

NMUSD Arts Update

by Tamara Fairbanks

Happy New School Year



Our Arts department in NMUSD is very excited to begin a wonderful exciting new school year. During our professional development on August 18, we discussed how we use our skills as educators in the arts to bring a sense of belonging to all students.

The first part of our discussion was about our goal of arts literacy. We discussed how diverse materials and events bring a better understanding to the literacy of our art.

We then took it a step further and evaluated the wonderful backgrounds that we bring to our students, and how we share ourselves in our work. Once we know what we are bringing to our students, it allows us to open ourselves up to finding ways they can express themselves in their work. The events we are bringing have this in mind.

Field Trips Are Back

We are excited to work with our arts partners this year on our field trips for elementary grades. We are beginning our field trip season with our **Lyons Air Museum** Field Trips for 6th grade students. The museum has been great in providing our students with a rich history of World War II underneath the backdrop of the many vehicles used during that time period. Field trips for this will begin every Tuesday and Thursday from October 11 - April 6.



South Coast Repertory is also providing us with a wonderful theater experience of Snow White. November 15 and 17 are our Newport-Mesa days for our 3rd grade theater experiences.

The Philharmonic Society of Orange County is now back to their regular programming for their concerts for 5th grade, music mobile and other programs to enhance student learning. We are excited to get back to our new normal.

Arts Events at a Glance

September

9/22-23	Fall Dance Show	CMHS	7 pm
9/29	BackHaus Dance	CdM	8:45 am

October

10/6	Fall Vocal Concert -NHHS	NHHS	7 pm
10/8	South Coast Invitational	CMHS	7 pm
10/8	OC Rollabout Festival	CMHS	All Day
10/12	Fall Instrumental Concert	NHHS	7 pm
10/12-13	The Tempest	CMHS	7 pm
10/27-30	She Kills Monster	CdM	7 pm
10/28-30	Julius Caesar	NHHS	7 pm

November

11/3 -4	Dance Show	CdM HS	6:30 pm
11/3 -5	Willy Wonka Jr.	CMHS	7 pm
11/4-6	Julius Caesar	NHHS	7 pm
11/12	CSBC Marching Band Championships	NHHS	All Day
11/17-18	Show of Hands	CdM MS	7 pm
11/17-19	Little Women	Estancia	7 pm
11/20	National Portfolio Day	All Art Students	All day
11/30	Mesa Wonderland	CMHS	5 pm

December

12/2	Winter Vocal Concert	CMHS	2 pm 7 pm
12/7-8	Instrumental Music	CdM	6:30 pm
12/8	Songs of the Season	CMHS	5:30 pm
12/14	Sounds of the Season	CMHS	6 pm
12/15-16	It's a Wonderful Life	CMHS	5:30 pm
12/16	Bite Size Theater vol. 3	CdM	7:00 pm
12/19-23	Snoopy House	CM City Hall	6-8 pm

All events are on our Arts Events Calendar on www.NMUSD.us/arts.
Events will be updated on a regular basis

Good to Know

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Grant Opportunities

Directions for Change

\$1,500 Mini Grant for schools, community organizations, and youth clubs to participate in Directing Change Program - a film and art contest about mental health and suicide prevention.

Apply here:

<https://directingchange.org/2023-directing-change-mini-grant-application/> Questions?

Email devin@directingchange.org

[NAEF Grants Program](#) click here

Strike up the Band

Strike Up the Band is the Philharmonic Society's grant program that creates meaningful impact in school music programs by directing funds to specific needs of the ensemble or music class. School music directors, principals, teachers, or any other interested parties are invited to apply for grants to enhance and grow existing music programs and provide for the creation of new music programs.

Applications for the Strike Up The Band grant are open to music programs of any genre and size in Orange County. Schools may apply for grants valued up to \$10,000.

School Opportunities

Disorganized Depictions-

Disorganized Depictions is a mural advertising agency on a mission to eliminate the starving artist mentality and create bold murals across the country in varying school districts and with the world's leading companies.

When working with schools, we create an art asset to renovate a wall on campus while teaching students not only how to paint murals, but how to exercise important business skills as a professional artist. This includes teaching students how to market themselves, sell art, and become a professional in the world of freelance.

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Class Act is Back!

Applications for our elementary school partnership program (Class Act) are now available. For more info, check out our [website](#)!

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Our Name Change

Lead by the state of California, the name for "VAPA" (Visual and performing arts) is now named "Arts". The state has made this change within the past year, as well as our county offices. The reason for this change is quite simple. As more options for creative professions and practices are creative and expanded, so should our view of arts.

