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Lexie Stites
Dance



Jordan Price
Drama



Helen Haverstick
Orchestra



Dana Gumm
Instrumental Music and Percussion



Kaylee Benson
Vocal Music and Piano



Carly Parker
Visual Art

LPAS Arts News

April, 2026



Where The Arts Start

(Pictured above is our channel lettering that the PTA provided to us for Arts Day. THANKS PTA!)

The month of March flew by at LPAS! Our staff and students have been working tirelessly on our Spring Performances. Those of you who were unable to attend the shows in person can view the livestream recordings of our performances by going to our youtube channel at: youtube.com/@lpaslou

We would like to send out a big thank you to all of the artists and performers who volunteered for Arts Day. I specifically enjoy seeing our former LPAS students who come back to lead workshops.

Parents who attended our spring performances are invited to fill out our parent feedback form: https://tinyurl.com/ParentFeedbackSP2526

We have an important reminder for LPAS students that are entering fourth and fifth grades next year - our arts choice presentations occurred on Monday, March 30th. Your student should have brought home an instructional sheet on how to choose their arts choices for next year. It is very important that parents and students fill out this form together. This information will also be shared digitally, along with a recorded video of the presentation.

We have many events and activities planned for April. We will be rehearsing for our LPAS in the Park event. Kindergarten and fifth grade students will be preparing for their promotion ceremonies. LPAS will also be hosting our Volunteer Luncheon.

Please reach out to me with any questions concerning the LPAS Arts Department. For questions about specific classes, please reach out directly to your arts teachers. **-Amos Hopkins**

If you wish to see what LPAS was up to last month, you can check out the newsletter by following this link: https://tinyurl.com/ArtsNewsMarch26

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4/2: Session 4 After-School Ballet, 3:20pm (Last Class)

4/2: After-School Ballet Presentations, 4:15pm in Black Box

4/6: LPAS in Motion, 3:20pm

4/13: LPAS in Motion, 3:20pm

4/13: Choice forms are due

4/14: Sounds of Kentucky, 3:20pm (Last Class) *PARENT PRESENTATION 4:10 - 4:30 in Arts Lobby

4/14: GT Drama, 3:30pm

4/20: Orchestra Classes- singer/songwriter Brandi Hart Composing workshop

4/20: LPAS in Motion, 3:20pm

4/21: All-County Dance

4/21: GT Drama, 3:30pm

4/27: Louisville Ballet Moving Stories Performance

4/27: LPAS in Motion, 3:20pm

4/28: GT Drama, 3:30pm (Last Class)

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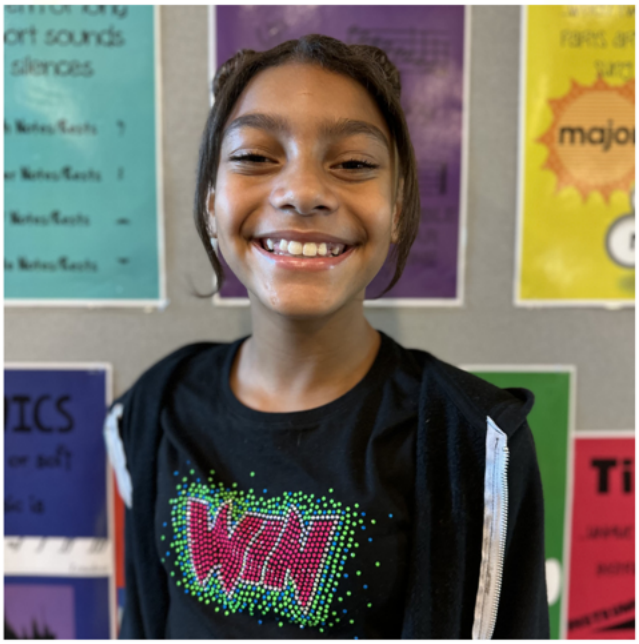
STAR ARTS STUDENT!

ARIA TURNER



Aria is spectacular! Her two performing arts classes are percussion ensemble and dance, and she is a star in both! In percussion ensemble, she leads with her big smile and strong musical skills. In dance, she performs with excellence and leadership in everything she does. Great job, Aria!

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Arts Choices For CURRENT THIRD GRADE STUDENTS

Parents & Students,

IMPORTANT: Your arts electives are ready for you to choose! Please follow the link below for instructions, videos, course descriptions andmore.

https://tinyurl.com/4GChoiceLetter



Choice forms are due no later than Monday, April 13th, at 9am.

Arts Choices For CURRENT 4th Grade LPAS Students!

