

CLAYTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

FINE ARTS NEWSLETTER

A Monthly Newsletter by CCPS PAC.

DR. PRINCE T. BOWIE

"Successful people do, what unsuccessful people won't!"

Each school year provides a blank canvas for us to create a beautiful legacy. As we are approaching the last few weeks of this first semester in the 2023-2024 school year, stay focused on the goals of building your cathedral. In the Fine Arts we get the opportunity to ignite a fire of imagination that leads to a myriad of possibilities.

The thought of being a catalyst for a generation is nothing less than...
"Powerful"!

As always, I encourage you to continue maximizing opportunities that will produce student outcomes. Shape, mold, twist, turn, and stretch the possibilities beyond the limits! Do something you haven't done before, take a risk, explore another level of artistry. It's never easy, but always rewarding.

This month there's a special emphasis on giving thanks. Not that we have to wait any length of time to share the thanks. However, I would be remiss if I didn't let you all know that I am thankful for the hard work we are seeing throughout the district. Pouring into our scholars with every fiber you have is worthy of a "Thank You"!

Continue to build this cathedral!

Artistically,

Dr. Prince T. Bowie

Director of Fine Arts

Division of Teaching and

Learning & Strategic Improvement

WELCOME

to the monthly newsletter for the CCPS Fine Arts Department. The goal of this newsletter is to share highlights from the many Fine Arts programs around the county.

Fine Arts teachers, please submit articles for the Newsletter via the Google form sent by Dr. Bowie if you need the link again please email

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Successful people are willing to do
things unsuccessful people will not do.

John C. Maxwell

MARCHING BAND EVENT



Clayton County Public Schools' (CCPS) Department of Fine Arts hosted its annual Marching Band Exhibition on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, on Hines Ward Field at Tara Stadium in Jonesboro. The exhibition featured performances from nine CCPS high schools with HBCU-style Marching Band Programs. The event also featured the CCPS Combined Middle School Band with students from each middle school in the district, the Valdosta High School Marching Band from Valdosta, Georgia, and the Tennessee State University Aristocrat of Bands.

PERFORMANCE SPOTLIGHT



Theatre, Vocal, and Visual Art students came together for an evening of Jazz and Rock N' Roll. Students worked together to present their Fine Arts Showcases to the community at the Clayton County Performing Arts Center. Thank you to Molly Knowles, Erin Oxford, and Briana Long for their dedication and hard work with these talented young artists.



MD.ROBERTS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
Presents

MEAN GIRLS JR.

HOW FAR WOULD YOU GO TO BE POPULAR ?

BOOK BY **TINA FEY** MUSIC BY **JEFF RICHMOND** LYRICS BY **NELL BENJAMIN**

Show Times:

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| NOVEMBER 10TH 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM | NOVEMBER 11TH 7:00 PM | NOVEMBER 12TH 2:30 PM |
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Director - Kim Nicole Reed Thomas
Choreographer - Hannah Glenn
Music Director - Chrystal Hudson
Stage Manager Volunteer Sanaa Stokes

For morning school field trip information
Email: tamara.rainwater@clayton.k12.ga.us

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MD Roberts SOTA presents *Mean Girls Jr.* The Plastics have deemed Broadway Junior worthy of their presence in Mean Girls JR! This "fetch" musical from book writer Tina Fey (30 Rock), lyricist Nell Benjamin (Legally Blonde), and composer Jeff Richmond (Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt) is packed with keen wit, an undeniably catchy score, and a sincere message for everyone. See MTI Shows for the full synopsis.

