



# CONNECTIONS

BERLIN'S FINE ARTS NEWSLETTER

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The Berlin Public Schools Fine Arts Department is committed to fostering a community of creative, innovative, and passionate learners who value and celebrate diversity in a global society through shared experiences in the arts. All learners will be provided with meaningful opportunities in the arts to further develop a deeper form of self-expression, empowering them to become lifelong participants, appreciators, and advocates of the fine arts.

# Supervisor's Note



Welcome to this edition of CONNECTIONS, the quarterly newsletter for the Berlin Public School's K-12 Fine Arts Department. Inside, you'll see exciting images of how our music and art programs celebrated both Music In Our Schools Month and Youth Art Month throughout the month of March. You will also see how students are preparing for their upcoming spring art shows and performances, in addition to some recent student accolades.

Be sure to check out the extensive list of upcoming events, including concerts and art shows. I encourage you to mark your calendars now for these exciting end-of-year celebrations, and I look forward to seeing you at many of them.

Best,

*Mr. Tyler A. Boyle*



**BHS Chorus Students** participated in a Walt Disney World Imagination Campus SoundTracks Vocal Workshop in early April.

# Classroom News



**Willard and Hubbard Elementary Schools** participated in a fundraiser at the Hartford Wolf Pack hockey game on March 17th, raising money through ticket sales for their school's PTO. The 5th grade bands from both schools performed a Queen Medley including We Will Rock You and Another One Bites the Dust. The students had a blast playing in the area, seeing themselves on the jumbotron and watching the game with their families!



**Willard Second Graders** are learning to line dance. Line dancing tests the students memory while allowing them to develop rhythm and tempo. It also develops class community and it's fun!

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Hubbard students in grades 3 through 5 were given the opportunity to take an Afterschool Enrichment class that focused on creating art out of recycled materials. Students created imaginary robots out of cardboard, colorful mosaics with small ceramic tiles, and outdoor mobiles using water bottles.



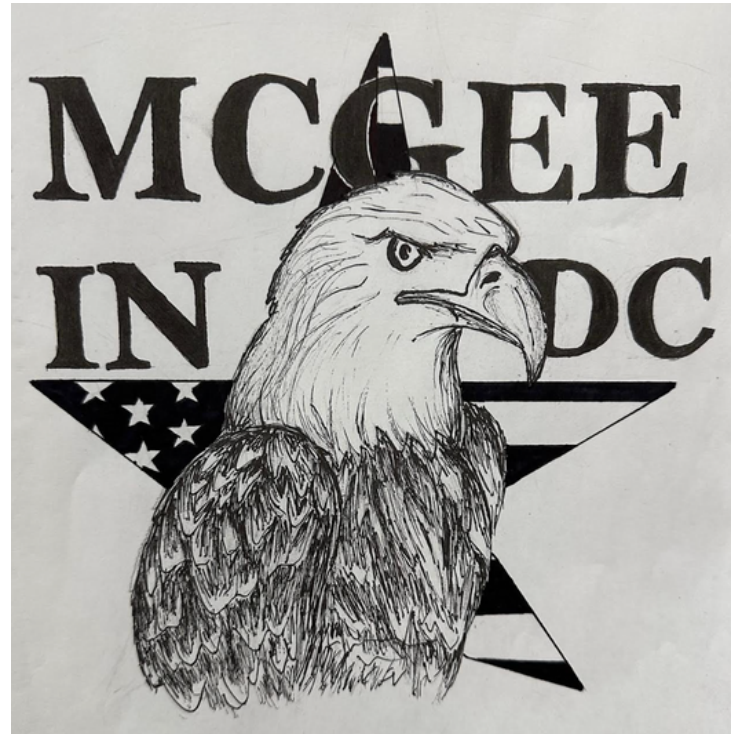
Second grade students at Hubbard and Griswold are exploring Form through the creation of clay and wooden sculptures.



# Classroom News

McGee art students are preparing for many exciting events such as March Madness, McGee in D.C., and the district art show. Artists have had a hand in participating in these events by creating t-shirt designs and submitting their original artwork for display! We are so proud of all artists involved!

Artwork to the right is by Mya Kelly, an 8th grader.



**The BHS Student Art League** just finished the Little Free Library. It will be on display at the K-12 District Art show at New Britain Museum of American Art in late April, before being installed in front of BHS along Patterson Way.

# Classroom News



**Griswold 4th Graders** in Mr. Seekamps class sing "Fifty, Nifty United States" in preparation for Music in the Round.



**Griswold Second Graders** in Mrs. Arsenault's class play rhythm post office.



**Griswold Students** celebrate Music In Our Schools Month with a "Music In The Round" performance.



# Classroom News



Student art work from **Willard School**.



**Griswold artists** learn from local museum artists.

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Select elementary music students were chosen to represent Griswold, Hubbard, and Willard music programs in this year's CMEA Elementary Band & Chorus Honors Festival.





# Classroom News



**ABOVE: BHS Band & Chorus Students participated in Disney Performance Workshops in early April to learn about rehearsal & performance techniques from professional Disney Cast Members. BELOW: BHS delighted audiences with their production of Disney's "The Little Mermaid" in early March. More than 1,600 people came to the show!**



# Student Accolades

CT Association of Schools (CAS)  
Elementary Arts Awards

Andrea Grant & Tregan Zampino,  
Griswold

Coral Huston & Meryl Sassu-Martin  
Hubbard

Avyerini Kontogouris & Maya Olewicz,  
Willard

CAS High School Arts Awards  
Brynn Nogiec, Visual Arts  
Sara Rogan, Performing Arts



# Upcoming Events

**BHS Spring Band Concert**  
Wednesday, April 19th @ 7PM, BHS Auditorium

**Berlin Public Schools's Annual District Art Show**  
April 26th-April 30th, Opening Reception: Wednesday, April 26th @ 5:30PM  
New Britain Museum of American Art

**McGee 6th Grade Band & Chorus Concert**  
Thursday, April 27th @ 6:30PM, McGee Auditorium

**McGee 7th & 8th Grade Band & Chorus Concert**  
Thursday, May 11th @ 6:30PM, McGee Auditorium

**BHS Spring Chorus Concert**  
Tuesday, May 16th @ 7PM, BHS Auditorium

**Willard Spring Chorus Concert**  
Wednesday, May 17th @ 6PM, Willard School

**AP Studio Art and Design / ECE UConn Drawing Exhibition**  
May 17th to 24th, BHS Media Center

**Hubbard Spring Chorus Concert**  
Thursday, May 18th @ 6:30PM, Hubbard School

**Willard Spring Band Concert**  
Tuesday, May 23rd @ 6:30PM, Willard School

**Griswold Spring Band Concert**  
Wednesday, May 24th @ 6PM, Griswold School

**Griswold Spring Chorus Concert**  
Wednesday, May 31st @ 7PM, Griswold School

**Hubbard Spring Band Concert**  
Thursday, June 1st @ 6:30PM, Hubbard School