

The Spotlight

Westborough Fine Arts

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Hi everyone! I hope you enjoy our first newsletter of the 2023-24 school year.

All the amazing work highlighted here is supported by WFAEA members and business sponsors.

Consider becoming a member each year! It's a unique way to stay involved as your student grows as well as support fine arts programs, projects, clinicians and scholarships across Westborough Public Schools.

WFAEA is also a fun and easy going group of fine arts families!

And, if you are a local business owner, we'd greatly appreciate your support as well!

Please visit our **website** to learn more and join today!

Thanks and see you soon!

Lisa Chace
WFAEA President

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

Greetings Fine Arts Families & Friends,

I hope the school year is going smoothly for everyone. It is hard to believe we have already reached November! The first quarter of the school year has flown by and we are enjoying each and every day we get to spend with students.

The Fine Arts Department has had a productive start to our year. We have welcomed five new staff members, incorporated our WHS Journalism program into the department, partnered with Music Worcester, attended a rehearsal with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, put on wonderful drama productions at both Gibbons and Westborough High School, and our students have already performed over twenty times! We are continually impressed by our students and are grateful for all of the family and community support.

I hope to see you at one of our many winter performances and community events!

Sincerely,

Christopher Martin
Director of Fine Arts

Attend a Meeting!

Our next WFAEA meeting will be live at the WHS Library!

Jan 9, 2024 at 7:00pm

Email us at info@wfaea.org to be included on the mailing list.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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Nov 14th, 7pm:

Vijay Gupta Collaborative Concert

Nov 15th, 5pm & 7pm:

Band-O-Rama

Nov 18th:

CDMMEA Sr District Auditions

Nov 23rd, 10:00am:

Thanksgiving Football Game, WHS

Nov 29th, 7pm:

WHS Small Ensembles Concert

Nov 30th, 7pm:

WHS Vocal Pops Concert

Dec 6th & 7th, 7pm:

GMS Concerts

Dec 12th, 7pm:

WHS Winter Band Concert

Dec 15th, 1:30pm:

GMS in School Concert

Dec 19th, 7:00pm

WHS Choir/Orchestra Winter Concert, community welcome!

For link to full Westborough Fine Arts Calendar

[Click here](#)



COMING SOON!

CENTER STAGE

THE WOLVES

A Play by Sarah DeLappe about High school girls' experiences during Saturday soccer warmups.

Jan 18th, 19th and 20th @ 7pm

Keep an eye out for tickets for this exciting play put on by WHS students.



★ ★ SKYRISE THEATER ★ ★

EXTRA! EXTRA!

MILL POND SCHOOL MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS
Presenting: **NEWSIES** THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

You won't want to miss this!

When: November 16th 7PM
November 17th 12:30PM

Where: GIBBONS MIDDLE SCHOOL
Westborough

Tickets: \$14-18

Let's Give the Women Their Due!

GET YOUR TICKETS HERE

skyrisetheater.com

SkyRise Theater

Disney
THE LITTLE MERMAID JR

December 9th 12pm and 4pm
December 10th 2pm

Gibbons Middle School, Westborough

Get your Tickets Here

Tickets \$14-18

SkyRiseTheater.com

MESSAGES FROM WFAEA



CONCERTS IN THE 2023-2024 SEASON CONTINUE TO BE FREE FOR ALL WESTBOROUGH FAMILIES!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
come and see

BAND -O- RAMA

Performances at 5:00 and 7:00 pm

WHS Gymnasium

VOLUNTEER

Free ticket required.

Livestream provided by Westborough TV



You're Invited!

WESTBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING
ARTS & MUSIC WORCESTER PRESENT

A FALL CONCERT

Featuring

*Concert Orchestra
Chamber Orchestra
Chamber Singers*

TUESDAY
NOV. 14, 7:00PM

WESTBOROUGH HIGH
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



Admission is FREE, but we will be collecting food donations for the Westborough Food Pantry. Please give if you are able.



Guest Artists

Reena Esmail, composer

Vijay Gupta, violin

Family Music Night

Look out for
dates and details!



WHS' CENTER STAGE IS "LOVE/SICK"!



Photo credits: Kristy Kocuo and Jess Crandall



The senior directors of Love/Sick

Exciting News from Center Stage!

