

FINE ARTS



ART

Eighth graders are working with colored pencils. They are learning to blend and match, as well as create tints and shades. They are creating realistic drawings of snack items.

Seventh graders just completed the color unit. Their beautiful abstracts with achromatic, monochromatic and analogous color schemes are on display by the art room. We are currently drawing outside this week while the weather is nice.

Sixth graders have been anxiously awaiting the return of their clay artists. They are now glazing their sculptures, and, after the glaze firing, they will be on display in the library.

BAND

United Sound is making great progress! This group provides the opportunity for peer mentoring of new musicians by our seventh and eighth grade band members. United Sound members will perform as part of the Eighth grade Concert Band during our December 6 concert at PCH.

The Eighth Grade Concert Band is preparing patriotic music to perform on November 12 for the Veterans Day Celebration.

Seventh Grade Junior Band members are preparing music for our concert December 6.

Sixth Grade Beginning Band members are preparing to learn music for our concert December 6. It will be their first ever band concert - very exciting!

Jazz Band will meet on MONDAYS this year starting with our first meeting on Monday, November 12. We will begin working on selections for performances in the Spring at the jazz festival and school concerts.

The order form for a music department polo shirt was sent home in late October for students who are needing the shirt for our concert. Orders will be due November 9.

We are excited to announce our spring trip with the Concert Band, Concert Choir, and Honors Orchestra. The trip is Thursday, April 25-Friday, April 26 to Branson. Students in those groups received a trip packet. The second deposit is due in November.

Our Central Area Band Concert (all PCMS bands) will be held Thursday, December 6, at Parkway Central High in the gym.

CHOIR

The eighth grade choir had a fantastic performance at the Parkway All-District Choir Festival, where they sang with students from each Parkway Middle School and each Parkway High School. It was a night full of wonderful music.

We have many upcoming performances that we are very excited about:

7th grade choir will be performing at the CHS Madrigal Dinners on November 30th. More information will be coming home on this as it becomes available.

8th grade choir will be performing for our Veterans Day assembly on November 12th.

All choirs are also preparing for our Winter Concert on December 11th at 7:00 pm. Be sure to mark your calendars for this concert where your students will perform the many things they have learned this year in choir.

ORCHESTRA

Central Middle has been and continues to be such an awesome place to work. It is so great to be working with this group of students and making this great music come to life. Our first concert of the year was a huge success thanks to the dedicated fine arts team and administrators we have here at Central Middle as well as our amazing parents. Thank You!! We couldn't do it without you! From everyone in the main office, to the counselors, to the custodians and everyone in between that continues to be so supportive, I feel incredibly fortunate to be here and have the opportunity to perform with these students.

I also want to congratulate our students who are participating in All Suburban Orchestra. The concert for these groups will be January 5th at Ritenour High School. Visit www.slsmea.com for more info.

Our next Central Middle concert is just around the corner. Join us December 4th in the Atrium for our annual winter concert. This year's concert will feature lots of classical favorites on the program so we hope to see you there.

THEATRE & VIDEO PRODUCTION NEWS

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

6th Grade Exploring Theatre Arts

After spending some time designing original costumes, sets, and makeup for an updated production of *Shrek: The Musical*, students are now learning some fundamentals of acting. Ask your student about how important it is to believe in a character or situation!

7th Grade Creating Theatre Artists

We have been spending several months honing our acting skills through improvisation as well as rehearsed scenes. We'll spend a bit learning about the technical side of theatre and then finish

our semester by putting it all together with performances in Scripted Scenes that include their own technical designs and implementation!

8th Grade Theatre Production

This wonderful group of students have learned some important acting skills, how to be a director, and how to create designs for a show. Very soon we'll begin our final project in class which is our class play. We will have a student director, technical director, and stage manager as well as student actors. Everyone will work together to choose the play, rehearse it, and present it for an invited audience. It's going to be a great time!

8th Grade Video Production

We've been learning about the fundamentals of planning, shooting, and editing great films. Projects this year have included everything from demonstration films that show the different shots, angles, and movements of a camera, to short films and even news broadcasts. Students have learned to work together and have found ways to share the workload.

All-School Musical

Put it on your calendar! *Bye Bye Birdie* is coming to PCMS on November 8-10, 2018 at 7 pm in the Atrium. Tickets are \$5 and are available for purchase from the school store or at the door on the nights of the show. What would you do if your favorite music star was retiring from music, but first was going to come to town to visit YOU? Kim MacAfee gets to experience this in the delightful story of *Bye Bye Birdie*. You're sure to love the 1950s songs and delight in the craziness that happens when a major celebrity visits this minor town in Ohio!