Loiederman Arts in Action

Loiederman Lions have been very busy creating, performing, thinking, and learning this school year. It has been a pleasure watching our students thrive while engaged in unique courses such as Dance as a Fine Art, Digital Art, and Perspectives in the Arts.

First semester was filled with many opportunities to learn in and through the arts. October brought renowned artist Arturo Ho back to Loiederman for a community mosaic project. Students, teachers, and parents helped create the Loiederman-themed mosaics which will be displayed throughout the building. This hands-on experience got the community involved in the creative process.

Being a student at Loiederman means multiple opportunities to access professional artists. In September, our band and orchestra students traveled to the Meyerhof Symphony Hall to experience a rehearsal of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra conducted by Maestro Marin Alsop. Our musicians sat side by side on stage with the professional musicians who play their same instruments. As a follow up, the BSO concert master conducted a performance of our joint orchestra and band on Loiederman’s very own stage.

Finally, students will experience masters’ classes through sectionals lead by BSO musicians this spring.

Round House Theatre in Perspectives Classes

Second semester has proven to be just as exciting as first with new residencies and arts opportunities planned.

In April, Loiederman partner, Round House Theatre will return to Perspectives in the Fine Arts classes for an acting residency. Sixth graders will work with Round House teaching artists on elements of theatre and acting with a culminating classroom performance.

In March, eighth graders will travel to Round House Theatre in Silver Spring to see the play “The Giver” based on the book by Lois Lowry.
Music Notes

The Loiederman music department continues to impress with their beautiful sounds. Students performed at winter instrumental and vocal music concerts as well as the annual Winter Wonderland concert which featured eclectic, holiday inspired performances across all art forms.

Loiederman’s generous partner, Strathmore, has provided multiple opportunities for students to get up close and personal with the arts. In December, classical clarinetist Rob Patterson rehearsed and performed for sixth grade band students. We look forward to future visits by electronica artist Yoko K., who will work with digital music students and soul electric guitar player Nate Foley who will wow students with a performance in May.

The Loiederman Chamber Choir is headed to Dallas, Texas in February! For the first time, an MCPS choral ensemble has been selected to perform for the American Choral Directors Association National Middle School Choral Conference. The invitation is due in part to two years of superior ratings at the state adjudication. In May, they will perform at Strathmore’s Annual Gala.

Be sure to visit us for a spring music concert!

Dance Fever

Loiederman dance classes provide students instruction in various forms such as ballet, tap, jazz, modern and hip-hop. In November, Urban Artistry provided hip-hop workshops for dance students. This dynamic group also performed an assembly on the history of urban dance.

Students and teachers are hard at work preparing for the upcoming spring concert. Come check us out on April 18 and 19!

So Much Drama

Loiederman theatre students experience diverse exposure to the dramatic arts. This year’s fall play, “Journey of the Sparrows”, was a dramatic piece (performed bilingually) about children immigrating to America from El Salvador.

Loiederman has established a chapter of the National Junior Thespian Society. Students will work to hone their acting skills through various meetings and workshops.

Students were visited by the Young Playwrights Theatre in December for a play writing seminar.

Loiederman’s spring production will be “The Musical Adventures of Oliver Twist.” under the direction of Constance Y. Lee. You will not want to miss this spectacular performance May 10, 11 & 12!
Visual Art

Paint, sculpt, draw, design—Loiederman students do it all!

Kudos to the winners of the annual Loiederman Soltesz holiday card contest. Our first place winner, Katie Martinez, won a one hundred dollar gift card and her winning design was the official company holiday card.

This year, students displayed artwork using various forms at the fall Art Show. Artists are also hard at work on pieces which teachers will select to be on display at the annual MCPS Art Fair at White Flint Mall.

Our artists have met with instructors from the Visual Arts Center at Einstein HS to prep and enhance their portfolios.

We look forward to our opportunity for Loiederman students to shadow Strathmore Mansion art curators as they conceive and display an upcoming exhibit this spring and for our National Junior Art Society’s chance to submit a piece for the Strathmore Unleashed! Premiere.

Be sure to join us for the spring art show in May 10-12.

Loiederman Students Shine

Many students share their talents outside of Loiederman’s walls.

Eighth grader, Noah Chiet played Pieter in Signature Theatre’s 2011 production of “The Hollow.” Noah also performed in Ford’s Theatre’s 2011 production of “A Christmas Carol.”

Seventh graders Brendon DeBonis and Caitlin Deerin wowed audiences in Olney Theatre’s, 2011 production of “The Sound of Music”. Other actors shine at various productions by Musical Theatre Center.

Our second annual Digital Fest will be held in the gym on May 30, 2012, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

This event will give students from Digital Music, Art, and Lights, Camera, Literacy an opportunity to share their work.

Loiederman In The News

Eighth grader, Elijah Cole, was featured on the “Cool Schools” segment for Channel 9 News. Anchor Mike Hydek was wowed with our digital music course and the way it engages students with cutting edge technology, software and differentiated instruction.
Loiederman Arts Festival- June 2, 2012

Loiederman’s first annual Arts Festival will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012. This exciting event will feature free arts classes, student performances, demonstrations and artwork from local artisans.

The Loiederman PTSA will have a silent auction to raise money for future school events.

There will be food, face painting, and tons of fun in celebration of a fantastic year learning through the arts.

This is a rain or shine event so please plan to join us!