



# FAB NEWS

February 1, 2012

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## LARGE GROUP SPEECH

A big congratulations to Large Group Speech participants on a great competition at districts in Keokuk.

Readers Theatre, Choral Reading, Radio Broadcasting, Short Film, and Ensemble move on to State. It will be held this Saturday, February 4th at Cedar Rapids Washington High School. Good Luck!

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## INDIVIDUAL SPEECH

Casting is up and practices begin next week. District Individual Speech Contest is February 25 at Wapello High School.

-Mrs. Allsop

## ELEMENTARY MUSIC

The 6th graders will be the next to have a program on Tuesday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The show is titled "Rock and Roll Forever" and will feature songs from the 1950's and 1960's. So come enjoy a fun evening of song and dance from that era.

On Friday, January 27, Mrs. Aamodt was able to take eight 6th graders to the SE Iowa Youth Honor Choir held in Mt. Pleasant at the IWC campus. The following students were selected: Ellen Burk, Felicity Canterbury, Sarah Conrad, Jocelyn Crew, Kyra Johnson, Devin May, Garrett McGhee, and Kameron Meller. They sang with about a 100 other students from the area and had a great experience.

3rd graders are starting the recorders! I hope you hear them practicing at home as this is the only way to make improvement on them. Hot Cross Buns is always the favorite song to play!

The 5th graders continue to play the electric pianos. I really enjoy seeing how much they improve every time! For some of them, this is the first time they have played the keyboard and they are doing an amazing job on them!

All the classes have enjoyed some winter songs, Martin Luther King songs, and will soon start some Valentine songs in February.

-Mrs. Aamodt

## MS BAND

On Saturday, January 7th we had 5 MS band students audition for SEIBA Honor Band. Those five were Emily Carhoff, Drake Huffman, Brenton Fjeld, Autumn Fjeld, and Savannah Banwart. Brenton and Savannah were both recalled and Savannah was selected to participate in the honor band. Savannah got to participate in a concert at Iowa City West High School on January 21st.

Coming up, we have MS Solo/Ensemble Festival on Saturday, February 18th at New London. Following that we will have our next MS Band Concert/MS Choir Concert on Tuesday, March 20th and later that week our 7th/8th Band will be participating in large group contest on Friday March 23rd at Solon.

-Mr. Miller





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## ELEMENTARY ART

**Sixth graders** have been learning about the tessellations of M.C. Escher and creating their own designs. We relied on mathematics to produce patterns that fit together like puzzle pieces. Each motif was embellished with a design we created ourselves – kind of like finding recognizable shapes in clouds.

**Fifth graders** also have been working with patterns by coiling the woven section of their coil pottery/baskets.

**Third and fourth graders** have enjoyed demonstrating their drawing skills by applying visual texture to their renditions of an Iowa timber in winter.

**First and second graders** have been looking at themselves in a mirror a lot lately to help record their facial features in their self-portraits. Did you know that are eyes are in the center of our head?

**Kindergarteners** have discovered that paper woven mats can be used in combination with other subject matter – we have turned ours into people. The woven part is, you guessed it, the clothes. Remember our last snow?

Perhaps **pre-K** made it happened by producing snowmen from torn paper shapes. Pre-K-ers are also excited about applying their handwriting skills in the art room by painting the letters of their name.

The following students have had their artwork accepted into the 2012 **Youth Art Month Show (YAM)**: Dawson, Liberty Schulz, Macy Woodruff, Rian Gerber, and Katie Coates. The work will be displayed at the Historical Building in Des Moines, Iowa (600 E. Locust St.) during the month of March. A YAM celebration honoring these students and other participants will take place on Sunday, March 11 at 1p.m. During the ceremony the students will receive a certificate. Other students who had their work considered was Jagger Gourley, Nicole Schnedler, Allen Erickson, Wesley Kodis, and Jaedyn Edle.

Youth Art Month is recognized nationally and sponsored locally by the Art Educators of Iowa. This yearly celebration is a time to examine the importance of the arts in education through the visual creations of students.

Mediapolis Community Schools is proud of the creative endeavors of these students.

Look for your child's Original Works packet to be sent home on Monday, February 13 and due back on Tuesday, Feb.21.  
-Mrs. Laue



## HS BAND

The Band is gearing up for the Fine Arts Festival. Winter Drumline and Winter Color Guard are off and running. Keep an eye on your emails for the First Old World Jam Session this year.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 13th, Mediapolis will be hosting the Southeast Iowa Super Conference Honor Band. Mediapolis students participating will be Holly Harris, Sierra Kome, Andrew Poggemiller, Hannah Hillyard, Kortni Isom, Kylie Nielsen, Ben Vorwerk, Austin Orr, Patrick Taffe, and Liwei (Echo) Yi. We hope to see you there!

Mr. Kling

<b>February Dates To Remember</b>	February 4	HS State Large Group Speech Contest
	February 6	FAB meeting 6:30 Choir Room
	February 18	HS All-State Large Group Speech Festival
	February 18	MS Solo/Ensemble Festival in New London
	February 25	District Individual Speech Contest
	February 28	Sixth Grade Music Program 7:00 p.m. -Auditorium



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### **MS/HS Choir**

The Swing Choir has started rehearsing and we are gearing up to perform at the Fine Arts Festival in March! Swing Choir provides the students with the opportunity to perform more popular music and do some movement as well. With shows on television like Glee and The Sing Off, the students have shown a great interest in pursuing something similar. Look for us at the Fine Arts Festival, March 6!

A group of 10 middle school students attending the ICDA Youth Honor Choir along with 8 elementary students at Iowa Wesleyan College on Friday, January 27. The students performed works from various music periods and cultures. It has been exciting seeing these students become more excited and involved in music!

Along with the Fine Arts Festival approaching, the next big events are the High School Honor Choir on March 8 in Eldon Solo/ Ensemble Contest March 31 in West Burlington.

-Mr. Reif



### **ICDA YOUTH HONOR CHOIR**

