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# Art Integration

@ Harding Middle School



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## What is Turnaround Arts?

Turnaround Arts is a national program by the Presidential Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, in coordination with the White House, the U.S. Department of Education and several foundations, to bring arts education programming and resources to elementary and middle schools across the country.

## Why the Arts?

Decades of research show that arts-engaged students perform better than their peer. For example, recent studies show that students that participate regularly in the arts are more self-confident and better able to express their ideas, have higher attendance and high school graduation rates and are more likely to go on to a four-year university, graduate from that university and go on to a career with potential.

## What does this mean for Harding Middle School?

Your students at Harding Middle School will benefit from enriched arts programming, community teaching artists interaction on and off campus and rigorous, engaging, higher-level thinking strategies and projects using creative problem solving in their core content curriculum.

For more information visit <http://turnaroundarts.pcah.gov/>  
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## October AI Events

Harding Middle School Students have hit the ground running enhancing the arts programming at Harding Middle School.

- Band students have experienced visiting teaching artists from Chicago and locally.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade music and orchestra students participated in a music and storytelling lesson presented by the Fifth House Ensemble from Chicago.
- Local Mosaic Muralist, Concetta Morales, has taken up a teaching residency at Harding to create a student- created mosaic mural as a lasting art piece to welcome visitors to our school.
- The Arts Alive Performing Arts Troupe has been hard at work for their first thrilling performance taking place at 12:15pm on

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