Parents & Students,

IMPORTANT: Your arts electives are ready for you to choose! Please follow the link below for instructions, videos, course descriptions and more.

https://tinyurl.com/5GChoiceLetterSY-2627

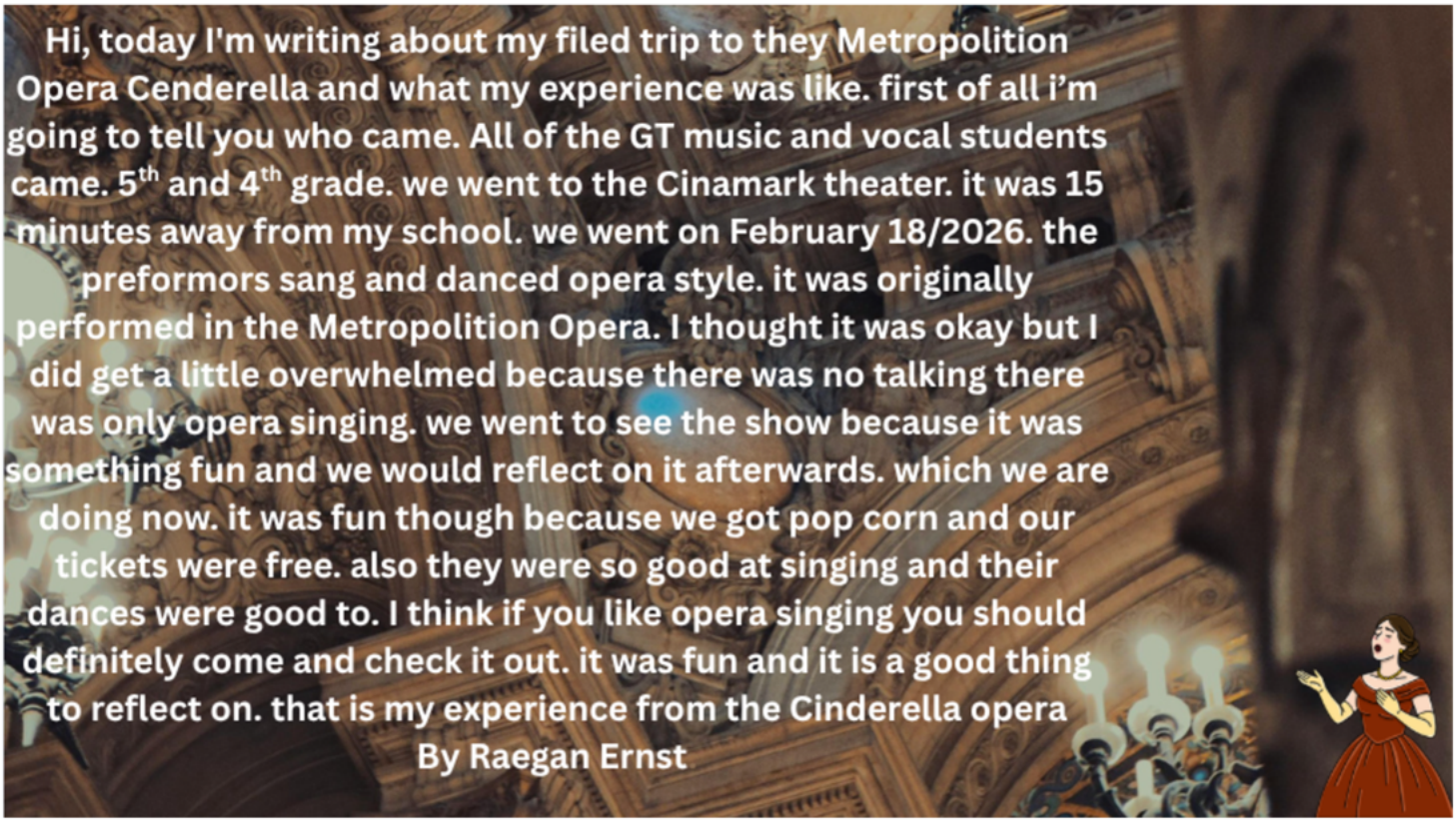
Choice forms are due no later than Monday, April 13th, at 9am.

Students identified as Gifted and Talented in Music had the opportunity to go see a recording of the Met Opera's Cinderella at Cinemark Theaters! Here's what they had to say about it!

