

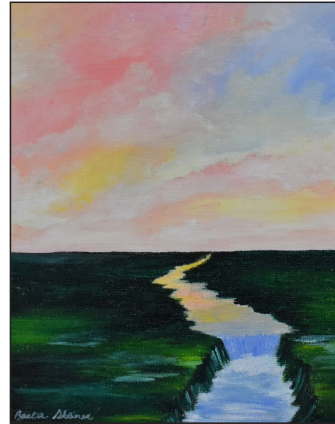


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New Hose Elementary art teacher exhibits artwork in Indy

This fall Hose Elementary welcomed a new art teacher, Beata Steiner, to its staff.

While this is her first year in the Crawfordsville School Corporation and first year in Indiana, it is her sixth year of teaching art. She previously taught in private and charter schools in both California and Arizona.

Even just starting in October, Steiner has said the Hose and school corporation atmosphere has been welcoming and friendly.

Her art expertise comes with recent recognition as her artwork was selected as part of the College Football Playoffs Foundation art exhibition in partnership with the Arts Council of Indianapolis, 2022



Beata Steiner

College Football Playoff Indianapolis Host Committee, and the Indianapolis Airport Authority.

The groups were specifically seeking art educators' personal work for a \$100 prize to winners and \$100 to their school art program.

One of Steiner's paintings will hang at the KIND Gallery at the Indianapolis Airport from December 12 until June 2022.

Two more paintings will be at the Indianapolis Artsgarden from January 7 through the 24th. Her paintings will also be included in the digital exhibition at the airport, also in January.

Steiner said she often checks the Indy Arts Guide website, which is part of the Arts Council of Indianapolis. The site offers a variety of information about exhibits in Indianapolis and throughout the state. She

said she saw this opportunity and decided to go for it!

Her reward is now also Hose Elementary's reward too! Steiner is unsure how she'll specifically use the \$100 for the art program. Since she's a new teacher, she is still becoming familiar with what the school already has. She will soon "think about what fun extras I can get for projects," she said.

Steiner truly enjoys teaching art and witnessing the students' creativity and excitement to the subject.

"The younger ones are especially easy to amaze with new techniques and supplies and it is so cute to watch their eyes light up," she said.

Steiner and her family moved to Crawfordsville in June 2020. She and her husband, Aaron, have been married for almost 14 years. They

have four children, Emily, 10; Kaison, 6; Isaac, 5 and Brielle, 3. She noted, "We have been blessed to call Isaac our son through adoption."

While her kids keep her busy, she said they also spend a lot of time fixing up their house. They also enjoy hiking and being outdoors as a family. "When I have free time, I like to paint and draw, of course!" she said.

In 2019, other pieces of her artwork have also been shown and sold at the First Fridays Art Walk while living in Phoenix, at the Arts Council of Indianapolis' exhibit, "TINY Art Show," and at the winter market at the Indianapolis Art Center.

You can view more of her artwork on Instagram, "Beata Steiner Studio", or check out her blog, www.amongtheglitter.com, that features arts, crafts, and other creative-living ideas.



West Central Indiana CTE visits CHS

Students across Montgomery and Boone County recently had the opportunity to explore technical education programs that are offered through the West Central Indiana Career and Technical Education (CTE) Co-Op. Due to COVID protocols, in-person recruitment had been limited for two years, but each partner high school was able to showcase 13 different programs offered to 11th and 12th graders in the local community.

Program instructors were pleased to return to a bit of normalcy by getting approval to exhibit for 8th, 10th and 11th-grade students. Students were able to meet CTE instructors and ask questions, while also trying a variety of hands-on experiences like practicing on a virtual reality welding simulator, practicing on-camera interviews with Radio/TV students, outfitting themselves in firefighting gear, styling mannequin hair with cosmetology students, and performing CPR scenarios on dummies with the CNA instructors.

CTE Director Sara Nicodemus said eighth graders will have an opportunity to take CTE classes next year as freshmen. "They may have taken a CTE class in middle school without realizing it," she said. "The high school hour-long electives are frequently in the areas of Agriculture, Business, Family & Consumer Sciences, and Engineering Technology." The shared variety of courses through West Central Indiana CTE are open to juniors and seniors.

