Young Artists Showcase Their Work

There is a fantastic art display on the Indiana University campus through March 5, 2003 highlighting the work of many Jackson Creek Art & Artists from grades 7 & 8. The exhibit can be found at the Matrix Gallery on the third floor of the Education building on the IU campus. Pieces from the 8th grade unit on architecture features clay houses, drawings, and cardboard relief sculptures. The 7th grade classes studied arts and crafts of Mexico and Central America. Molas, bark paintings, weavings, and metal foil repousse are among the fine examples. Students who have art on display are:

- Anna Brandon
- Steven Shen
- Caitlin VanKooten
- Megan Martin
- Mary Troxell
- Michael Roby
- Yu-Shik Kim
- Sam Julovitch
- Jeanette Dabrowski
- Edwin Falwell
- Caitlin Holmes
- Zach Nock
- Chelsea Purkheiser
- Keith Coffman
- Emily Knerr
- Brandon Van Denventer
- Laura Estes
- Hannah Mordoh
- Jakob Rader
- Brittaney Allison
- Kevin Millard
- Karen Sant
- Grace Ardery
- Kyle Scales
- Hwi-Eun Kim
- Ana DeLong
- Matt Johnson
- Drake Voltz
- Kirie Powell
- Kyle Hanna
- Kendall Kent
- Hunter Wroblewski
- Maggie Roberts
- There are also 7th grade artists showing work from the Unit on Mexico and Central America in the Board Room at the MCCSC Administration building across from BHSS. Those student artists are:
  - Victoria Padilla
  - Chelsea Purkheiser
  - Karen Sant
  - Grace Ardery
  - Jessica Stevens
  - Tara Fuller
  - Casey Roberts
  - Emily Coleman
  - Ana DeLong

March is YOUTH ART MONTH! There will be another exhibit at the John Waldron Art Center with a public reception on March 8 from 1-3 pm. Support the Arts!

Spring is Band Concert Time!

The JCMS Jazz Band is preparing for a Saturday, March 8th performance at the ISSMA Jazz Band Contest held at Terre Haute South High School.

The two Beginning Bands are next with Tuesday, April 1st performances at the Monroe County Beginning Band Festival. This evening event will be held at Tri-North Middle School.

Both Concert Bands will go to Columbus East High School during the day on Saturday, April 5th for performances in the ISSMA Organizational Contest.

Specific times and exact details will be sent home as soon as the information is available. We’d love to have parents, family and friends sitting in the audience each time. Familiar faces make a big difference.

All of the above events have our bands performing for a panel of judges who critique our efforts, providing us with valuable feedback to help us reach our musical potential. Of course, the key to our improvement is lots of practice, especially at home.

Special points of interest:

- If you or your family is looking for a good book to read, then check out the Young Hoosier Book Award nominees for 2002-2003. A list of the titles can be found at www.mccsc.edu/~jcmslib/yhb/yhbhome.htm or stop by the library and pick up a list.

- Volunteers Needed: Band trips need chaperones for Jazz Band’s trip to Terre Haute and Concert Band’s trip to Columbus. If you can help, please send a note with your student to his/her band class.

- Subscribe to the PTO news source. Send an e-mail message to major-domo@mccsc.edu. Leave the subject blank and in the body of the message type (without the quotes) “subscribe jcmspto”. If you have trouble subscribing, send an e-mail message to owner-jcmspto@mccsc.edu.
Updates From Around the School

The Academic Super Bowl Junior Division is in full gear. With the theme being Medieval Times this year, many students are interested in participating. The individual teams meet after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesday, so if any other students are interested they should see Mr. Keefer about English, Ms. Zock about social studies, Mr. Inman about science, and Mrs. Schooler about math. This should be an exciting contest!

Last Friday February 7th, Mrs. Gustaitis’s and Mr. Duvall A/A classes were treated to a lunch brought in by Buffalo Louis’s. This was their reward for being such generous contributors to Hoosier Hills Food Bank. Over 100 JCMS students were also treated to a soda for bringing in 10 or more cans for the food drive. The Student Council thanks them.

On Friday, Feb. 14th the Student Council hand delivered over 200 Valentine flowers to Alterra Assisted Living and to Beverly Health Care Facility.

Activities in the Library

Last October, the teachers at JCMS attended a “Math is Everywhere” in-service. During this in-service, teachers were asked to reinforce concepts of math that they already implement. For instance, Mrs. Gibson uses math to measure ingredients and cloth for sewing. Teachers were asked to also focus on some specific mathematical concepts, i.e. deductive reasoning, communication, and problem solving. Inspired by this in-service, math teacher Mrs. Susan Schooler and media specialist Mrs. Kris McGlaun, wrote and was subsequently awarded a grant from the MCCS Foundation to purchase math related reading material. Language Arts teachers will be assigning math related books as an option to read during their reading days and the Math teachers will be asking students to create picture books that teach a math concept as well as offering students an option to read a math related book. These resources will remind students that math can be fun and can be found in every aspect of life.

The 7th and 8th grade book clubs are reading Young Hoosier Nominees and past winners and Historical Fiction for March. Pizza days are March 26, April 16 and the last day May 14. Students read a book from the assigned genre and then introduce the book to the other students during lunch.

Mrs. McGlaun encourages students to read books from the list of Young Hoosier Book Award nominees for 2002-2003 (URL on page 1) with booktalks given in their language arts classes. Students need to read five or more of the titles in order to participate in the pizza voting party on April 11th.

The library is busy, busy, and busy. Mrs. Nowlin’s 7th grade Language Arts classes learned about mythology, the different gods and goddesses, and origin myths of different countries. Mrs. McQueen’s 7th grade Art and Artists 7th graders learned about the history of the book from a presentation by Mrs. McGlaun. The students are busy making paper and will begin creating their own books soon. The silver team’s 7th grade social study used the library to gather facts about various countries in Asia and Africa. Mr. Duvall has each student become an expert about their country.

Several classes have been creating web pages. Mrs. Carver’s seventh grade silver science students have just finished creating web pages about endangered animals. Each student researched information about their animal, wrote a persuasive essay explaining why the animal should be saved, and designed a web page about their animals. In a few weeks, check out the web pages at http://www.mccsc.edu/~jcmslib/silver/animalpg.htm. Mr. Skirvin and Mr. Kelley’s mass communication classes have been designing web pages for the AIME media fair held at Batchelor Middle School on March 1st. Seven students entered the fair. For more information about the media fair, check out http://www.ilfonline.org/Programs/Media%20Fair/mediafair.htm.

Registration is open to area kids ages 9-15, who will learn about theatre first-hand this summer, as part of two intensive three-week programs called the Youth Theatre Musical Ensemble JULY 7-26 and Youth Theatre Shakespeare Ensemble JULY 28-AUGUST 23 at the Bloomington Playwrights Project (BPP). The YTE is designed to give young performers the experience of working on a professional-quality theatre production, with intensive rehearsals and a fast-paced schedule. Over the course of a few weeks at the Bloomington Playwrights Project, participants in each session will learn the whole process of a real summer stock production, from auditions to the final bows.

Rehearsals and Performances for both the YTE Musical and Shakespeare sessions will be held at the BPP, 312 South Washington St and participants may register by calling 334-1188 or coming by the BPP theatre. Each session is held Mondays-Friday 9a.m-4pm.