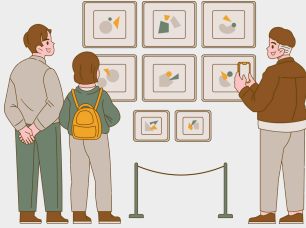


# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

MAY 14, 2024



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## ART SHOW TONIGHT

DEAR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

THE FORRESTDAL EVENING OF FINE ARTS IS APPROACHING, AND WE AS A SCHOOL COMMUNITY OF CREATIVES CAN BARELY CONTAIN OUR EXCITEMENT. MY NAME IS DR. MIRANDA AND I AM THE FORRESTDAL ART TEACHER, AND ON BEHALF OF BOTH MR. LEBITSCH AND MR. SHEEHAN, WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES TO ATTEND THIS MAGICAL EVENING AT OUR SCHOOL. THE KICK-OFF CONCERT WILL FEATURE LIVE INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL PERFORMANCES BY SOME OF OUR MOST PASSIONATE AND TALENTED PERFORMERS, WHILE THE FINE ART EXHIBITION WILL FEATURE THE WORK OF OUR WONDERFULLY CREATIVE YOUNG ARTISTS.

AS THE ART TEACHER AT FORRESTDAL, MY MAIN FOCUS IS CREATING A SPACE WHERE OUR STUDENTS CAN FEEL FREE TO BE AS THEY ARE, LEARN TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR OWN CREATIVE PROCESS, AND EXPRESS THEMSELVES THROUGH EXPLORATION WITH NO JUDGMENTS OF "GOOD" OR "BAD". I HAVE ALWAYS VIEWED ART AND, IN EFFECT, MY ART CLASS; AS A VEHICLE THAT ALLOWS FOR NOT ONLY ARTISTIC AND CREATIVE GROWTH, BUT ALSO GROWTH IN SELF-AWARENESS, SELF-ESTEEM, AND SELF-ACCEPTANCE. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, I DESIGN PROJECTS THAT ARE ROOTED DEEPLY IN OPPORTUNITIES FOR MY STUDENTS TO BETTER LEARN HOW ART CAN BE ACCEPTED AND USED IN EACH OF THEIR OWN LIVES. WHETHER IT BE USED AS A HOBBY, FOR SELF-REGULATION, OR FOR SPREADING JOY TO OTHERS, I WANT EACH OF MY STUDENTS TO FIND A PLACE THAT ART CAN LIVE IN THEIR LIVES. AS PART OF OUR EVENING OF FINE ARTS THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE; A SPACE FOR COMMUNITY CREATIVITY AMONGST FAMILY AND FRIENDS, A SELECT GROUP OF WHOLE GRADE COLLABORATIVE INSTALLATION PIECES (GRADES 5 AND 6), A COLLABORATION BETWEEN OUR 8TH GRADERS AND SOME OF OUR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS, A HEARTFELT VIDEO HOMAGE TO WHAT ART MEANS TO OUR STUDENTS, GRADE LEVEL DIGITAL SLIDESHOWS, AND TONS OF BEAUTIFUL, COLORFUL, AND MEANINGFUL ART. THIS YEAR WILL ALSO FEATURE A QR CODE FOR PARENTS TO SCAN THAT WILL SUPPLY THEM WITH A COMPLETE LIST OF THE PROJECTS ON VIEW, AS WELL AS THE TARGETED OBJECTIVE AND MEANINGFUL ARTIST STATEMENT FOR EACH DISPLAYED PROJECT. THIS NEW ADDITION WILL ALLOW YOU ALL TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS WITHOUT FOCUSING SOLELY ON THE PRODUCT. AS AN ART TEACHER OF 10 YEARS, AND A PROFESSIONAL WELL VERSED IN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH, MY GOAL IS FOR MY STUDENTS TO ENJOY AND INVEST IN THE TIME SPENT ACTUALLY CREATING SOMETHING, WITHOUT A JUDGEMENTAL ATTACHMENT TO THE FINISHED PRODUCT.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL TONIGHT, TUESDAY MAY 21ST AT 6:30 PM FOR OUR AMAZING KICK-OFF CONCERT, AND FROM 7:00-9:00 PM FOR OUR FINE ART EXHIBITION. THIS YEAR'S FORRESTDAL EVENING OF FINE ARTS WILL FEATURE AT LEAST 2 HUNG PIECES FROM EACH STUDENT. THESE PIECES CAN BE A FINE ART PIECE, A DIGITAL PIECE, A SCULPTURE, OR A PIECE OF PHOTOGRAPHY.

PLEASE CONSIDER COMING OUT AND SUPPORTING OUR YOUNG CREATIVES.

WITH HUMILITY AND ENDLESS GRATITUDE,  
DR. MIRANDA



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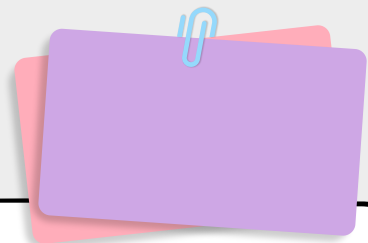
## CLASS OF 2024 UPDATES

DUE TO A SPORTS SCHEDULING CONFLICT (STATE PLAYOFFS), THE DATE OF THE RFH MEET THE COACHES NIGHT IS CHANGED TO JUNE 6TH, 2024 AT 6 PM.

REVIEW THE SLIDE SHOW [HERE](#) FOR ALL GR 8 INFO!

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## NOTEWORTHY



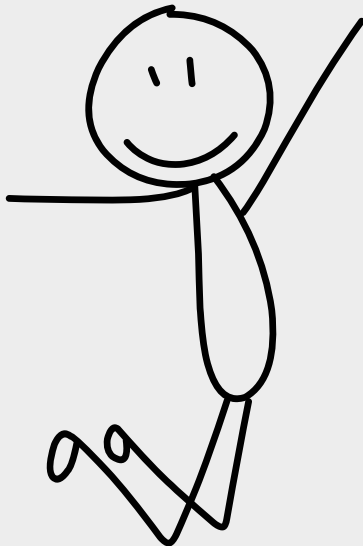
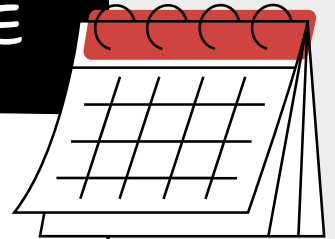
5/22 - BOE RECOGNITION CEREMONY AT 6 PM IN HONOR OF  
RETIRES & TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

PLEASE JOIN US IN RECOGNIZING THE AMAZING CAREERS OF MS.  
SHARI FEENEY. MRS. KELLY MCGOWAN AND MR. JAMIE O'BRIEN.  
WE WILL ALSO HONOR MR. LEBITSCH, MRS. MUTTO, & MRS.  
DOUGHERTY, OUR TEACHERS OF THE YEAR!

≡ Cheers to ≡  
**RETIREMENT!**

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## DAWG DATES TO SAVE



5/21 - FD Evening of Fine Arts

5/22 - BOE Recognition Ceremony at 6 PM  
in honor of retirees & Teachers of the Year

5/24 - School Closed

5/27 - School Closed

5/28 - Gr 5 LEAD Graduation

5/31 - Gr 5 Field Trip

FOR MORE, VISIT THE  
VIRTUAL BACKPACK

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