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Teacher Spotlight: Jim Connor

Saying Goodbye to Our Beloved Roberts Music Teacher



The Arts Department would like to acknowledge and thank Mr. Connor for his 19+ years of dedicated service to the students of Medford Public Schools. In addition to teaching General Music, he also has assisted with the Elementary Band Program and is the founder of the Roberts Trombone and Hand Chime Ensembles. Mr. Connor made a big impact in our community, not just through his teaching but also by his sunny disposition, his fun ties and colorful sneakers that always delighted his students and by sharing his love of gardening with the Roberts Community. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors!

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Thank you to all of our schools and students who participated in all of our city wide Memorial Day Assemblies and events. It is important to remember those who served and we are proud to use our skills to honor these heroes!

Mini Gallery at the Bistro!



Bistro 489, the Cafe run by Chef P and his culinary students now has a mini art gallery which will feature artwork from MHS students on a rotational basis. Thanks to Mr. Fallon and Chef P for supporting this initiative!



Thank you!

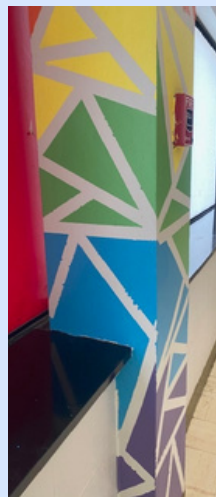


Ms. Shanley, the PTO and the talented artists at the Roberts put on an incredible art show in May. With tons of beautiful art to enjoy and lots of fun activities to participate in, it was a night to remember. We are so lucky to have such amazing art teachers here at MPS!



NAHS *Update*

Our National Art Honor Society students have been working on their art-based service projects all year. Members implemented a variety of service projects- murals, "yarn bombing", jewelry making, crafts projects for Kids Corner, just to name a few. Members will be looking to take on new projects in the Fall. If you are a teacher who has an art based need for next year, reach out to Mrs. Fee to set something up!



BROOKS KINDERGARTEN *showcase*

Congratulations to Ms. Turner and the Brooks Kindergarten for an amazing Music Showcase! These students dazzled the audience with their renditions of some music class favorites and spectacular kazoo skills!



Let's give a big shout out to our amazing Mustang Winter Guard for placing first at NESBA Championship Finals. With their highest score to date, and after an undefeated season, they are this year's 2023 Scholastic Regional A Champs! We are so proud of your hard work and dedication!



AP DRAWING EXHIBIT



Riz Shrestha *Creative Immigrants*



Neha Mankekar *Moon Garden*



Dakota Mahoney *Girlhood*



Ian Zotter-Barlow *Who is Watching?*



Abigail Sloane *Blue and Green*



Ethan Soule *Escape*

This past May, Ms. Van Aken's AP Drawing Portfolio students curated an exhibition of their art for display at MHS.

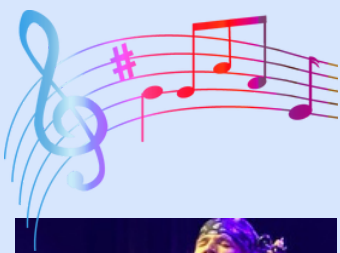
Students, families and staff were astounded by their work. The full exhibit is posted on our online gallery. Click on each artist's name to be taken to their full gallery.

The Band Goes to Disney



After 52 hours on a train, a thirty minute performance, seven days of fun, six parks including Disney and Universal Studios, three birthdays, a 2 hour workshop and one trophy, the Medford Band completed the trip of a lifetime this past April. We would like to thank everyone who made it possible, especially our MPS nurses, Medford BPO, Bennett Student Travel, the Medford School Committee and all of our incredibly patient and resilient chaperones!

SPRING CONCERT SERIES



Our Spring concert series was a smashing success! The multi-day event was held across various school and off-campus venues, and each show was brimming with elated friends and families. Students showcased their talent in various music genres, and wowed the audience with the skills they honed throughout the year in their instrumental classes.



MHS PHOTO CONTEST:



MHS recently sponsored a photo contest that was open to all students. Professional photographers served as our guest judges. While there was no preferred topic or theme for the contest, judges considered all entries for their **impact, originality or creativity, technique, and composition.** Special thanks to the Medford educational Fund for providing the grant for the photo printer for the Photography club. A large number of our student photographers worked with Mr. Kain to print their photos for the exhibit and without that access, many would have not been able to participate. Also, sending a huge **Thank you to Ms. Van Aken for organizing this contest and exhibit!**



Clockwise from the top: 1st place Hannah Sophia McLaughlin *Calm Before the Storm*, 3rd place Conor O'Leary *Steaming Through Time*. 2nd Place Nate Tacey *After Hours*

[Click here](#) to be taken to the full online exhibit!

SIX FLAGS PERFORMANCE



In May, the Medford Mustang Marching Band and high School Orchestra attended a Music in the Parks Competition at Westfield State University and Six Flags New England. Both groups received first place trophies in their divisions! Congrats!

The Arts Department would like to congratulate all our graduating seniors. We were excited to see members of the National Art Honor Society, Marching Band, Orchestra, Art Club, Ceramics Club, Drama Club and Modern Music Ensemble cross the stage to receive their diplomas. We wish continued future success to these artists and performers as well as all the other graduating Mustangs!