On November 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, Center Stage kicked off the year with a bang, presenting a series of 8 one-act romantic comedy plays. Directed by talented students, the cast wowed audiences on Thursday and performed to a sold out crowd on both Friday and Saturday.

Stay tuned for more amazing productions this season!



Alumni Spotlight

Abigail Hammond (WHS '19)

We're thrilled to catch up with our talented high school alumni, Abby Hammond, who has just graduated from the Manhattan School of Music and is now making her dreams come true in the heart of New York City. We are so thankful that Abby was so generous to take some time out of her busy schedule to answer some questions.



Can you share some highlights or achievements from your time in college, such as notable performances or projects you were involved in?

I feel very grateful to have had a lot of really cool performance experiences throughout my time at school; I've had the opportunity to lead a couple school productions, my favorite being "She Loves Me" where I played Amalia Balash my senior year. I've also had some good experiences workshopping and developing new musicals with industry professionals, as well as performing a handful of concerts at venues such as Carnegie Hall, Birdland Jazz, and 54 Below.

What advice do you have for current high school students who aspire to pursue a theater arts degree in college?

My advice for anyone planning to pursue a degree in Theater would be to seek out additional experiences outside of your school environment; by this I mean classes, lessons, choirs, other theatrical productions, dance classes, etc. I say this because, while I loved the work I was able to do at WHS, those extra opportunities that I sought out provided more experiences for me to learn and grow. It's really important that you dedicate your time to learning and growing your skills as an artist and expose yourself to all types of experiences. The application process that you will go through will be quite different and more time consuming than that of your peers, but if this is something that you really want to pursue then it will be totally worth it in the end!

What were some of the most valuable lessons or skills you learned during your college theater program?

I learned a lot from my time at the Manhattan School of Music; it feels almost impossible to write everything down. I'd say that the most important thing that I learned is how to start my journey of becoming a professional. What I mean by this is I learned how to conduct myself in a professional manner inside audition rooms, rehearsal rooms, during performances, etc. This also translates to the expectations that people will have of me as a professional; how to practice in an effective way, learn material quickly, how to elevate it, what it means to be prepared, and how to work with the cast and creative team around you to tell a story.

What are some of the challenges you've faced in pursuing a career in theater, and how have you overcome them?

It's interesting to talk about challenges, because in a way I feel like I am in the most challenging phase of my career, because I am fresh out of school and in a lot of ways still trying to break into the industry. I would say specifically these challenges are mainly based around how competitive everything is. For every job (both Broadway, Regional, Summer, off-Broadway, concert gigs, etc.) There are an insane amount of people who show up, I mean hundreds, and for the really big project sometimes thousands (especially if the first audition is virtual.) You must have a really thick skin and not take rejection personally, because the unfortunate reality is that essentially for every one "yes", there are at least 10-20 "no's." Naturally, this creates a lot of room for comparison. The best way that I've found to deal with this is constantly reminding myself to "stay in my own lane," and that nobody has my sets of abilities or will do the material exactly like I will. I've

had to try and develop lots of confidence over the years, and learn that ultimately rejection is not personal, even if it feels as such. Another way I cope with these feelings and issues is to go and submit/audition for everything I possibly can; statistically speaking, the more you put yourself out there, the closer you get to that "yes."

Is there anything else you'd like to share with the high school community or any message you'd like to convey to your alma mater?

WHS is a really great place, where it really allows you to explore all of your interests under the guidance of some truly wonderful teachers. Enjoy your time there and take advantage of everything they have to offer!



Abigail Hammond as Amalia Bash in "She Loves Me" at Manhattan School of Music

WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH WFAEA?

We are looking for volunteers to help!
There are many fun ways to be a part of
Westborough Public School Fine Arts.



JOIN US!

How You Can Get Involved:

- Become a member for the 2023-24 school year
- Volunteer to help support fine arts programs and events
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram
- Come to our monthly meetings (2nd Tuesday of the month on Zoom) include:
 - District updates from our Director of Fine Arts
 - Grant funds to fine arts programs and projects
 - Award senior scholarships to fine arts students
 - Meet other parents by volunteering

Anyone can join our email list to receive updates throughout the year about meetings, events and volunteer opportunities.