"As a career cooperative, the four school corporations (Crawfordsville, North Montgomery, Southmont, and Western Boone) are able to provide a larger variety of programs than they could individually. Students enrolled in the program are already increasing the size of their professional network through participation in one of our CTE programs," Nicodemus said.



Hoover movie night a big hit!

Hoover Elementary's Student Council hosted a very successful family movie night on Friday, Dec. 10 at Hoover. More than 200 Hoover students and their families were able to enjoy a free movie, purchase food and raffle tickets for prizes such as science and art activity kits, wall decor, plush toys, and more. Jimmy Johns partnered with the student council to donate 50% of sandwiches for the event. The Student Council raised nearly \$500 hosting the event and raffle. Proceeds will benefit Riley Hospital for Children and other local community and school projects decided on by the Student Council throughout the year.

Harris and Hensley continue Christmas-time tradition

A long-standing tradition of nearly 15 years was back again this week as fifth grade students from Ms. Harris' class and kindergartners from Mrs. Hensley's class celebrated together this week with various Christmas activities.

The Hoover students traveled to the kindergarten classroom to have some fun, create relationships, and, of course, create Christmas activities and memories. This year the students paired up to make a gingerbread craft, read books, and play various board games.

"I love seeing the kiddos I previously had in class and I think the 5th graders enjoy being role models for kindergarten



students. They are so patient with them and many remember doing this fun day when they were in kindergarten," Hensley said.

Hensley also said Ms. Harris usually brings a special surprise like having her

class sing songs or even perform short plays, often with props too!

"This is one of my favorite activities we do before break and I am so happy we could make it happen this year," Hensley said. The transportation department and the administrators have both been very cooperative and made sure we got to do it again."

The 5th grade students also enjoyed the day! Ellie Perry said she especially liked playing games and thought the kindergartners were a lot of fun.

Graye Jeffries said, "When they would laugh, it was the most wonderful thing I've ever heard!"



Indiana Rising Stars recognized

The Indiana Association of School Principals, through its Department of Student Programs, is proud to recognize the 1,000 juniors from 256 schools. The Class of 2023 is surely promised success with these scholars. We congratulate these young people on all they have already achieved, as well as offer support and encouragement as they continue their accomplishments and expand their knowledge, growth, and leadership skills well into the future. CHS students who were recognized as Rising Stars are pictured with CHS principal, Jay Strickland, (left to right) Sadie Walker, Christen Saunders, Halle Elliott, and Abbie Lain.



CHS Athenians County Champions

Girls win all 12 events; Boys win 11 of 12

Both the boys and girls swimming and diving teams are the 2021 Montgomery County Champions. This marks the 8th straight title for the boys and the girls regain the title previously held in 2018.

The girls team won all 12 events while the boys won 11 of 12.

Three county records were also broken

during the meet. The 200 medley team of Whitman and Marshall Horton, Evan Chaney, and Tristan Callejas swam 1:38.40 which broke the previous 1999 record of 1:40.99. Individually, Marshall Horton broke the 100 freestyle record with a time of 48.35 and Whitman broke the 100 backstroke record with a time of 53.11.



Horton is 2022 Lilly winner

Congratulations to senior Athenian Marshall Horton who has been selected as the 2022 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar. Marshall is the son of Bobby and Naomi Horton. He will receive four years of full tuition at the Indiana college or university of his choice, along with a \$900 yearly book stipend. Read more about Montgomery County's newest LECS recipient at www.mccf-in.org/mccf-names-2022-lilly-endowment-community-scholar

Sugar Creek Classic Champions



CMS Show Choir performs

CMS Show Choir had a great performance in December at the Mistletoe Music Festival at the Indy Artsgarden.



Photos by Susan Ehrlich

The Athenian basketball team defeated both North Montgomery and Southmont to win the 15th Annual Sugar Creek Classic. This marks the 4th classic championship for Crawfordsville. The atmosphere was electric with a great CHS student section and Friday night's band section featuring members from all four Sugar Creek Classic schools. Top right: Senior Ian Hensley prepares to drive to the basket. Hensley was named MVP of the all-tournament team. Bottom Left: Alex Kellerman puts up a shot through two defenders. Kellerman was also named to the all-tournament team.