Yes, we still maintain that we are performing and visual, but we cannot deny that we are also applied. The realm of being artistic encompasses so many different attributes and mediums, the state of California, as well as the Orange County Department of Education, has decided that the term Arts is the more inclusive term to describe all subject matter that is creative both visually and performance related.

Mission Statement

Our mission statement stands on the ideal that “All Students Tk-12 at Newport-Mesa Unified School District will experience all forms of the arts throughout their entire experience, that resources are provided to all students regardless of socioeconomic background to ensure equity in the arts education and exemplify the innovation, commitment, and passion that allows us to share the moniker of “The City of the Arts” as stated in the Costa Mesa motto and the “Supporter and Lover of the Arts” as exemplified by the city of Newport Beach.



Departmental goals

As professional educators and artists, we have opportunities to connect, and empower the students and communities that surround us. Our collective art brings voice to our communities and gives our students the path to express themselves in the most beautiful way.

As professionals, we allow students to step out of their comfort zones, to discover their passion, and gain confidence. The therapeutic nature of what we do brings us joy as we see our students develop in the most organic way. Our work creates a safe space for students to celebrate their gifts, their culture and passion for life.

We are collectively asking Newport Mesa Unified School District to invest in our students in the same way we as educators have invested in their lives. To successfully achieve our mission, we have decided on these focus areas of improvement:

- Technology that caters to the industry that we prepare our students for, and the personnel needed to aid us in our goal of achieving 21st century skills.
- Intentional Integration of arts at the elementary level including, but not limited to, STEAM activities that will allow the standard driven education of art, dance, music, and drama at the Tk-6 grade level.
- More resources for our schools to promote the arts and elective courses within our communities. We need to concentrate more arts teachers at the middle school level to ensure that there are personnel dedicated to art, vocal music, instrumental music, theater, and dance.
- Acknowledgement of the incredible growth and opportunities we have created for our students and the continuous work we are doing to make our district a leader in the arts.

NAEA Awards Due October 1



Each year the NAEA Awards Program offers the opportunity to nominate outstanding art educators in all Divisions and Regions, and from each state and province for national recognition.

Download the 2023 NAEA Awards Program Booklet

The 2023 awards deadline is Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 11:59pm ET.

[Click here to submit a nomination](#)

Arts Funding Slide Deck

In regards to the California Budget 2022-2023, we can simply say that this is the year for funding and arts education in California! The four arts organizations (CAEA, CDEA, CTEA, CMEA) have joined efforts and co-created a slide deck to ensure arts educators have the necessary information to access funding for arts education, materials, and professional learning.

Why look at the slide deck? To...

- learn about current and possible future funding opportunities in California
- find money for music programs and materials, and support students as well as our professional growth
- share information with everyone
- be informed and advocate

Click here to [view the information and share the content \(information and slides\) with key parents, administrators, board members, superintendents, and educational partners](#). You can also view this on CMEA's website at this link.

Arts Spotlight



DANCE

The Performing Arts Season Begins

The performing arts season has begun with our Fall Dance production "Dedicated". These student choreographed dances amazed the audience in the Costa Mesa Performing Arts Center on September 22 and 23.

Not only is it an amazing feat to perform in the 5th week of the school year but to have such creative energy at the beginning of the year is astounding.

Thank you Cynthia Kaska for your hard work!

VISUAL ART

National Portfolio day!

Students will receive one-on-one feedback regarding their art portfolios in preparation for college admissions. On **November 20th**, students will ride from Costa Mesa High School to the Glendale Civic Auditorium to meet with college and career professionals for an event that brings them the tools to showcase their work.

Thank you to Keli Marchbank for organizing this wonderful trip.



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INFORMATION

<https://web.nmusd.us/arts>

Arts Spotlight



BACKHAUS DANCE INSPIRING STUDENTS

In the Q&A session, student asked many questions regarding their process and college and career preparation. NMUSD looks forward to more rewarding experiences that inspire students to express themselves creatively and understand the many careers that are related to the arts.

DISTRICT PARTNERSHIPS

BackHaus Dance Residency

Throughout the month of September, Backhaus dance had their residency with CdM High School Dance . This culminated in an assembly where the students learned the creative decision making process in developing choreography.

Jennifer Backhaus, the founder, breaks down the elements of an 18 minute choreographed piece. In her discussion were movement vocabulary, spatial relationships, solo, due and trio collaborations, and the use of music in relationship to movement.



If you missed this event, you can see Backhaus dance work with our students again with Dance for Kindness at Sonora Elementary School this spring 2023.