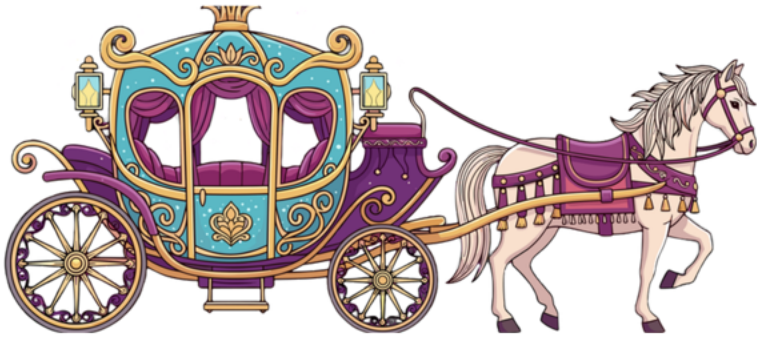
My Review For the Metropolitan Opera Cinderella

We went to see the Metropolitan Opera Cinderella at Cinemark Theaters on February 18th with other music gifted and talented students we saw the performers sing and dance and act it was an amazing experience and we had so much fun.i think that the vocal talent was amazing and so was the acting and I like how it wasn't like the other Cinderellas I've seen,the only thing I did not like is how the background stayed the same the whole time I wish they changed the background but overall I rate this a 8.5/10 that's all bye!

By: Jessa Rosenbaum



The GT arts at Lincoln elementary went to see Opera Cinderella by Metropolitan Opera. We did this February 18. We saw it at the Cinemark Theater. It originally took place atMetropolitan Opera. Ourteacher's wanted to do this to show us a different style of music. The performers decided to do this because they love music that style and wanted to entertain. They also said they love seeing the little faces looking at them like "they're from Cinderella!!"



I really liked it. It was fun to watch. Because they could hit really high notes we were all surprised. We had a amazing time you should go see it to. By Brynlee Ernst!!:)





ALLEN GILFERT

BAND

LPAS Band students just completed their spring performances, and we couldn't be prouder of their growth and musicianship! From confident rhythms to a more refined tone, students showcased the hard work they've put in all year. As we move into the final stretch before summer, the band is shifting gears—exploring new music, trying out different instruments, and building even more ensemble skills in fun and creative ways.

We're also looking ahead to a few special opportunities, including performances like LPAS in the Parks, where students will get to share their music with the school community. It's a wonderful way to celebrate all they've accomplished while continuing to learn and grow. Stay tuned—there's still plenty of music to be made before the school year ends!





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DANCE



LEXIE STITES

March was a success! Students shined in all Spring Performances! As we are getting ready to close out the year, Kindergarten and 5th grade are preparing for promotion and all other grades are continuing in their movement exploration.









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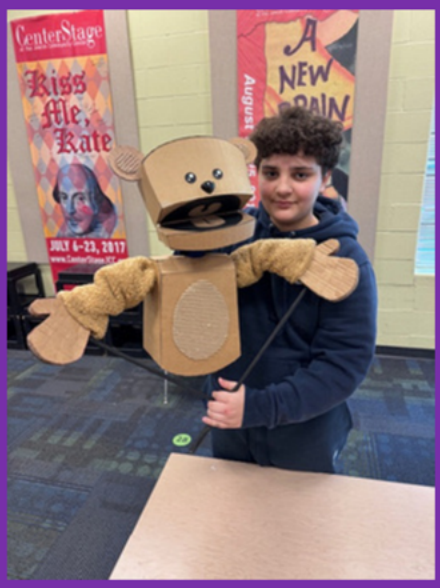
JORDAN PRICE



DRAMA

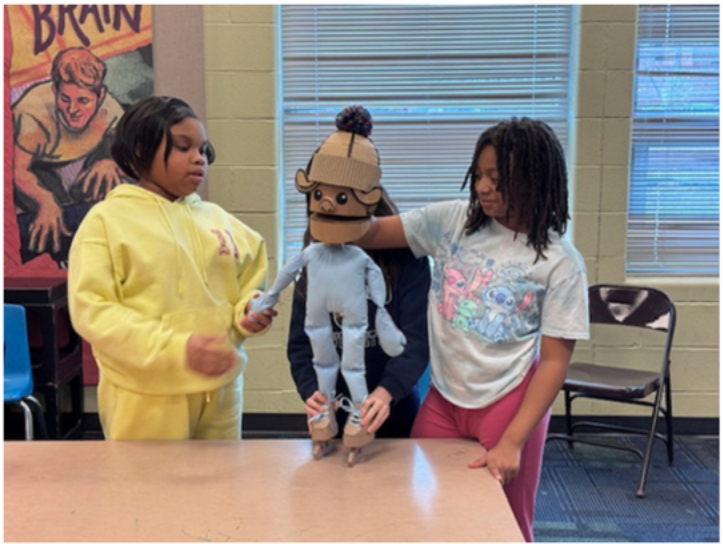
In drama we have been hard at work on our spring performances. Thank you so much for all those parents who took the time to attend and support our young performers.

In Kindergarten, students have worked on puppets, foley art, and some listening and responding activities.

Grades 1-5 had the opportunity to perform for an audience, showing their ability to memorize a role and create a character. Any opportunity to perform for an audience is invaluable for building confidence in our young performers.

