

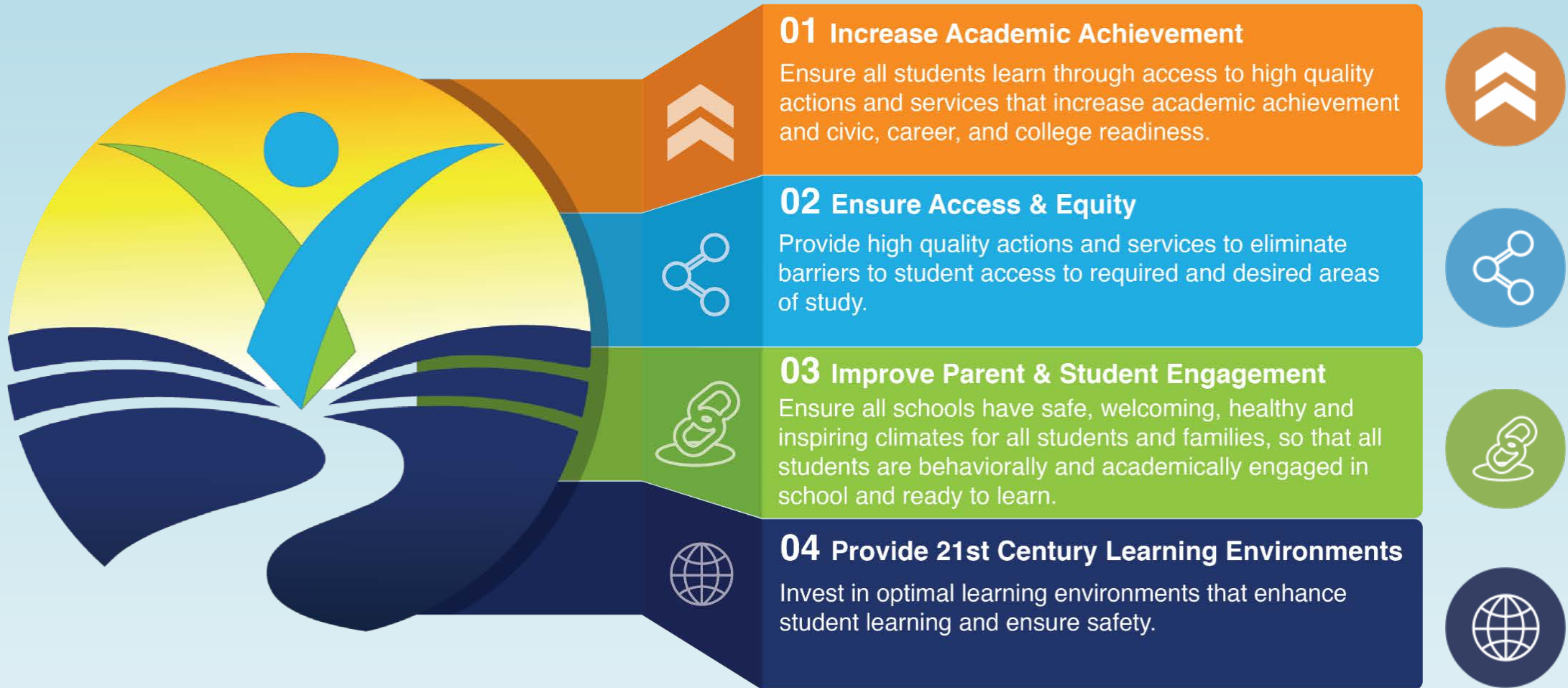


The Arts In LESD

2022-2023: The Year So Far



District Goals.





VAPA

COVID
Mask or no mask?
In-person or virtual?
Indoor or outdoor events?

