
Fine Arts at Blue Ridge



K- 3 Music/Art at Schneider - Mrs. Emily Weiler



We often decorated the halls with projects celebrating other cultures.



2nd grade made decorations for the school tree.

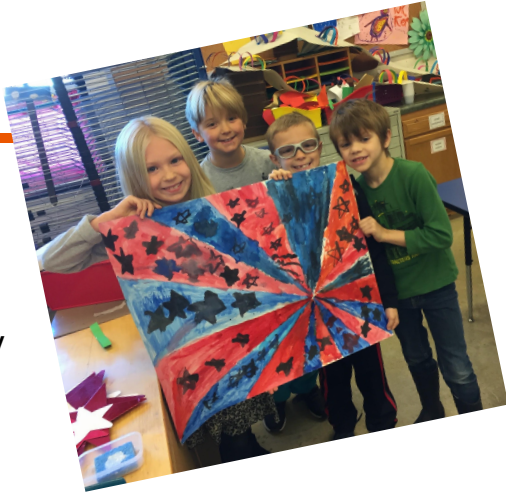
We made the flower garden extra beautiful with our rock art project based on the story Only One You.



We started a new tradition honoring our family members from the Armed Forces with pictures, honor bricks, and decorations.

Schneider Performances

Students helped make decorations to use in the Veterans Day performance.



K-1 is ready for the winter program - The Polar Express!



2nd and 3rd grade put on a Thanksgiving show for the PreK, kindergarten and first grade classes.

Here 2nd grade is practicing for the Seussical Jr spring performance. Because of social distancing rules, check out the performance online!

<https://youtu.be/4t-hbfc8s7k>



#br_u_knighted

Hopefully, fine arts will stick with the students and go beyond the classroom. Mrs. Weiler tries to encourage the love of art and music throughout the community in other ways as well.

- Help at school family events such as Breakfast with someone special
- Every day after school duty helping get kids safely to the new car lane
- Participate with students in Spirit days such as Halloween and 100th day
- Encourage musical and artistic endeavors outside of Schneider like the Marching Band and Fine Arts Expo
- Help at band camp and the homecoming parade
- Take PD with the other art teachers in the district at EIU



6th grade Chorus Members

Meeting Friday mornings during intervention

Digital Piano purchased through the BREF Grant, Fall 2019, through the Music Shoppe, at a greatly reduced price because it was used during Solo & Ensemble Contest the prior Spring.

Junior High Chorus met Tuesday and Thursdays during intervention time. They were part of the 4-8th-Holiday Program, and a Field Trip to the Farmer City Rehab and HealthCare in December to sing Christmas Carols and selections from the Holiday Program. Solo & Ensemble Contest and the Spring Concert were cancelled due to the Shelter-in-place, Pandemic.

L to R - Allison Brown, Mercedes Manual, Romero Fernandez, Lauren Graning, Devin Wrestler, Ollie Yeagle, Crystal Chambers



We received 6 new Microphones and Stands from the Clinton Power Station (3), and the Derrick Fernandez Family (3), after they were made aware of the need at our Holiday Music Program.

Fourth Grade Students began Recorders this year. We started the week that we were all together, Jr. High and 4-6th Graders on the Intermediate Side due to the out of limits Radon Levels on the Jr. High side of the building.

Art and Music classes were held in Grade school individual classrooms and Jr. High Art & Chorus were in the Choral and Band Room for the one class period; Math and ELA for the other periods. 7th Grade “Lockers” shelves/crates, were in the Choral Room, also.



Romero Fernandez, 6th grader, accompanist on Digital Piano along with Digital Music. Accompanist/assistant for 6th Grade Chorus Rehearsals.

Who would have ever imagined that after the challenge of that time, all together in half the building, we would a month later, begin Shelter-in-Place and Remote Learning Lessons.

