

FINE ARTS



ART

Painting, Painting, Painting! Everybody is painting.

Sixth grade is practicing mixing colors in tempera paint and creating abstract trees.

Seventh grade is reviewing the color wheel and color schemes and creating a geometric design.

Eighth grade reviewed parallel perspective and is applying it to a painting.

BAND

Another busy Spring awaits the Central Middle band program!

PCMS saxophonists took part in a clinic with world renowned Chilean saxophonist Melissa Aldana in mid-February, sponsored by Jazz St. Louis.

The seventh and eighth grade bands will participate in the Suburban Band Festival on March 5th and 6th. The students have been perfecting their music, and recording and critiquing their performances to prepare for this festival.

Sixth grade band is starting work on ensembles and music for our spring concert.

Parkway All District Middle School Band will be held on April 9th. Students invited to participate will receive a letter from the District Fine Arts coordinator.

Jazz Band will perform at the Greater St. Louis Jazz Festival on Friday, April 12.

Information for the Suburban Solo/Ensemble Festival (Saturday, April 13 at Holman Middle School) will be sent home in early March. The deadline to register is Wednesday, March 15.

The Eighth Grade Band, Choir and Honors Orchestra will travel to Branson April 25-26 (Thursday and Friday) to perform together.

Our Spring Band Concert is Wednesday, May 1, in the Atrium. Beginning Band will perform at 6:30 pm, and Junior Band, Concert Band and Jazz Band will perform at 7:30 pm.

CHOIR

Central Middle Choirs are gearing up for a very busy and exciting month! March brings the SLSMEA Large Ensemble Festival, commonly known as "Contest." Students will have the opportunity to perform for a panel of judges who will rate them on their skill level, professionalism, and sight-reading ability.

Field trips for this event will take place on March 11th and 12th. Afterward, each choir will stop for a bite to eat in the food court of West County Center. Permission forms and \$5 are due to the school store by Monday, March 4th.

After Contest is done, we start preparing for the Spring Choir Concert. Mark your calendars: it is on May 15th!

ORCHESTRA

Happy Spring! Even if it's not officially here there are so many signs of spring already in view here in the orchestras at Central Middle. We are preparing for Large Group Festival, Solo and Small Ensemble Festival, The All District Concert March 12th, Six Flags, Branson, and, of course, our final concert of the year May 2nd which is going to be a blockbuster!

If you have never experienced a Parkway School District All District Concert you have missed out. The next big All District event happening this year for orchestra will be March 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Charles Family Arena. We are excited about the new venue for the All District Orchestra concert and know that you will enjoy it greatly. Also new this year for that event are admission tickets. Tickets are \$3 each, all General Admission, and must be purchased in person at the school store; there are no online sales. Please speak with Mr. McKinney for details.

The performance will feature all fifth grade, eighth grade and Senior High Students in one concert, culminating in everyone performing together. This is a wonderful concert that truly shows the amazing talents of our students and the progress they have made in their years in the Parkway orchestra program. Also, don't forget about our final concert on May 2nd at 7 p.m. at Central Middle It will be an *explosion* of musical triumph. ;-)

THEATRE & VIDEO PRODUCTION NEWS

Theatre students are hard at work being brave, taking risks, and allowing the unexpected!

Sixth Grade Exploring Theatre Arts

Since we finished our unit on the Fundamentals of Group Work, we have been working on creating new and updated costume, makeup, set, and publicity designs for *Shrek: The Musical*. Students are having a blast coming up with original ideas! In our next unit, we'll work on acting and production.

Seventh Grade Creating Theatre Artists

Seventh Grade students began the year by building Ensemble through Improvisation. We're now learning how to develop excellent acting skills. We're looking forward to adding technical design and implementation to the assignments and then finishing the semester by working on scripts written by other people.

Eighth Grade Theatre Production

Students have been having a great time learning ever more impressive acting, directing, and design skills. We've been alternating scene performances with technical design projects. All this work is setting us up for producing our own class play at the end of the semester.

Eighth Grade Video Production

Students in the Film Making portion of Video Production have been learning about how to shoot and edit films. Their first project, "The Door Scene" was a great success! We're now learning how to incorporate green screen technology and Foley sound effects into our digital storytelling.