Student placement

Planning

Budget
restrictions

Academic recovery
process from the
Pandemic

Rain

Scheduling

Need for
differentiated
education

Ongoing technological
upgrades

Arts providers rebuilding
their programs

Challenging student behavior

Ordering process

Contracting
deadlines

Insurance
requirements



TROUGH A DISTRICTWIDE COMMITMENT TO THE ARTS AND TEACHERS' DEDICATION
LESD CONTINUES TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING:

P. S. ARTS

Three-months rotations of Music, Theatre, and
Visual Arts at each elementary school

VAPA TEACHERS

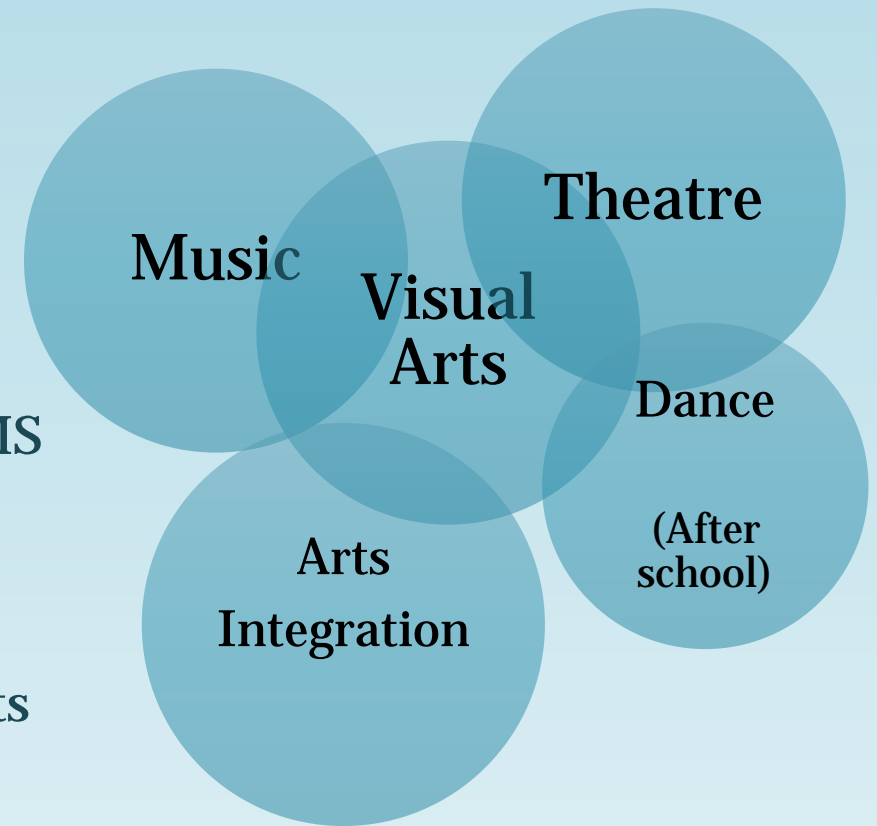
- Full-time Music Teacher at JAMS and WRMS
- Full-time Visual Arts Teacher at JAMS and WRMS

ARTS INTEGRATION

- Professional development for all teachers
- Professional productions presented to all students
- Follow-up activities in classrooms

RAP

After-school programs in Dance and Music
(More about the RAP programs in May with Dennis Howard)



*Professional Development Workshops for all teachers + Professional Productions for all students
+ Follow-up activities in the classrooms*



22-23 Highlights

Puppets & Players Little Theatre:

Puff the Magic Dragon

Elementary schools

Core message:

You have inner strength

You are creative

“The most powerful magic of
all is your imagination!”



Anderson Elementary – 3/20/2023



Twain Elementary – 4/18/2023

*Professional Development Workshops for all teachers + Professional Productions for all students
+ Follow-up activities in the classrooms*

22-23 Highlights

UniverSoul Hip Hop

Middle Schools



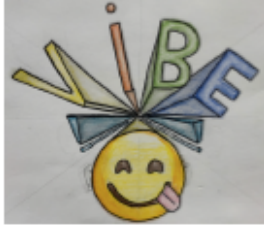
Core message:
Community, Unity, Peace, Love



Issue No. 3 | Jan. 3, 2023

Art Newsletter

Hello Rogers Community! This is the first Art Newsletter of 2023! Enjoy the outstanding works of our art students in Ms. Kneisley's art classes. Wishing you a creative and positive New Year!



