

FINE ARTS



ART

Welcome new 6th, 7th and 8th graders to Central Middle!
The only materials needed for all Art classes are pencil and a plastic eraser.
I am looking forward to meeting you.
Mrs. Mordica

BAND

We continue to provide world-class opportunities for our band students at Central Middle. Here are some events that took place in April:

-The All-District Middle School Band concert on April 9 at Missouri Baptist University was outstanding. Congratulations to the students who participated!

-Our Jazz Band performed and attended clinics at the Greater St. Louis Jazz Festival on April 12. The featured headliners were Diva Jazz Orchestra and the Ultimate All Stars Big Band. Students performed onstage at the Touhill Performing Arts Center, and worked with multiple Grammy Award-winning saxophonist Aaron Lington in a clinic.

-Several students participated in the Suburban Solo and Ensemble Festival at Holman Middle School on April 13.

-Our Concert Band, Concert Choir and Honors Orchestra traveled to Branson April 25-26 to perform. Congratulations on an outstanding trip!

Our Spring Band Concerts will be held on Wednesday, May 1. It will be an evening of great music by the Beginning Band at 6:30, followed by the Junior Band, United Sound, Concert Band, and Jazz Band at 7:30. Ted Drewes Frozen Custard will be sold at the concert while supplies last!

Incoming 6th Graders: Welcome to our awesome band program! We would love to see you at our May 1 concert. Please refer to our band webpage <https://sites.google.com/a/parkwayschools.net/pcmsbands/> under "6th Grade Beginning Band" for instrument and supply information for next year!

CHOIR

Field Trips

The end of the year is always a busy time for PCMS Choirs! Our eighth graders had a great time in Branson, where they performed in a professional theater setting. After their performance, they got to spend the day at Silver Dollar City exploring the theme park.

Seventh Grade had a wonderful field trip as well: the Six Flags Music Festival was a huge success! The performances took place at Eureka High School, and everybody had a great time riding the rides at Six Flags!

Spring Concert

This year's Spring Choir Concert is on May 15th. A note will be sent home with all choir students with the details for the concert. Don't forget to bring cash for Ted Drewes Frozen Custard!

Next Year

We are already gearing up for next school year: Stay tuned for information about our performance at Busch Stadium in the fall!

ORCHESTRA

May is here and that means concert time! We will have ours here at Central Middle on May 2nd in the Atrium starting at 7 p.m. Get here early so that you can eat Ted Drewes! and see the slideshow of things we have done this year. It will be a great evening of music as we celebrate all that the students have accomplished this year. I want to say thank you again to our community for giving me this opportunity to teach orchestra here. The students and faculty are amazing and I couldn't be happier as an orchestra director. In April I had the opportunity to visit our elementary schools here in the Central area and hear their strings concert. We are so fortunate to have these amazing teachers and students who are so passionate about what they do. I look forward to many more great musical endeavors together and hope to see everyone on May 2nd. Don't forget about our Parkway Strings Camp happening this summer. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/parkwaystringscamp2019>
If I don't see you again have a great summer and make sure to keep up your practicing!

THEATRE & VIDEO PRODUCTION NEWS

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

Sixth Grade Exploring Theatre Arts

We've been having a good time learning the process the actors go through to create interesting characters and play out exciting scenes. Ask your student about the Stranded Scene!

Seventh Grade Creating Theatre Artists

After taking a brief detour into the world of tech and design, we moved into our final unit on Scripted Scene Work. Students performed excellent scenes from the play, *The Mystery of the Suffocated 7th Grader*, that included creating sets to help establish the location. We're now working on extended scenes with small groups that also include intentional technical work.

Eighth Grade Theatre Production

We're so excited to finally be working on our class play, *I'm a Teenager, Get Me Out of this Family!* The students went through the process of choosing the play, and after doing some play analysis are now working on its production.

Eighth Grade Video Production

We've been working hard at putting together individual segments for our class news broadcast. Students chose topics of interest, did research, conducted on-air interviews, and are now editing the segments. Once finished, we'll put all the segments together into one final broadcast. Ask your student about his or her topic!

After-School Play Productions

I'm thrilled to announce that we've secured the rights to perform *Frozen, JR* as our all-school musical for next year! The show will be in late November with auditions in early September. Look for more information in August! Additionally, we will be performing the all-school play in late February 2020; however, that show hasn't been chosen yet.