New WFAEA merch!
For sale at upcoming Fine Art events!



SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the Westborough Fine Arts Education Association proudly awards scholarships to deserving Westborough High School seniors.



Participation in the Arts Scholarship:

This scholarship is awarded to individuals who have dedicated themselves to participating in courses and activities within the Fine Arts Department for all 4 years of their high school career and earned at least an A average in any fine arts classes.

Passion for the Arts Scholarship:

This scholarship is offered to any Westborough High School student who plans on pursuing post-secondary studies in the Fine Arts. The student must have a declared Fine Arts major. The scholarship is awarded to individuals who have dedicated themselves to participating in courses and activities within the Fine Arts Department for all 4 years of their high school career and earned at least an A average in any fine arts classes.

Eligibility:

Qualified seniors who have participated in the Westborough Fine Arts Department throughout their four years at Westborough High School and whose parents/guardians have been a member in good standing of WFAEA for for two (2) of the last four (4) years.*

**Class of 2024 families are excluded from the membership requirement.*

Rules:

Any application submitted for the Passion for the Arts Scholarship will automatically ALSO be eligible for the Participation Scholarship. All applications will be reviewed by Fine Arts Faculty and scholarships will be awarded at Graduation.


Deadline to apply is noon EST on May 2, 2024.


[MORE DETAILS](#)

TWO FUN VOLUNTEER OPENINGS!

Join the WFAEA Team and Make a Difference!

Are you ready to make a positive impact in the WHS fine arts community? We have two exciting volunteer opportunities waiting for you at WFAEA:

 **MICCA Concessions Organizer:** Step into the heart of one of the year's most exciting events! As a concessions organizer, you'll shadow our current chair coordinator, gaining valuable experience to take the lead next year. Be part of the team that keeps the MICCA event running smoothly and ensure that attendees have a fantastic time.

 **POPS Night Chairperson:** Get ready to make POPS Night on May 15, 2024 the highlight of the year! As the chairperson, you'll be responsible for organizing registration, appetizers, and beverages for this extraordinary end-of-the-year celebration. You'll have a great crew of volunteer to help at every turn! It's an opportunity to be at the center of WFAEA's big fundraiser!



[Click here to volunteer!](#)



SEAT OF RECOGNITION

Looking for a way to recognize your graduated Senior? Dedicate a seat in the high school auditorium!



Recognize someone special with a brass plate on the arm of a Westborough High School auditorium seat! A perfect way to honor your graduating senior, thank a favorite teacher or leave your favorite quote behind.

Donate \$40 for a 4" x 1 1/2" plate with a message of your choice, up to 3 lines of 18 characters (including spaces). Your donation will help support arts education and fund our scholarship program. \$33 of the donation is tax-deductible. Please note, donation of a plate does not reserve seating at auditorium events.

To order, go to www.WFAEA.org and complete the form on our fundraiser page.

WHS VISITS SYMPHONY HALL



Photo credits: Anna LeDuc and Dalia Izvolski



In an unforgettable experience, this fall, our talented WHS Orchestra students had the incredible opportunity to attend the Boston Symphony Orchestra's Open Rehearsal designed for high school students. They arrived promptly to witness the mesmerizing enchantment that takes place behind the curtains of Symphony Hall.

Upon their arrival, our students had the privilege of engaging in an interactive interview with the exceptionally gifted composer, Iman Habibi, who hails from Iran and Canada. His latest composition, which had previously debuted at Tanglewood last summer, and set to take the stage at the Boston Symphony Hall.

However, the most extraordinary moment of the musical field trip came when the legendary Yo-Yo Ma graced the stage, performing Shostakovich's 1st and 2nd Cello Concertos. Yo-Yo Ma's performance was so profound and inspirational that it left a lasting impression on the students.

Darshan Trio Performs at Gibbons

Darshan Trio, a professional piano trio led by violinist Vijay Gupta, performed for Gibbons Orchestra students on September 21st. They were joined by choreographer/dance artist, Yamini Kalluri, and performed music by composer, Reena Esmail. Vijay Gupta and Reena Esmail will be working with WHS Orchestras and Chamber Singers in November, in preparation for a performance at WHS on November 14 at 7:00pm.



