

COLOR & CHORDS

Celebrating the Fine and Performing Arts in the Medford Public Schools

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Student Spotlight: Nicole Craddock

In this issue we caught up with Senior Nicole Craddock who shared a little bit about their art and art making process.



Digital illustrations by Nicole

How long have you been making art?

I have been making art ever since I can remember. When I was little I always loved the idea of making whatever I could imagine. Back then I never thought I'd still be making art today but I'm so glad I followed my passion.

What inspires you?

Many things inspire my art. My father has Alzheimer's and I express my life experience through my art and characters. As a black queer person, it's sometimes really hard to find representation, so I make my stories and characters like me and many others that need representation.

Who are your favorite artists?

Several artists inspire me and make me feel a part of a community every time I open up Instagram. On Insta I follow @cherrysart @meicrosoft @laproxie @marsoids and many more! Including me- @starrylaughter2

What is your favorite kind of art to make?

My favorite kind of art to make is illustration, character design and graphic novels.

Do you plan to pursue art after graduation?

I do plan on pursuing art after high school. I got accepted into Lesley University and the illustration program! I can't wait to see where this next stage of life takes me. I want to make people smile.

Eager to see even more Amazing Student Artwork?

Visit our new online art gallery on the MPS website! You can find the gallery pages under FINE ARTS or in the STUDENTS AND FAMILIES section for each school. visit www.mps02155.org to check it out!

**MHS
Drama
Club**

SPRING MUSICAL

URINETOWN

APRIL 27,28, @ 7 PM.

APRI; 29 @ 2 & 7PM.

Tickets will be sold in Room C212 or at the door. You can also email rjones@medford.k12.ma.us to reserve tickets

\$15 FOR ADULTS \$10 FOR STUDENTS





GOING TO DISNEY OVER APRIL BREAK?

LOOK FOR THE MEDFORD BAND WHO WILL BE PERFORMING AT DISNEY SPRINGS ON SATURDAY APRIL 15TH AT 12:30

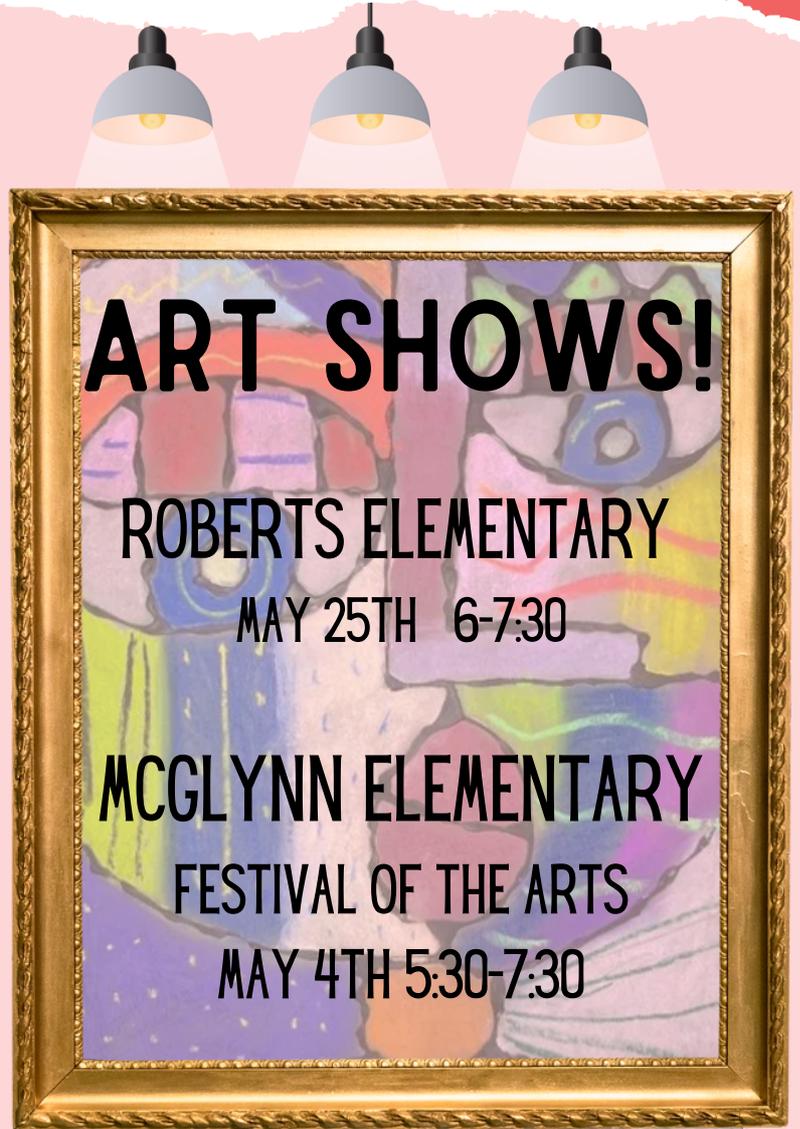


This past January Professor Regina Milan from Graphic Design and Illustration program at UMASS Lowell came to speak to our Art and Graphic Design students. She talked about the program offerings as well as different careers paths in the Graphic Design and Illustration field.



Big News!

Our Winter Color Guard hosted a home NESBA show on Saturday February 4th at Medford High School. They placed first and remain undefeated! We wish them luck at their Championship Finals on April 1st.

ART SHOWS!

