



ART NEWS

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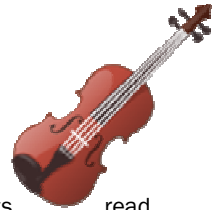
Performing Arts Charter School

At the Philadelphia Performing Arts Charter School, when a student reaches the sixth grade, they get to choose one of their arts classes to become their major. Every day, sixth graders and up go to their major at 8:00 and get out at 9:30, where they start their normal day.

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Instrumental

On Sunday, October 7th, our wonderful violin orchestra played at Marconi Park for the Columbus Day parade. The students did an excellent job and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the performance.



In class, the majors are beginning their theory lessons. This class will help the students read the music they are playing. Over the next month, the students will be focusing on violin and orchestra basics. This includes learning about technique and sight readings.

Written By: Lark McAllister

Creative Writing



The creative writing majors have started off with a bang! They have taken over the school's website and are responsible for all of the new information that will be seen. The students research the information and obtain photos to support their reports. So far, they have been doing a great job!

The majors are also preparing to enter the Letters About Literature writing contest. Last year, several students received letters informing them that they had been finalists in the nationwide event. They are hoping that they can take home the big prize in this new year.

In November, the majors will begin exploring the art of writing myths, fables, and fairytales. These students are excellent story tellers and hope to be able to share their work with the younger grades in the near future. The creative writing majors will also be visiting the Philadelphia Museum of Art on November 5th. While at the museum, the students will choose a specific piece of art to write a narrative. Their story will revolve around the painting or object they have chosen.

Grades 2 through 5 are all writing stories that eventually answer the ultimate question: Who's Haunting This House???? These narratives are sure to be full of suspense. Students will be sharing their work with their classmates during the Halloween week.

Art

There are many exciting events happening in art. We are happy to have student teachers from the University of the Arts and Moore College of Art. The art majors are busy painting ceiling tiles for the hallway and are also making all of the decorations for the annual haunted house.

Many students received scholarships to attend Moore College of Art's young artist workshop: Magda Abozeed, Denine Rohanna, Chris Ciliberto, Caryn Trepts, Mikayla Staples, Jordan Teal, Jamar Watson, Lawson Stokes, Xavier Woodall, and Maria Sands. We will also be participating in "Youth Art Month". Students will have their artwork on display at the UArts and Moore College of Art & Design galleries.





VOCAL MAJORS

The vocal majors have been working really hard this year. The choir has almost doubled its size with a total of 44 members. They are studying music theory twice a week for 45 minutes. Music theory is extremely important to the education of any musician. The choir is also learning new songs, including one they will be performing at the winter concert in December. They also plan to be sell Birthday telegrams throughout the year for only \$2.00. It even comes with a balloon! So good luck!



Written by T.J. Fox

FRENCH MAJORS



French majors Terry Binion and Carly Wigmore read *Je Seris Malade* to Ms. Russo's 1st grade

This year the French Majors will be making recipe books. Their first cooking lesson included Ratateuille, a vegetable stew and Betit pain aii mais, Cornbread roll.

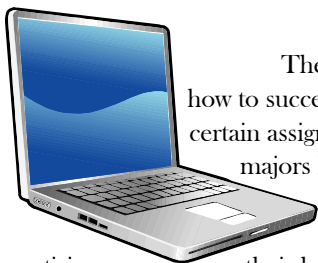
On Monday, November 5, the French majors will take a field trop to the Philadelphia Museum of Art. We will see the Renoir: Landscapes exhibit. In preparation for this trip, we will learn about impressionism and the places in France where Renoir lived and painted. The French majors will even try to paint a Renoir masterpiece themselves.



Kindergarten has gotten off to a great start. They learned how to say: hello, goodbye and see you tomorrow. These bright students also learned all of their colors in French and can sing a song about them as well. In addition, they all made their own French "drapeaux" or flags.

Written by Jenna Torres

TECHNOLOGY



The Technology Majors have recently completed a research about invention and inventor. They have learned how to successfully cite information for a bibliography. The majors also completed a PowerPoint presentation on their certain assigned era in technology. The majors will be starting a new project. It will be Virtual Business Planning. The majors have completed step one of this process, which was making a business card. The majors will also create a multi media presentation of Windows Movie Maker, design a flyer advertising the opening of their business, create a spreadsheet with inventory needed for the business, create a brochure and a catalogue advertising their business' products, and they will even learn to use Microsoft Access with Excel as a database to create reports, perform queries, and filtering techniques. To top it all off, the majors will be dressed up as needed for business and present their presentation to Town Hall (parents, fellow students) to convince why they deserve a permit for the business.

DAILY TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

In technology, the Kindergarten have been learning all kinds of mouse moves. They are beginning to type their names and classroom vocabulary. The first grade is learning how to insert graphics to make a layout of community workers. They have also been keyboarding using their class vocabulary words to make sentences. The second grade is learning how to use a table to organize information. Meanwhile, the third grade is learning how to research information on the internet. The fourth grade is learning how to copy and paste information. They are also learning advanced formatting.

Written by Joseph DeRosa