WFAEA's Impact: Funding Grants, Clinicians, and Community Projects

Empowering Our Fine Arts Department: WFAEA Funding in Action

Parents and Community Sponsorship Fuel the Arts, Enriching Education

Exciting news from WFAEA: We are pleased to announce that WFAEA has granted funding of \$1,300, for the purchase of 18 new Manhasset music stands and 1 music stand cart at Gibbons. This grant supported unanimously by WFAEA members, directly benefits the 150 band and orchestra students at Gibbons and future musicians.

Gibbons' music programs have been flourishing, and participation numbers are on the rise. In response to Band Director Craig Robbins' request, this funding addresses the urgent need for additional music stands. The shortage was affecting rehearsals and performances, making it essential to provide the necessary resources to our talented students.

The decision to fund this project was discussed at the WFAEA meeting held on September 12, 2023. We are pleased to report that the vote was unanimous, reflecting the commitment of the association to support the arts

and education at Gibbons. The grant's impact is not limited to the present; it will serve as a foundation for generations of musicians to come.



EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Journalism has joined the Fine Arts Department!

Fine Arts is expanding to include Journalism which will help us reach students interested in broadcast and writing for the school publications! We look forward to highlighting these amazing groups and offering support to a whole new creative path.

We also hope this will inspire a new wave of parents to help join our efforts! Skip to page 13 to meet our new Journalism faculty member and co-advisor of the student newspaper, check out the publication here to see the great student work: [The Lobby Observer](#), and follow WFAEA on [Facebook](#) to keep up with the latest news! (*see what we did there?*)

NEW FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Craig Robbins - Band Director At Gibbons Middle School

*By Cole Petri & Daniel Korkin,
Class of 2028*

Craig Robbins is the new band director for Sarah W. Gibbons Middle School. He is primarily directing the 8th grade band and is teaching sectionals for the 7th grade band. Before coming to Gibbons, Craig taught grades 5-12 in the Harvard Public Schools. Additionally, he also has experience teaching individual private lessons, as well as music camps.

As a passionate teacher and musician, Craig is very excited and grateful to be able to teach bands in the Westborough Public School system and to share his love for music, especially jazz. He loves to recommend many musicians for his students to listen to in order to expand their love for music, and educate his students on the history of music, especially the intricate history of Jazz music. His middle school band teacher was a very influential figure for him, and his inspiration led him to choose this path for his career. He really hopes to inspire his students in the same way. He loves to share his enthusiasm for music in many ways. One recent example was creating Band sweatshirts and t-shirts. Before teaching, Craig earned his undergraduate degree from Berklee College of Music, and earned his Masters Degree in music education from Gordon College.

As a Band director at Gibbons Middle School, Craig hopes to push his students to become the best musicians they can be. He focuses on giving students a diverse sampling of music to help them get better at reading unfamiliar music. He is very passionate about playing music his students enjoy and hear in their day to day lives, and to make learning music and playing in a band as enjoyable as possible.

NEW FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

A Home With Heart At Hastings

Join us in welcoming Amy Crossin as a full time Art Teacher at Hastings Elementary this year! We had a chance to chat about the year ahead, her first big project, and her new home at Hastings. If the name sounds familiar it's because she spent last year teaching at Mill Pond as well as being a regular fixture in the local arts community. You can't help but warm to her in an instant and at the end of the conversation I knew I had made a friend.



She got her start teaching elementary art here in Westborough at Mill Pond School. A lifelong artist and creator, she has been the summer camp Art Director for Grafton Recreation, taught art at Fitzgerald Community School in Northborough, and founded The Parading Palette where she teaches private individual and group art lessons.

"I want this class to be a small sparkle in their lives."

The position at Hastings Elementary was the perfect opportunity to commit to full-time art teaching where she started with a big collaborative project to kick off the year. Working with an often repeated motto, "Hastings has heart" as her guide, she created a range of ways for all students to contribute to the final piece; younger students with markers, older students with paint exploring warm to cool colors. The result was the beautiful co-creation pictured here – the perfect analogy for what Amy says she loves most about teaching in Westborough: being part of a larger community all working toward the same goal. "Having come from Mill Pond, I know what's coming down the road and I can help add to the great continuum of their arts education."