"I made this drawing purely out of something that I felt would suit me, it's the time I have to 'vibe' or relax while I just enjoy life. I enjoy music so I added the airpods in the emoji. I put in meaning to the drawing because that's what I think art means, a chance to show your feelings." -Toan Hang (8th)

Student Shout-outs!

Shout-out to four stellar students: Ashlyn Hermosillo, Sharon Martinez, Juno Dieguez, and Viana Nguyen for their excellent technical drawings. These students designed and drew and colored all the details of their "Dream Bedrooms" using One-Point Perspective. This drawing technique requires a ruler and very precise lines to make objects look three dimensional. From bunk beds, skylights, gaming setups, and wall decor, students turned their ideas into magnificent drawings!

Roger's Art Club



Roger's Art Club meets Monday's after school from 3:00-4:00pm in Room 5.

If your student is interested in joining Art Club please have a parent/guardian fill out the permission slip. [Click this link for permission slip](#) or have your student stop by room 5 for a paper copy!



Ashlyn Hermosillo, 8th Grade



Sharon Martinez, 7th Grade



Juno Dieguez, 8th Grade



Viana Nguyen, 8th Grade



Issue No. 5 | March 2, 2023

Art Newsletter

Hello Rogers Community! Thank you for reading and taking a look at the outstanding works of our art students in Ms. Kneisley's art classes. Art teacher, Ms. Kneisley creates the letter with input and collaboration from her students.



Bruno Gallegos, 8th Grade

Student Shout-outs!

Shout-out to five awesome art students: Heidi Bedoya, LaBre Catchings, Bruno Gallegos, Toan Hang, and Sahayra Mariscal for their outstanding effort and creativity on their art projects for Black History Month. Students designed an album cover to celebrate a Black or African American musician of their choice. This project required students to use mixed media in which students had to choose two types of materials to create their artwork. Some students even went above and beyond to create a vinyl record to go along with their albums! Student artworks are on display at the Library-- stop by to view these amazing works of art!



A group of 6th grade friends proudly show off their Jean-Michel Basquiat inspired artworks and hand-made crowns. (Left to right: Linh Nguyen, Camila Pastrano, Daniela Casco Rivera, Makai Smith, and Mariah Gonzalez.)



Heidi Bedoya, 7th Grade



Sahayra Mariscal, 7th grade



LaBre Catchings, 7th Grade



Toan Hang, 8th Grade

Teachers' Creativity and Dedication

Ms. Kneisley, Visual Art teacher at WRMS, publishes an Art Newsletter to highlight students' achievements

22-23 Highlights



Teachers'
Creativity
and
Dedication

In Ms. D'Agostino's class at JAMS, students learned how to enlarge a picture by drawing the cover of a book that interested them

22-23 Highlights



**Teachers'
Creativity
and
Dedication**

Top Left:
Song by Maleah M. 7th Gr - WRMS

Top Right:
Two students in Advanced Band
working on reading music - WRMS



Bottom Left:
A portion of WRMS Advanced Band

Bottom Right:
Members of JAMS Guitar Ensemble
performing at 2022 TakePART
Festival

ACOUSTIC MUSIC & DIGITAL MUSIC IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOLS

JAMS: Mr. Rendón teaches Band, Guitar, and Choir

WRMS: Mr. Rodriguez teaches Band and Drumline

JAMS & WRMS: Mr. Rendón and Mr. Rodriguez both provide Digital Music Education

LESD Shines at Community Events



**Please join us at the 2023
TakePART Festival**

For

- An Art Exhibit representing the elementary and the middle schools
- Music Performance by JAMS
- Music Performance by WRMS
- Art Activity Booth with JAMS and WRMS Art Teachers



Recommendations for a continued bright future in VAPA

- **MAINSTREAMING THE CONTRACTING PROCESS**
To allow more qualified arts providers to contribute to LESD students' education
- **RETURNING TO IN-PERSON PD AT EACH SCHOOL SITE**
To better address teachers' needs and foster Arts Integration in classrooms
- **CREATING A STRATEGIC ARTS PLAN**
To nurture a vision, provide clarity of purpose, and use resources the best way possible