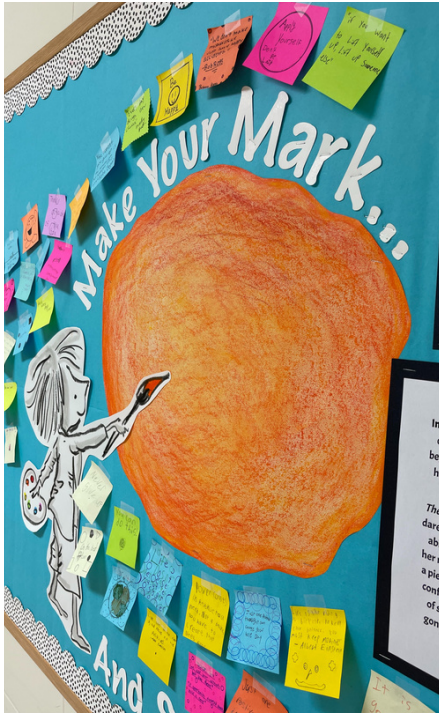




# CONNECTIONS

BERLIN'S FINE ARTS NEWSLETTER



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 the inaugural edition of **CONNECTIONS**, the quarterly newsletter for the Berlin Public School's K-12 Fine Arts Department. As the department supervisor, I am excited to share information about our programs, celebrate student accomplishments and work, and share upcoming events with our Berlin community.

Our Fine Arts programs are designed to provide high quality and meaningful educational opportunities for students to experience the arts, while also promoting artistic literacy and enabling students to become critical thinkers and collaborators. By doing so, we believe that students are better able to become lifelong learners, appreciators, and advocates for the fine arts in an ever changing global society.

This inaugural edition features highlights from the opening of the 2022-23 school year, classroom news, and upcoming events. I look forward to sharing more information about our programs and recognizing student achievement in the future. In the meantime, enjoy this first edition, and I hope to see you at one of our fine arts events in the near future.

Best,

*Mr. Tyler A. Boyle*



Pictured above: **Members of the BHS & McGee choral programs** perform the National Anthem under the direction of Mrs. Terlecky at a BHS football game.

# Classroom News



**Griswold 5th Graders** in Miss Spinella's class at Griswold School are beginning their study of the ukulele. Students get to put their musical knowledge and skills to work on a stringed instrument. The goal for the end of the year is to be able to accompany the chorus!



Pictured above: **McGee Sound Express** showing off their new performance polos.



Pictured right: **McGee 8th Graders** performing scales using choirchimes.

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The **McGee Spartan Band** kicked off their year by performing at the Berlin Fair in September. With only a few weeks to prepare, they gave an awesome performance of four songs including percussive bucket drumming. Mrs. Bradshaw is very proud of all the student's hard work and commitment! The McGee Jazz Band, Flute Ensemble, Green & Gold Band and Spartan Band are now preparing for their winter concerts in December.

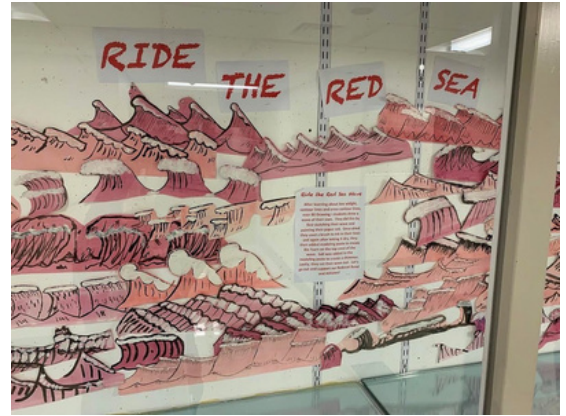


**McGee Art Students** participated in International Dot Day on September 15th. International Dot Day is a global celebration of creativity, courage and collaboration. The Dot, by Peter H. Reynolds is the story of a caring teacher who dares a doubting student to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to “make her mark”. What begins with a small dot on a piece of paper becomes a breakthrough in confidence and courage, igniting a journey of self-discovery and sharing, which has gone on to inspire countless children and adults around the globe. At McGee, students decorated sticky notes to post in the hallways that would leave a “mark” of kindness. Students wrote positive messages and drawings in hopes that their note could give someone confidence, courage, or even just a smile!



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The BHS Art Department has had a great start to the school year. Drawing I students explored contour line, line weight and composition, setting up a display by the main office. Student Art League is in the process of painting scenes on our Little Free Library. This is a collaboration between Library Media, Tech Ed and Art. It was built by our Woods II class last year under Mr. Wicander, and now is being designed by a team of Art League students. We're hoping for a Spring Installation when it is finished.



Pictured above, left: **McGee Sound Express** performing for the cross country invitational. Pictured above, right: **BHS Marching Redcoats & McGee Spartan Band** marching in for a home football game.

# Upcoming Events

BHS Music & Theatre Arts Department presents  
"The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong"  
November 4th & 5th @ 7PM, Berlin High School

Berlin Public School's Annual Veteran's Day Program  
November 10th @ 7PM, Berlin High School

McGee 7th & 8th Grade Winter Concert  
December 8th @ 6:30PM, McGee Middle School

Willard Winter Concert (Band/Chorus)  
December 14th @ 6:00PM, Willard School

Hubbard Winter Chorus Concert  
December 15th @ 6:30PM, Hubbard School

BHS Winter Pops Concert (Band/Chorus)  
December 16th @ 7PM, Berlin High School

Griswold Winter Chorus Concert  
December 21st @ 7PM, Griswold School

McGee 6th Grade Band & Chorus Concert  
January 18th @ 6:30PM, McGee Middle School

Griswold Winter Band Concert  
January 19th @ 6PM, Griswold School

Hubbard Winter Band Concert  
January 25th @ 6:30PM, Hubbard School

Unified Theater Performance  
January 26th @ 6PM, Berlin High School