"There are no mistakes in art" and "they get to get messy here" are some of the best phrases to hear from an art educator as a parent – Amy's passion about art and teaching were contagious during our conversation and will surely be felt by her students. "I love getting to know the kids. I love their enthusiasm, and being able to create a time in their day where they don't have to have the right answer, just what's in their heart. I want this class to be a small sparkle in their lives."

Like most artists, it's not a vocation, it's a lifestyle, and she still spends time outside the class creating (watercolors are her first love!), contributing to the art community here in Westborough through Art Share* and exhibiting at the school shows. Sitting down to talk about her new role and arts education here in Westborough left me inspired and proud of the culture and investment into arts education we have here in town. We're so excited that Amy is here and can't wait to see more from her and her students in the coming year.

**Don't know what Art Share is? We didn't either! Amy explained that all the art teacher in Westborough get together once a month to show what they are working on, get feedback, encourage each other and trade tips—isn't that the coolest? I had no idea and now I just want to know if parents can join too!*

NEW FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Jessica Conrad ENGLISH and JOURNALISM Teacher, Co-Advisor for the LOBBY OBSERVER at Westborough High School

We're so excited to chat with you, can you tell us where you got your start?

I went to the University of New Hampshire for both undergrad and grad school. I have a Bachelor's of Arts in English and History and a Master's of Education in Secondary Education.

What do you love most about teaching in Westborough so far?

I love how tight-knit the community seems to be. Working with students on the school newspaper and with Westborough TV has allowed me to really get to know the community and to be aware of important values and traditions of the town.

I really love the students! Already, my students and I have created solid connections that help me teach them best. Something I noticed right off the bat was how polite students at WHS are. At the end of class, nearly every one of my students thanks me on their way out. This was definitely new to me!

What made you become a teacher – and what drew you to English and journalism?

I went to college undecided and didn't declare either of my majors until my sophomore year. I realized that my interests really centered around learning how and why people communicate in the ways that they do, which led me to study English and history. I love getting to know people and helping others in whatever ways I can, so I thought teaching would be a good fit for me. I enjoy being creative and the challenge of finding fun, engaging, and innovative ways to present information to students is one I proudly take on.

Were you part of your school's newspaper/publications when you were in school?

Sadly, my high school did not have a school newspaper.

What is your philosophy about teaching journalism?

I consider awareness (global, national, and local) and compassion to be the most important components of journalism. We spend a lot of time, in the journalism courses that I teach, discussing the ethics of journalism and the mindset that a good journalist has. I encourage my students to be curious about what is going on in the world around them and to pursue their interests through writing and broadcasting.

What do you think about journalism moving into the Fine Arts Department?

Especially with broadcast journalism, there is definitely an artistic element to it. There is a lot of room for creativity, especially when it comes to script-writing for the news anchors, filming, and editing, so I think the courses are well-suited in the Fine Arts Department. There is still a lot of writing involved, but I think it's great to have some curricular overlap between English and Fine Arts.

Are there potential ways you'd like to grow the student publications?

Yes! I'm definitely eager to increase our viewership, especially through the *Lobby Observer's* social media pages. This year, the Advanced Journalism students have started working on a biweekly newsreel to be shown in period 1 classes every other Monday, which we also hope will increase student interest in what the *Lobby O* does. We have a lot of really talented students, so I'm constantly looking for new ways to get their work the attention it deserves!

WHAT THE STUDENTS SAY ABOUT JOURNALISM AT WHS:

"I love the creative freedom I have in the class"

"You have the freedom to write whatever you want and express how you feel about certain topics"

"Broadcasting is my favorite!"

"My favorite aspect of journalism class is getting to go to Westborough TV and work in a professional news studio"

"I love journalism because I can share my opinions and passions on a large scale"

"It is a fun way to interact with the community and the world"



MARCHING BAND SPOTLIGHT



The Westborough High School Marching Band had an incredible season this year, bringing the heat with their show, "The Latin Moods of RMB". It was a season filled with fantastic performances, unforgettable moments, and a sense of camaraderie that made it truly special.