The drama GT students have been working on a collaboration with the public library performing a short script based on the children's book, "Come Catch a Dream" complete with original puppets created by local artist Sarah Hall. Our plan is to create a short movie to share with families and classrooms.





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HELEN HAVERSTICK

ORCHESTRA

Our LPAS Orchestra students performed so well at their Spring Performances. I am so proud of their hard work to prepare and their professionalism they displayed at the performances, along with their beautifully performed music! Thank you to all the family members who were able to attend the performances at LPAS and online. The performances are still available on our Lincoln Elementary YouTube channel under the “live” tab. It may be fun for you all to pop some popcorn and watch the performance together as a family!

Coming up... Orchestra students will continue their composition unit with another composition workshop presented by Kentucky singer/songwriter Brandi Hart on April 20! Also for the next couple of months, students will focus on techniques of sight reading and will be rehearsing new music in preparation for our LPAS in the Park performance on May 16 at 11am at the LPAS large playground. All orchestra students are invited to perform.

Lastly, we are so proud of the students who recently auditioned for Western Middle School for the Arts. Many orchestra students were accepted for Orchestra as their Major or Minor area of study! Go LPAS Orchestra!





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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AND PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE



DANA GUMM

From now until the end of April, Instrumental Music will have TWO teachers! Ms. Reagan Ballard is studying music education at the University of Louisville. Her primary instrument is the violin, and she is so excited to get to work with Lincoln kids this semester!



REAGAN BALLARD

It's March! Spring Performances are now complete, so most of the classes are wrapping up end-of-year music concepts and compiling their learning into fun projects and musical experiences.

Take a look at some pictures from the third grade student performers!









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KAYLEE BENSON

VOCAL MUSIC AND PIANO

March was full of performances for 1st through 5th grade classes. Your children did a great job preparing their music and demonstrating age-appropriate vocal and piano technique.

Kindergarten and first grade classes are learning to reflect on music with active listening and to identify music they enjoy and why they enjoy it. Kindergarten classes are learning a song that integrates their classroom learning about trees called, "Waiting for Leaves."

Second and third grade classes are learning about folk songs and their historical contexts. They're learning songs such as "Looby Loo," and "Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush."

Fourth and fifth grade vocal classes will explore multicultural music, and piano classes will be working hard on composing and writing songs.

As always, feel free to reach out with any questions.
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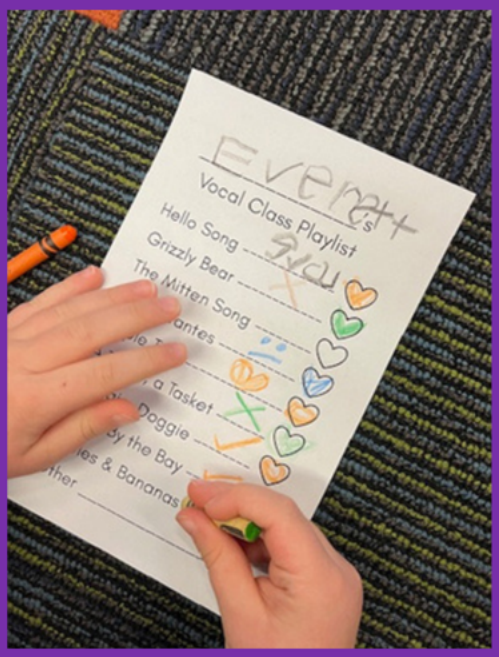





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VISUAL ARTS

SESSION 7

CARLY PARKER

KINDERGARTEN

CERAMICS

Students have been glazing their clay name plaques and/or having their ART PARTY!

1ST GRADE

SCULPTURE

Students are designing an In-the-Round sculpture made from cardboard.

2ND GRADE

PRINTMAKING

We are combining art and math standards in this next project: designing a quilt. Students will focus on shapes and their attributes as well as fractions.

3RD GRADE

CERAMICS

Students have been glazing their clay frogs and/or having their ART PARTY.

4TH GRADE

PRINTMAKING

Students are starting to create their relief prints for printmaking.

5TH GRADE

CERAMICS

Students are continuing to practice different techniques in clay to construct their clay vase.

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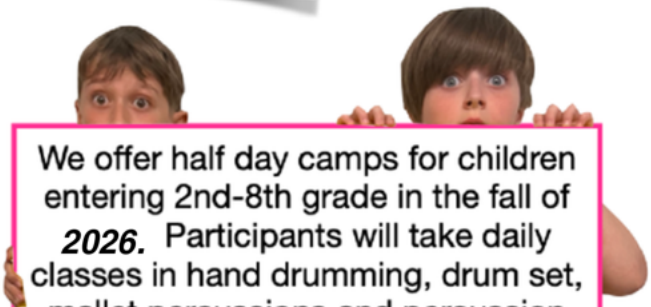

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