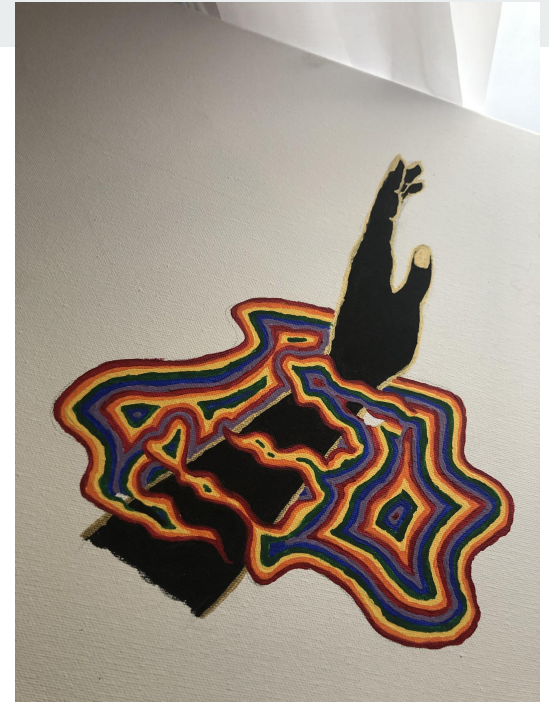
We are still learning recorders through Google Meet.

We have adjusted the method of teaching and adjusted some of the focus of the standards based curriculum in 4-8th Art and Music classes. It has been a challenge, but I have grown much over the past 2 months, learning technology to be able to navigate remote learning.

This year 4-6th Graders have been able to have Art class once a week for 40 minutes, instead of every other week.

7th Grade Art has been a Quarter long; 8th Grade Art, a semester long.

One student, Breanin Flannell, requested and had approved the opportunity to take an accelerated Advanced 8th Grade Art Class during 4th Quarter.



Breanin Flannell-Canvas
Painting

Book Fair Fun @ BRIJH Jenny Acree, 6th ELA, with Sara Wrestler



Sara Wieber, Emily Weiler, Sara Wrestler - BR Art Team @ Media & Methods Continuing Ed, @ Eastern Illinois University
Saturday, March 7th, 2020



Highlights of Visual Arts at the high school

Student teacher Ashley Benton worked with students the first 8 weeks of the school year and got a job at Prairie Central jr. high.



Art Shirts- Senior Kalyn Warner suggested an inspirational video of Bob Ross which prompted t-shirts.

Seniors visited Parkland College and Urbana's graffiti wall

Art Club mural- Students painted a collaborative mural for the District Office



Fine Arts Expo- March 10th, students showed their creations earning many awards and even selling pieces! Seniors curated the show and displayed pieces they created throughout their lives.



LOVE for the Arts- This year we went digital with our show and BR students won the most awards. Below are the following award winning pieces. Awards went to Haven Boyd, Cadin Dozier, Riley Freden, Josephine Aldrich, Kalyn Warner, Camille Buchanan, Tiffany Davis and Anna Cahoe



Memory Project- 8 students created portraits for children in Russia. Participants included Camille Buchanan, Sarah Whitehouse, Haven Boyd, Hutch Partlow, Conner Otto, Bebe Torrez, Cadin Dozier, and Tiffany Davis.



Purchase Award- This year's purchase award (\$100) goes to TIFFANY DAVIS! This will be permanently displayed in the Senior Hallway.



1st year of Art Appreciation

Dual Credit class with Parkland

6 students- 4 seniors, 2 sophomores

Covered 3 parts of visual arts including :

- how to discuss and evaluate artwork
- media use including drawing, painting, sculpture, etc
- art history from 3100 BC to present working artists



Remote Learning....

This all put a huge damper on all of our art plans. Senior's Chicago trip and Rembrandt Society both got canceled. Students have requested to reschedule the Chicago trip which I will do. One happy thing that resulted was the art recreation challenge. Students used unconventional materials such as Kool-aid, coffee, berries, etc to paint. While not ideal, it did raise some interesting opportunities that would not occur during typical teaching.



I made this with smashed blackberries and a little water!