Kicking off the season at the end of summer, the band gathered at their annual band camp, where they not only fine-tuned their music and formations but also built lasting memories. This time together allowed familiar faces to reconnect and new members to bond with the group, setting the stage for a season full of energy and enthusiasm.

But the magic truly began when they hit the field with their "The Latin Moods of RMB" show. Their performances were a feast for the senses, featuring pulsating rhythms, exciting melodies and a vibrant array of colors provided by the color guard.

Adding to the excitement of this season was their unwavering support for the nearly undefeated Westborough High School football team. At each home game, the band played an essential role in hyping up the crowd, creating an electric atmosphere in the stands. Their powerful performances energized the fans and motivated the team on the field.

The cherry on top of each football victory was the band's rendition of "Louie Louie," played with infectious enthusiasm at the end of every win. It became a tradition that fans eagerly anticipated, a joyful celebration of success!



MEET THE DRUM MAJORS



During this Marching Band season, Junior Ania and Senior JJ assumed the roles of Drum Majors. Their journey began at the Drum Major academy, a renowned nationwide summer program for high school drum majors and majorettes. As Drum Majors, their responsibilities involve conducting and leading the members of the Marching Band throughout rehearsals and performances.

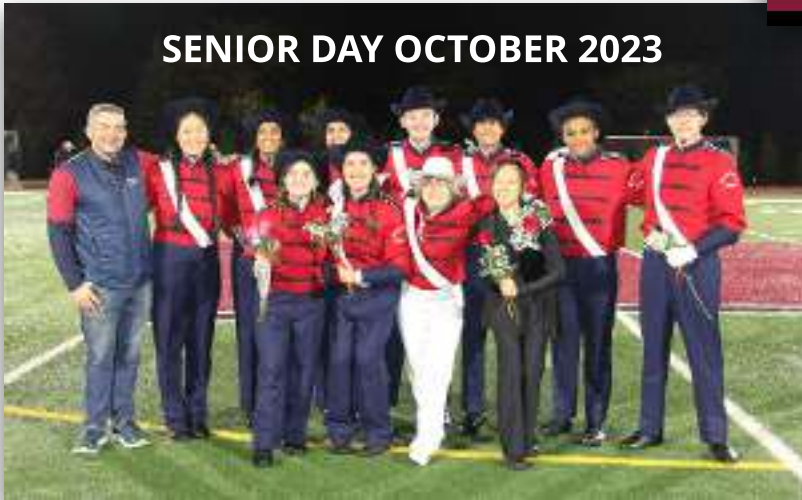
Their leadership is essential in maintaining the band's synchronization and fostering high spirits and energy levels among the members.



The Ranger Marching Band performed music from

THE LATIN SOUNDS OF RMB!

Click the link to view the 2023 RMB Show!



SENIOR DAY OCTOBER 2023

Congratulations!
Class of 2024 RMB Seniors



Get Ready for Kindness Week in Westborough



[Westborough Connects](https://www.westboroughconnects.org) will be hosting the fourth annual **Kindness Week** from November 5-11, 2023. Check out the website and follow them on social media for more information about the events planned.



ARTS AT GIBBONS MIDDLE SCHOOL

8th graders at Gibbons practicing Zentangle patterns. The students are drawing the patterns on flat papers which will then be folded into a 3D dipyramid form.



Band students having fun with their band teacher, Mr. Robbins, during sectional rehearsals this Fall.



SKYRISE THEATER



Skryise Theater Shines in Westborough: A Fall of Musical Magic

We're thrilled to spotlight Skryise Theater, This youth performing arts company has been hard at work this fall, collaborating with Mill Pond and Gibbons Middle School students to bring us an array of sensational musical theater performances.

With enthusiasm and talent, Skryise Theater has taken the stage by storm, preparing captivating shows like "We Are Monsters," "Prom," "Ghostlight," and "The Little Mermaid." The dedication and creativity of these young performers is truly inspiring.

From colorful costumes to fun melodies, Skryise Theater transports audiences into the magical worlds they create. Keep an eye out for their upcoming performances and be ready to be swept away by their boundless talent!

Stay tuned for more updates from this Westborough gem, and make sure to mark your calendars for an unforgettable night at Skryise Theater.

Top and middle: We are Monsters performance.

