHS Drama Department is Preparing for their upcoming musical *Anything Goes!*



EPHS Winter Guard Prepping for their WGI Regional Competition

#PAULDINGFINEARTS IS ON FIRE!



PCSD Fine Arts Teachers Go Above and Beyond



PCSD Students Involved in the Fine and Performing Arts Spend a LOT of Extra Time in Rehearsal and Preparation – and the LOVE IT!!

Dedication

Teachers in the Fine and Performing Arts of PCSD are dedicated to excellence in the classroom and spend a lot of personal time working nights and weekends providing extra instruction, rehearsal time, and special opportunities to allow their students to grow and develop their talent and skill.



Students are encouraged to follow their passions and expand their knowledge. Above, a student at Hiram High works on his keyboard skills in a differentiated environment as Ms. Geana Gault provides a private space for this advanced keyboard student to work.

Commitment

Most of the PCSD Fine Arts Teaching Staff is actively involved in leadership opportunities within the PCSD, the community, and their respective religious organizations. It is hard to find a more committed and dedicated group of passionate and encouraging adults to work with the students of Paulding County Schools!



100%

In Paulding, Elementary Students are ALL involved in music and art instruction in the Kindergarten-5th Grade with most schools offering extra-curricular activities for students in the fine and performing arts after or before school as well.



Over 60%

Of all students enrolled in PCSD High Schools are involved in a fine or performing art course or extra-curricular activity at some point during the school year!

Richland Creek Reserve Art Competition Winners



RICHLAND CREEK RESERVOIR
Water for Today and Tomorrow

From: *Laurie E. Ahmore, P.E.*

Director, Paulding County Water System

Thank you for preparing and submitting artwork to your teacher for the Richland Creek Reservoir (RCR) Program Paulding County Art Competition! We appreciate your efforts and the time you took to think about the importance of water and the importance of the Richland Creek Reservoir to Paulding County! You are certainly helping us to spread the word to our community.

Four judges reviewed the top three entries per grade level that were submitted to us from your school, and after much discussion and debate, we selected the top three entries in each grade level from across ALL Paulding County Schools. It was not easy because all the submissions were so wonderful.

We will be displaying images of the entries submitted to us on the RCR website www.RCRwater.com. Come visit our website to learn more about RCR!

Thank you again for your interest in water and the Richland Creek Reservoir Program and hope to see you soon as we continue to bring information to you about this special program that is important to the future of Paulding County and to the state of Georgia!

Kindergarten

- 1st Place – Carolina Robinson, Union Elementary
- 2nd Place – Rylei Nooks, Burnt Hickory Elementary
- 3rd Place – Natalia Salas Carillo, Burnt Hickory Elementary

1st Grade

- 1st Place – Alyssa Wagner, Nebo Elementary
- 2nd Place – Kaelyn Demartini, Burnt Hickory Elementary
- 3rd Place – Kelsey Jinks, Nebo Elementary

2nd Grade

- 1st Grade – Lucas Pittsley, Allgood Elementary
- 2nd Place – Ivy Robertson, Allgood Elementary
- 3rd Place – Zirui Jiang, Allgood Elementary

3rd Grade

- 1st Place – Brinlee Shafer, Burnt Hickory Elementary
- 2nd Place – Mason Idol, Burnt Hickory Elementary
- 3rd Place – Zach Glater, Allgood Elementary

4th Grade

- 1st Place – Abby Daniell, Allgood Elementary
- 2nd Place – Lea Forrester, Allgood Elementary
- 3rd Place – Abby Colville, Burnt Hickory Elementary

5th Grade

- 1st Place – Kaitlyn Bolas, Burnt Hickory Elementary
- 2nd Place – Makenna Bell, Nebo Elementary
- 3rd Place – Meredith Peterson, Burnt Hickory Elementary

7th Grade

- 1st Place – Dylan Carder, PB Ritch
- 2nd Place – Alana Russell, PB Ritch

8th Grade

- 1st Place – Blessing Adusei, PB Ritch

Mark Your Calendar - Fine Arts Day 2017 is Saturday, March 25

The annual Fine Arts Day will be bigger and better than ever this year with several changes! This year, our event will be held at the Paulding County High School on Saturday, March 25 from 9:00a.m. until 6:00p.m. The official schedule is still being formed and more details will be available soon; however, you want to go ahead and mark your calendars for this landmark event as we work to bring the excellence of the fine and performing arts of Paulding County Schools to the community!

Nothing is more satisfying than watching our students showcase their talents to the community! Make plans to come out and encourage our students and teachers on this day!



**INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING AS A
COMMUNITY PARTNER, DONATING ARTIST,
OR VENDOR?**

Just a few of the changes this year:

- Art Auction to raise funds for scholarship opportunities for graduating Seniors entering college to study a fine or performing art discipline
- Food Trucks and Vendors
- Activity Booths for Kids
- Large Art Show of Student Work
- Audience Choice Awards for performers and for artists with work on display
- Community Relations

Please contact Katie Anderson at kanderson@paulding.k12.ga.us if you are interested in joining in on the fun! We are looking for artwork to be donated to the art auction, vendors, volunteers, and more!

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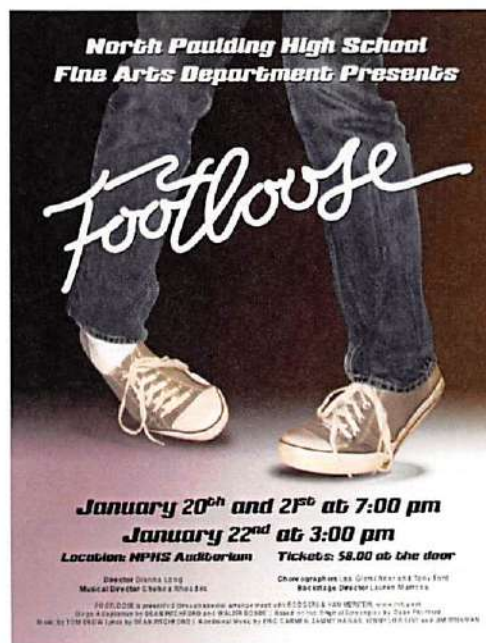
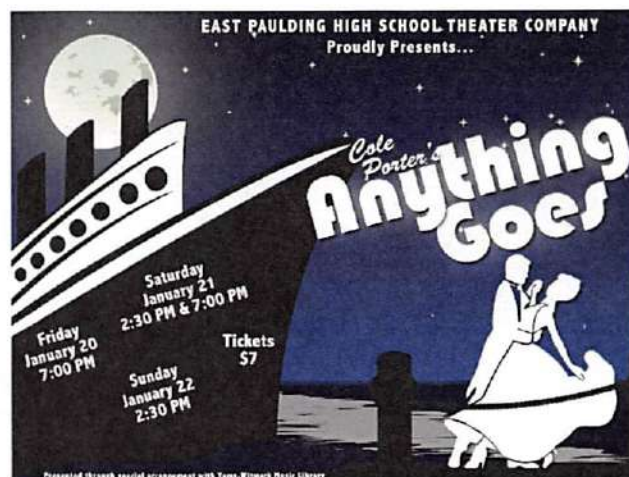
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empower students,
and to engage our
community

Upcoming Musicals

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THESE PERFORMANCES



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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