The Performances will take place at the Clayton County Performing Arts Center, Stroud Hall
November 10 @ 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
November 11th @ 7:00 PM
and November 12th 2:00 PM
Tickets can be purchased on GoFan
<https://gofan.co/app/school/GA86466>



"You can't sit with us!"
Gretchen Wieners

SCHOOL SUBMITTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Urban Arts Club at Kay Pace Elementary School of the Arts in Clayton County was awarded a Vibrant Communities grant from Georgia Council for the Arts, a strategic arm of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, for fiscal year 2024. The Vibrant Communities grant helps to fund the beat making project where students will compose original tracks and contribute final mixes to a compilation album with original artwork conceptualized by the students. With the help of Georgia Council for the Arts, the afterschool program is able to collaborate with local hip-hop practitioners to supply 8 weeks of practical instruction in the fundamentals of beat making.



Kay Pace Good News

Dr. Glow is a proud recipient of the 2024 Vibrant Communities Grant from the Georgia Council for the Arts.

Funds will benefit the Urban Arts Club music production project.



Congratulations!



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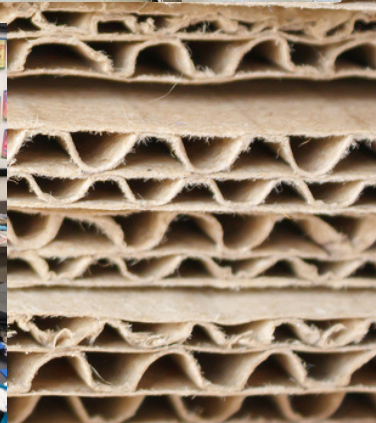
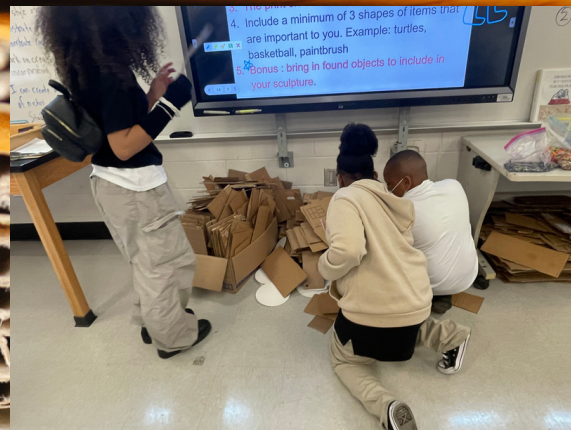
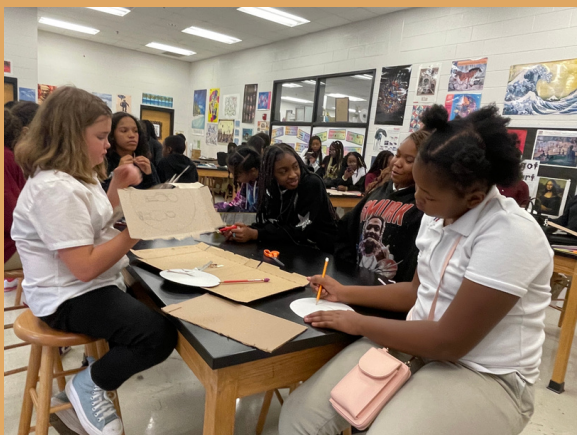
On October 30th, students from Elite Scholars Academy, Rex Mill Middle, Riverdale Middle, M.D. Roberts School of the Arts, and Sequoyah Middle represented CCPS in the GMEA District VI Middle School Honor Chorus. District 6 Honor Choir. The young musicians were 7th and 8th graders under the direction of 2024 Georgia's Teacher of the Year, Christy Todd, and retired educator, Dr. Byron James Cartwright. Our scholars performed alongside 19 schools from counties including Spalding, Clayton, Fayette, and Henry. They especially enjoyed performing Thriller with theatrics and sound effects created by middle school scholars.



SCHOOL SUBMITTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARTIST COLLABORATION

Visual Art Teachers Briana Long and Jerri Todd hosted a student artist collaboration between Kay R. Pace 5th Grade Art Majors and M.D. Roberts 7th Grade Art Majors in a collaboration of sculpture. Students were partnered up and a lesson was presented on Retablos and Nichos.



