

Fine Arts February 2025

Good evening, members of the board. This update provides an overview of the exciting activities happening in our fine arts programs.

Dance:

- Our dance students at both the Junior High and High School levels are diligently preparing for upcoming dance competitions. They are focusing on technique, choreography, and teamwork.
 Details on dates and locations will be shared as finalized.
- Dance classes are currently immersed in a hip hop unit, exploring its history and five elements. Students will learn two short hip hop dances and ultimately choreograph their own in groups.
- The Dazzlers are preparing for their upcoming competition and performed at the basketball games Friday, January 31st, and Tuesday, February 4th.
- The Stargazers are also working hard for competition, with team, officer, and elite practices each week.
- Over the MLK weekend, several Dazzlers participated in a Danceline USA trip to Disney World, taking master classes and visiting various parks. Members that participated qualified as Elite at their camp attended on their own time and it was funded personally.

Visual Arts:

- **3rd Grade:** Students are exploring art elements while creating personalized conversation hearts using oil pastels, focusing on kind words.
- **K-2:** Students are designing dream houses, focusing on variety, and will transition to creating self-portraits, emphasizing symmetrical balance.
- 6th Grade: Students are studying Salvador Dali and Surrealism, creating surrealist collages.
- 4th Grade: Students are learning about color mixing and form by creating model magic mice
 inspired by the book "Mouse Paint." They are using primary colors to create secondary colors and
 sculpting mini-pinch pots into mice, adding ears, noses, and tails, and then writing stories about
 their creations.

Theatre:

- **Theatre 1:** Students are exploring theatre history, currently focusing on the Italian Renaissance and Commedia dell'Arte. They are researching stock characters and creating posters to share their findings before performing scenes.
- Advanced Theatre: Students are actively blocking their 10-minute student-directed scenes.

- Theatre Production: This class is working on our UIL One-Act Play (OAP) and exploring different acting methods. After-school rehearsals are underway for the OAP, and students are preparing for upcoming musical auditions.
- Intermediate Theatre: Students are developing characterization and dialogue creation skills through improvisation.
- High School Theatre is preparing for the UIL One Act Play competition.

Band:

- High School & Junior High Bands: These bands are preparing for the UIL Concert and Sight-reading competition and beginning auditions for next year's bands and part assignments.
- **5th Grade:** Students are being fitted for instruments in preparation for next year's 6th-grade band classes.
- Junior High: Thirteen students qualified for the Association of Texas Small School Bands
 All-Region Band and will perform a concert next Tuesday at Davenport High School. Junior high
 band students will also be competing at the Association of Texas Small School Band's region
 auditions this Saturday in La Vernia.
- All band students in grades 7-12 are preparing for UIL competitions this spring in March.

We are incredibly proud of the dedication and talent demonstrated by our fine arts students and teachers. Their commitment to excellence enriches our school community and provides invaluable learning experiences. We appreciate your continued support of the fine arts in Navarro ISD.