

FINE ARTS NEWS: OCTOBER 26-30

DANCE & BREAK DANCE

Ms. Irani's Dance Class Continuing to work on the Military Dance for Evening With the Stars.

Ms. Wagers' Intermediate Dance Classes Choosing who will perform at Evening With the Stars (Tap and Jazz Dances)

Ms. Wagers' Pegasus Dance Company continues working on their competition dances (jazz, novelty, and contemporary) and are rehearsing 4-5pm on Thursdays for their upcoming performances at Johnston, EWTS, and Montage.

Mr. Sanchez's Beginning Break Dance class is working on their winter dance and his **Advanced Class** is working on the Dance Montage dance, they will also be performing Evening With the Stars. **They practice Thursdays 4-5pm for Johnston, EWTS, and Montage!**

The 6th grade dance club is working on their Winter Dance Concert dance!

THEATRE

Advanced Theatre – 8th Grade:

Actors are now off-call for *The Potman Spoke Sooth*. **Performances in the Caja Negra will be Wed-Friday November 4-6, at 7:00pm. The Zone Performance for Middle School UIL One Act Play contest is 4:00pm on Monday, Nov. 9, at Pershing MS.**

Advanced Theatre – 7th Grade:

Tuesday, Nov 10 brings the trip to Pershing MS to watch a UIL One Act Play Zone Competition. Rehearsals for *The Great Pandemonium* are underway— performances begin Wed, Feb 10 in the Caja Negra Theatre.

Intermediate Theatre – 7th and 8th Grade:

Our six-week long unit on the play *Bruises* by Andy Wibbels continues.

6th Grade:

Our six-week long unit on the work of Brazilian director Augusto Boal continues.

GUITAR & STAGE BAND

Stage Band is cleaning up parts on "Spooky," "Back in the USSR," "Roll Over Beethoven," and "Godzilla." Vocalists are adding scale warm ups to increase their range, drummers are working to increase stamina, bassists are applying scales to bass lines, and guitarists are auditioning for solo parts.

Beginning Guitar- Students are working on basic strumming techniques. They are putting a series of chords together and learning the song "Brown Eyed Girl."

Intermediate Guitar - Students are learning their first finger picking technique. Using this method, and new forms of chords they had previously learned, they are working on the song "Stairway to Heaven."

VISUAL ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

Mrs. Stamp's Art: This week in art, students will be putting the final touches on their "Food that Fools the Eye". They will then begin their holiday card design for the upcoming HISD Holiday card Contest!

Students in 7th and 8th period classes need to remember to bring a shoe box for the upcoming Dia De Los Muertos project.

Advanced art students will continue to work on self-portraits!

BAND & PERCUSSION

Beg. Perc. - Students are taking what they have learned in the first 6 weeks (sticking, rudiments, scales) and applying it to an original piece of music written by Mr. Hayes.

Int. Perc. - students are finishing their pass offs on rudiments and scales and working on "Star Trek," "Raiders March," and Forrest Gump."

Adv. Perc. - students continue to work on all 3 All City pieces.

Beg. Band - We're moving on to pages 8 and 9 in our Essential Elements Books! We are also starting to work on a full band piece For EWTS!

Int. Band is are currently working on "Jurassic Park," "Raiders March," "Star Trek," and "Forrest Gump," and will continue to keep up "Shout It Out" ready for EWTS.

Adv. Band - congratulations to the students who participated in All City Band Auditions this past Saturday (10/24) at West Briar Middle School! Students did not compete will perform for the class on Monday, 10/26, using the performance rubric sent home last month.

Mr. Walker's Art students are working on a project titled "Western Going Green: Environmentally Safe Western Art." Some of these projects may be entered in the Rodeo Art Competition!

Photography students are venturing into the surrounding neighborhoods for additional photographic opportunities!

ORCHESTRA

The Orchestra classes are preparing pieces to play at Evening With the Stars on November 13th, and will soon start on music to prepare for our Holiday concert in December. The beginners now are able to play all of their notes on two strings of their instruments and the Intermediate and Advanced Orchestra are working on scales, composers, and the method book.

CHOIR

The Broadway Show was a huge success! Congratulations to all of the spectacular performers!

The choirs are busy working on choreography and costumes for Evening With the Stars. Check out our website for more information!

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

Evening With The Stars Carnival (EWTS) Friday, November 13, 2009

Hosted by the PTO, this event will be an indoor carnival complete with games, food, silent auction and performances by Fine Arts students. Admission tickets are on sale now! Food and game tickets will be available at the event. Tickets are cheap so bring the whole family (and neighbors, friends, co-workers... hey, bring everyone you know! Come have a great time and support the Fine Arts!)

10/22 - Choir Broadway Concert, 6:30pm
10/24 - Adv. Band All City Auditions
11/4-6 - Adv. 8th Theatre Production
11/10 - Adv. Dance performs at Johnston MS
11/13 - EWTS, 6:00-9:00pm
11/19 - Fall Bands Concert, 6:30pm

11/21 - Dance Montage at Westside HS
(Adv. Dance and Adv. Break Dance)
11/24 - MultiCultural Program (assembly)
12/10 - Orchestra Holiday Concert
12/16 - Dance Concert, 6:30pm
12/17 - Choir Concert, 6:30pm