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Magnet Elementary School Announcements

Bugg Creative Arts and Science Magnet Elementary held its first "Evening of Stars" event on January 12th. All Bugg Magnet Elementary learners were involved in dancing, singing, playing, presenting, and sharing. Visitors moved easily throughout the school from one presentation to another. First grade danced to a piece from the Nutcracker. The 4th grade played recorders and presented a wire art map of North Carolina, adorned with wire art turtles, butterflies, and lizards, with resident Artist, Jonathan Daniel. Environmental artist, Bryant Holsenbeck, was on hand to share the animals created by the 5th graders using plastic grocery bags, wire, thread, and fabric. The 2nd grade danced to a Japanese song, Tanko Bushi, and 3rd grade entertained guests with the Sun, Earth, and Moon dance. Special Programs and Kindergarten led their parents through their morning routine and shared work with visitors. The 4th and 5th grade extended study dance class engaged the audience with their self-choreographed dance to *The Shape of Things*. The "Gallery Walk" displayed art from every class. To top off the evening, there was a silent auction/raffle which was a lot of fun, with proceeds going to support the Bugg artist in residency program.



Hunter Gifted & Talented / AG Basics Magnet Elementary welcomes many artists throughout the year to work with students through the Artist-in-Residence program. Recently, DBR (Daniel Bernard Roumain), the gifted Hip-Hop violinist, spent time at Hunter coaching the orchestra students. He also performed for the whole school and as a special treat, performed with Hunter orchestra and band instructors, Mr. Pellas and Mrs. Taylor.

Bren Bataclan, an Artist-in-Residence who paints monster paintings, worked with the children in Mrs. Pryors' art classes. He taught the students how to design their own monster artwork and used their creations to inspire a mural that he painted for the Hunter media center.

In the near future, author/illustrator Kevin O'Malley along with author, Libby Bagby, will participate in Hunter's Author-in-Residence program and meet with 4th grade students.

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Third grade students at **Wendell Creative Arts and Science Magnet Elementary School** presented the "informance," *I Am From*, to a crowd of students, parents and members of the community. The students worked together with their classroom teachers and the arts teachers to create this arts / language arts integrated project. Students wrote poems about where they are from by using the five senses to spark family memories. They composed their own music to the poems and went through the recording and publishing process. The students worked together in small groups to choreograph a dance to illustrate their poems. In addition, students studied famous self portraits, learned how to draw correct proportions of a face, and drew / painted self portraits.



Douglas Creative Arts & Science Magnet Elementary School has been awarded a \$5000 Toolbox Grant from Lowe's Home Improvement. Douglas will use these funds to build an outdoor learning center. This outdoor learning center will support the *naturalist intelligence* of the Creative Arts and Science program and provide opportunities for students to interact with their environment. Current research indicates that children today do not spend enough time outdoors; they have become the "indoor" generation. By constructing this outdoor learning space, the staff hopes to reintroduce students to the natural environment and enhance students' active and creative thinking and learning, all foundational philosophies to the creative arts and science theme. The project will begin in the Spring of 2010.

All students at **A.B. Combs Leadership Magnet ES** are participating every other week in a 45-minute assembly that focuses on leadership skills called **Town Meetings**. The *Town Meetings* involve hosting community leaders as "Leader of the Week". So far this year the "Leaders of the Week" include Secretary of State, Elaine Marshall, members of the Carolina Railhawks, and a group of educators from Indonesian. During "Leader of the Week" assemblies, students interview guests about how they are using the 7 Habits in their own careers and lives. These meetings are empowering students to cultivate their own leadership style as they learn from others in the school and community.



Magnet Middle and High School Announcements

Ligon Gifted & Talented / AG Basics dancers participated in a three-day dance extravaganza in New York City. Students participated in private dance classes at a Broadway studio in tap, lyrical jazz, modern, hip-hop and ballet. Students also participated in a dance workshop with Ligon alumni, John Arthur Greene, now starring in "West Side Story." Dance students also saw the works of two historical and exceptional choreographers, Jerome Robbins and Bob Fosse, in the musicals "West Side Story" and "Chicago".

Enloe Gifted & Talented / IB Magnet HS student, Prashanth Kamalakanth, was chosen from hundreds of applicants to participate in the 48th annual United States Senate Youth Program. Senators Richard Burr and Kay Hagan announced Prashanth as one of two selected delegates in NC to attend the Senate Youth Program from March 6-13, 2010 in Washington, DC.

Millbrook Magnet High School is hosting an International Baccalaureate (IB) Expo

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IB Expo

Millbrook High School
February 10, 2010
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
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