Bottom: Cast of The Little Mermaid



MUSIC IN OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



ARMSTRONG

It's the beginning of the year, so students are discovering how they can be musical. Our second and third graders at Armstrong have had a strong start exploring different dances such as longways sets and Dandiya. They have also been enjoying exploring many unpitched percussion instruments such as djembe, guiros, light up drumsticks, and rubber chickens!



FALES

Kindergarten music classes at Fales School have been composing rhythms using craft sticks to shape quarter notes, eighth notes, and rests.

Students practiced clapping and saying their rhythms and then transferred them onto hand drums.

LINKS TO FINE ARTS PAGES



ORCHESTRA



BAND



CHOIR

ART AT ARMSTRONG



All the kids at Armstrong Elementary, from every grade, have been creating awesome art this fall.

TOP LEFT: 1st Grade-Swirly leaves made with shaving cream and acrylic paint glued to a mixed media fall background.

TOP RIGHT: 3rd Grade-Leaf prints on a watercolor background enhanced by chalk pastels in warm colors.

BOTTOM LEFT: 2nd Grade-Circles in space, inspired by *The Beautiful Oops* by Barney Saltzberg using black and colored sharpies and analogous colors.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Kindergarten-watercolor markers on a coffee filter in celebration of International Dot Day for Peter H. Reynolds and *The Dot*.

FINE ARTS CLUBS

EXPLORE ARTISTIC ADVENTURES WITH WESTBOROUGH SCHOOLS' FINE ARTS CLUBS!

Dive into the world of creativity with Westborough Schools' Fine Arts Clubs!
Westborough schools offers a range of exciting extracurricular activities for students of all ages.
Whether it's painting, music, drama, or more, there is a fine arts club for everyone.

WHS CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- A Cappella Choirs
- Art Open Studio
- CenterStage
- Chamber Ensembles
- Chamber Orchestra
- Color Guard
- Fall Drama Production
- Festival Jazz Band
- Improv Troupe
- Lobby-O Online Newspaper
- Marching Band
- Musical
- National Art Honor Society
- One Act Festival
- Pit Orchestra
- Pottery Club
- Repertoire Jazz Band
- String Quartet
- Tri-M Honor Society

GIBBONS CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- Art Club
- Chamber Orchestra
- Chamber Singers
- Fall Drama
- Jazz Band
- Wind Ensemble
- Musical
- Pottery Experience

MILL POND CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- Blue Heron Band
- Chamber Chorus
- Chamber Orchestra



WFAEA BUSINESS SPONSORS



Exciting news ! WFAEA now has a large screen TV and stand to be used to electronically display the logos of our Orchestra-level business sponsors as well as important fine arts news during WHS fine arts concerts and events. This provides a way for local businesses to showcase their support for the arts. Look for the display outside of the auditorium at the next event!

Become a sponsor and have your Logo presented on the new electronic display at an upcoming event.



TO OUR GENEROUS 2023/2024 SPONSORS!



Dairy Queen
Westborough



WFAEA thanks our generous 2023-2024 supporters

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Bravo (\$100)

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Chace Family

Crandall Family

Papaioannou Family

The Perry Family

The Hubbard Family

The Workman Family

The Fairbanks Family

Keogh Family

Cheer (\$75)

Applause (\$50)

DeCoste Family

Salute (\$30)

Encore (\$150)

The Niece Family

The Datta/Dasgupta Family

Anna Leduc & Mark Zepf

Josh Gordon and Naomi Botkin

The Chong Family



You can also make a donation without becoming a WFAEA member.

DONATE

Does your Westborough student participate in...

Marching Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Visual Arts, Band, Theater, Tri-M, A Cappella Groups, Art Honors Society, Small Ensembles, Tech crew, Pottery or Journalism?

Consider joining WFAEA and support fine arts initiatives and events across our school district. There are many big and small ways to get involved!



Become a WFAEA Member

Special Events We Support:

MICCA
Choral Collage
Band-o-Rama
Senior Banquet
POPS Night
Center Stage Concessions

Membership funds support:

Student scholarships
Funding for clinicians
Replacing/repairing instruments and uniforms
Providing art and theater equipment
Need-based financial assistance for activity fees



WFAEA 2023-24 OFFICERS

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