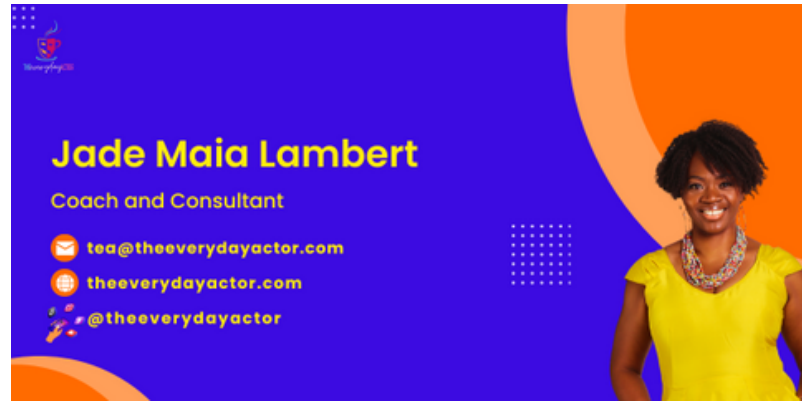
Kay Pace School of the Arts welcomed guest artist, Alan Xie, Visual Arts professor at Clayton State University. Briana Long (art teacher) assisted students to create Yayoi Kusama (Japanese contemporary artist) inspired, miniature pumpkin paintings. Students were immersed in Kusama's sculptures, paintings, fashion and installations, while creating their own conceptual art. What a great multidisciplinary lesson, thank you Ms. Long and Professor Xie!



DFA ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCPS Department of Fine Arts wants to highlight guest facilitator Jade Lambert-Smith from The Everyday Actor for graciously providing our district's Theater and Dance teachers with a phenomenal Professional Development.

Jade Lambert-Smith, is a theatre practitioner who is intentional about curating opportunities and increasing visibility for innovative creatives. She is a proud director-dramaturg, who previously served as the theatre director and troupe director at Tri-Cities High School, instructor of acting at Spelman College and as artistic associate, dramaturg, and teaching artist at the Alliance Theatre. Jade Lambert-Smith is the master motivator and arts advocate behind media company Lambert-Smith Media. Through the mission of LSM she currently manages an arts coaching and consulting firm, "The Everyday Actor," which encourages creative visionaries to take consistent daily steps towards their dreams. She is also the founder of PG Entertainment, a family-focused production company committed to developing innovative and inspiring arts experiences for today's modern family. You can find Jade on Instagram @theeverydayactor and on Youtube at The Everyday Actor.



DFA EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Clayton Invitational - A Gospel Choir Competition that was scheduled for Saturday, December 9th, 2023, has been postponed, and the department will revisit this event at a later date. Please be on the lookout for other amazing school performances that will take place at the PAC and various schools throughout the months of November and December. You can also follow us on social media for future updates.

Thank You



CELEBRATING FINE ARTS TEACHER'S BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

Kenneth English
Amanda Payne
Spencer Holland
Jennifer O'Bremski
Jimmie Howell Jr
Asa Bradley
Manuel Verde



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PAC EVENTS

11/4 - Community / Employee Engagement
8 AM

11/9 - Stilwell Jazz Band
6 PM

11/10 - MD Roberts Musical *Mean Girls Jr.*
School Show 10 AM
Evening Show 7 PM

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Afternoon Show 2:30 PM

11/13 - MD Roberts Band/Orch. Concert
7 PM

11/14 - Kay Pace Recruitment Show
10 AM
Stilwell Jazz Band
6 PM


11/16 - Stilwell Dance
6 PM
Reach GA Ceremony
5:30 PM

11/17 - Kay Pace Dance Showcase
10 AM

11/18 David Collins Jazz Concert
7 PM

11/19 - Miss Excellence GA Pageant
5 PM

11/29 - Jonesboro MS Band
7 PM

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