ROBERTS ELEMENTARY
MAY 25TH 6-7:30

MCGLYNN ELEMENTARY
FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS
MAY 4TH 5:30-7:30

SPRING CONCERTS

- WED. 5/3: MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA
CHEVALIER THEATER
- WED 5/10: 4TH-12TH GRADE BAND
CHEVALIER THEATER
- TUES 5/16: 4TH AND 5TH GRADE STRINGS
MCGLYNN SCHOOL
- WED 5/17 4TH AND 5TH GRADE STRINGS
MCGLYNN SCHOOL



Our Fine and Performing Arts students gave visual art and music demonstrations for our incoming 9th graders. Our MHS artists and musicians were proud to showcase one of the best things at MHS- the amazing arts programs!



Freshman Jayden Vil is a violinist in the MHS Orchestra. He auditioned and was selected from hundreds of students in our area to participate in the Junior Districts Festival at the beginning of March. Bravo, Jayden!



Our Elementary Winter Concert in January featured the Roberts Handchime Ensemble, our Elementary String Program, and the Select 5th Grade Band. A huge thank you to the directors, James Connors, Emma Baptist, Sophia Chang, and Christine Froomer for all of their hard work in preparing our students!

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



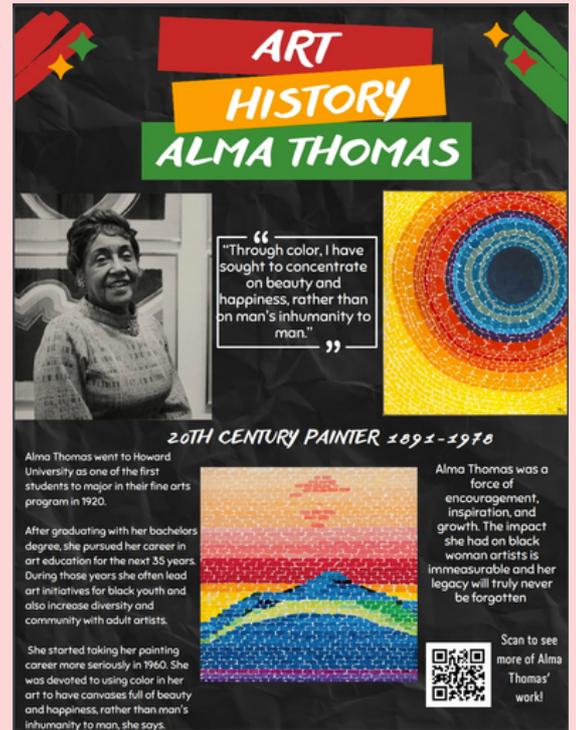
MHS HAS NEW PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB HEADED UP BY THE AMAZING MR. KAIN! ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME- NO EXPERIENCE OR EQUIPMENT NECESSARY

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MHS's Modern Music Ensemble Performed at MMEA. In addition, Andrew Soule's original composition was recognized by MMEA's Contemporary Creator's Festival! All seven students participated in a composition and songwriting forum that included feedback on Andrew's work from composition and songwriting professors from Berklee, UMass Lowell, and the Boston Conservatory!



Students from Mr. Kain's Art & Ideas classes made awesome Black Art History Month Posters.



Under the direction of Kristen Turner, Brooks families and students were treated with two astounding musical performances. There was an all school Winter Assembly in February and an adorable Kindergarten Music Showcase in March. We are looking forward to the next show!

BROOKS MUSICAL PERFORMANCES





**Scholastic
Art & Writing
Awards**

We are really proud of this
years Scholastic Art and
Writing Awards winners:

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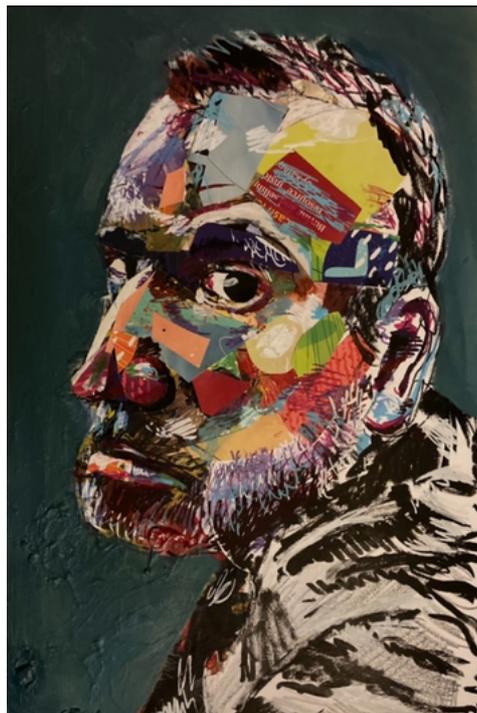


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- 1. Stella Heinegg- Honorable Mention Ceramics and Community Service
- 2. Abigail Sloan- Silver Key "Follow the Yellow Brick Road"
- 3. Ethan Soule- Honorable Mention "Materialism"
- 4. Julia Hanratty- Silver Key "Water Droplet Leaf"
- 5. Maggie Fowler- Honorable Mention "Climatis Post"
- 6. Dakota Mahoney- Honorable Mention "Drained" "
- 7. Lillian Verhagan- Gold Key and American Visions Nomination "A Glance Back"
- 8. Riz Shrestha- Honorable Mention "Halloween"

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