

September 4, 2012

Dear School Board Members and Mr. Cox –

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to discuss with you the accomplishments that the High School Art Club has achieved over the past 3 school years. I am writing this note to request that an annual stipend be instated for me as the club sponsor. My request is for \$400.

The Art Club has been very active over the past 3 years, and will continue with various activities in the future. Please see the list below for a description of some of the club activities I have initiated:

- A scholarship fund has been set up, and for 2 consecutive years, was offered to a graduating senior. Funds were gathered throughout the year, with one of our main events being a HUGE garage sale. I collected donations of items throughout the school year, personally stored them, and transported them back to the school when it was time for the sale. It was a huge success, and the students worked hard & cooperatively together.
- Participated in the Enchanted Forest Christmas tree show at the Weisman Center in Marshall. Students created handmade ornaments to adorn a donated tree. The tree was sold for a profit of \$150. Students were also able to interact with the public at the silent auction evening, where they dressed nicely and presented themselves in a positive manner. We received positive publicity in the Marshall News Messenger on 3 separate occasions for this event alone. (Please see attached.)
- Students have been taken to SFA for a campus tour, with specific focus on the Interior Design & Art Departments. In one of the art studios, they participated in a printmaking class led by graduate assistants.
- I have organized guest speakers / artists for lessons in photography, yoga, clay masks & pots, museum tours, one-on-one artist conversations, etc., at the Longview Museum of Fine Arts, the Longview Art Walk, and the Michelson Art Museum in Marshall.
- I have taken a large group of students to the Red River Revel art & music festival for 3 consecutive years, so that they will have exposure to many artists, be able to converse with them about their techniques, try hands-on activities, purchase art, and listen to live music.
- The Art Club represents Waskom H.S. & promotes the arts in the community by proudly wearing the club t-shirts, which we design each year.
- I oversee the election of a homecoming sweetheart and beau who represent the Art Club.
- We hand-paint Wildcat Spirit Signs to be used at football and other sports events.