

Arts Happening



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Teaching Artists on Campus

Warren G. Harding Middle School has started our second year as a Turnaround Arts School with a bang! Our Turnaround Arts

Artist Kal Penn visited Harding in late September. Mr. Penn taught alongside 8th grade Civics teachers Mr. Klimowski, Mr. Gianaras and Ms. Reynolds to help students use collaboration and theater skills to demonstrate their

knowledge of civic values of justice, liberty and equality. Students and staff really enjoyed the connection Mr. Penn made between learning and the arts. Check out pictures on the Harding website or our Flickr page!



Teaching Artist, Actress and Poet, Yvette Zarod Herman, completed a four week residency with 7th grade Literacy students to apply movement, meaning and theater skills to poetry throughout their study of poetry. Student wrote collaborative or individual poems, recited cold reading and applied their bodies and voices to communicate meaning to an audience during in class poetry slams.

Kennedy Center Teaching Artist, Randy Barron, visited classes in each grade level in his first visit to help students apply their B.E.S.T. behavior while learning. Mr. Barron teaches instructional strategies that integrate dance skills, helping students to collaborate and become aware of learning through use of their Bodies, Energy, Space and Time. Mr. Barron will be teaching staff and students on Harding's campus two additional times this school year through Harding Middle School's collaboration with Des Moines Performing Arts.

Community Arts Experiences

It is part of our initiative in learning through the arts for ALL Harding students to attend an arts event in the community to connect and deepen their learning in the classroom.



The WGHS Fine Arts teachers and student artists would like to thank all who supported and participated in our second annual Fine Arts Night on October 15. Families, friends and art enthusiasts packed our auditorium with more than 450 people attending our 6pm performance. Thank you for supporting the arts!

Upcoming Arts Events

November

13-14: Harding Fall Play "The Crazy Mixed Up Island of Dr. Moreau" and Improvopalooza

December

8: Band and Orchestra Winter Concert

15: Choir Winter Concert

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Wednesday November 4, the **7th grade class** will attend the Soweto Gospel Choir performance at the Des Moines Civic Center. Students will be integrating their learning of African geography, trade, culture in their global studies courses to African gospel music and music's role in social change.

Thursday November 12, the **8th grade class** will attend The Shape of A Girl: A Play about Bullying and Bystanders performance at and citizenship, literacy skills of analyzing how dialogue and

Get Involved!

Sign up to be a volunteer. Visit the dmschools.org, select the parents tab, select volunteer!

Join the WGHMS Creative Council. Harding Staff members meet the first Monday of the month in the Art Room. We would love for family member to join us to grow learning through the arts at Harding! Contact Ms. Cassie Kendzora for more information 515-242-8445 or Cassandra.kendzora@dmschools.org

events more a story forward and provoke character decisions into a live theater arts performance.

Fill out permission forms and return to the main office with a \$1 donation for ticket costs! See Ms. Kendzora with questions!

Want to Learn More?

Check out Arts Integration at Harding Middle School <http://echarding.dmschools.org/> or follow #hardingartsdsm on instagram, facebook and twitter!

Check out More on Arts Integration in Des Moines Public Schools at the Following Link: <http://artsintegration.dmschools.org/>

Walls Talk: Visible Learning Scavenger Hunt

This year Harding Middle School will be looking at all our learning and goals with a growth mindset. Watch us grow through learning through the arts! SEE what we are learning and value on the walls.

Complete the following and post to Instagram, facebook or twitter with #hardingartsdsm for a chance to win a prize from the wolfpack swag shop!

- Take a selfie with an artwork in the Harding halls that shows what it means to be a Timberwolf.
- Post a picture of an artwork at Harding that inspires you.
- Post a picture of a student artwork and comment what you think that student is studying.



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- Take a selfie of your favorite location at Harding. Comment why that is your favorite spot.
- Post a picture of a Harding student creating art, theater or music after school.

Finished? Tell Ms. Kendzora!



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