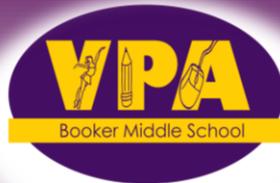


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Booker Middle School VPA Newsletter

2017: A Year of Creation!



Calling All Photogs!

The best news about nearing the end of the school year is all the fabulous presentations and performances that accompany our VPA students culminating projects. There is SO MUCH to see, hear, and experience. We'd **LOVE TO SEE** all the fun you are having at our events; we encourage you to tag us in anything you post online (see below for social media or use #bookermiddlevpa). We'll choose some photos to feature in next month's FINAL VPA Newsletter!

NOTE: It would be impossible to have any of these events and activities without the tireless fundraising efforts of our teachers, students, and administrators. If you love the work that we do and would like to help support our programs visit <http://bookermiddleschoolvpa.weebly.com/donate> or email bookermiddlevpa@gmail.com.

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Coming up in May

BITS N PIECES (DRAMA)

Monday May 8th

7:00 PM @ Florida Studio Theatre

SPRING DANCE CONCERT

Saturday May 13th

7:00 PM @ Booker High

SPRING JOING MUSIC CONCERT

Tuesday May 23rd

7:00 PM @ BMS

ART/ MULTIMEDIA SHOW

Thursday May 25th

6:00 PM @ BMS

DRAGONFLY CAFÉ SWAN SONG

Thursday May 25th

6:30 @ BMS

MUSICAL THEATRE CABARET

Tuesday May 30th

7:00 @ BMS Room 407



VPA's Student of the Month Is...

Thomas "Max" Werbelow

"Dedicated, Disciplined, and Determined to be Grrreat. He is a complete pleasure to have in class and a joy to teach." That is how Ms. Burbridge describes Graphic Design and 2D/3D Art 7th grader Max Werbelow, our May Student of the Month. Ms. Herbert said, "Max has become an excellent "Creative" in the VPA Advanced class. He has become a risk taker, is willing to try new things and his craftsmanship is becoming more refined. To top it all off his work ethic often times puts him ahead of others who sometimes don't work hard enough to solve visual problems!"

A native of Sarasota, Max comes to us from Tatum Ridge Elementary where it seems he was already making waves and 5th grade was nominated for an award for his artwork. It couldn't hurt that he has always created art. His favorite medium right now is drawing. "When I'm bored, I usually draw." he stated.

Max said he thinks BMS is, "a pretty great school. A lot of variations of people and a variety

of classes to take." His VPA classes are, "fun, interactive and very hands on!" In class recently, he created a piece combining his all-time favorite painting "Starry Night" by Vincent Van Gogh with Star Wars (see above). Besides his VPA classes Max finds history very interesting and said science is fascinating and, "gets me thinking." He still has a year left with us at BMS but is thinking that Sarasota High will probably be his next stop.

When he is not doing schoolwork or working on his art, you might find him hanging out with his pets of which he has 4: 2 dogs, a bird, and a large maine coon cat that sleeps in all kinds of crazy positions. He said sometimes they give him inspiration for his art.

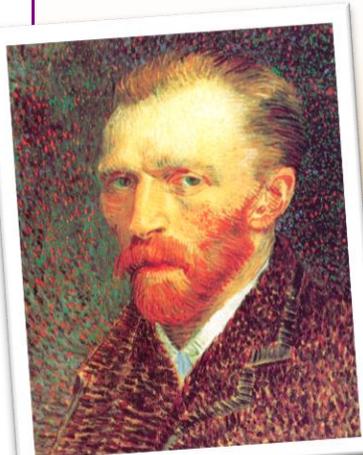
To those students looking to join the BMS VPA program Max advises you to, "think outside the box." Great advice Max! Have a wonderful remainder of your school year!

Artist to Check Out

Vincent Van Gogh: Painter

A Dutch Post-Impressionist painter who is among the most famous and influential figures in the history of Western art. In just over a decade he created about 2,100 artworks, including around 860 oil paintings, most of them in the last two years of his life in France, where he died. They include landscapes, still life, portraits and self-portraits, and are characterized by bold colors and dramatic, impulsive and expressive brushwork that contributed to the foundations of modern art

Van Gogh was unsuccessful during his lifetime, and was considered a madman and a failure. He became famous after his suicide, and exists in the public imagination as the quintessential misunderstood genius. His reputation began to grow in the early 20th century as elements of his painting style came to be incorporated by the Fauves and German Expressionists. He attained widespread critical, commercial and popular success over the ensuing decades, and is remembered as an important but tragic painter, whose troubled personality typifies the romantic ideal of the tortured artist. (Source: wikipedia.com)



Last Month In Arts Education

There have been an abundance of projects and activities in which our students and our teachers have been involved!!

Jungalbook

On April 6th and 7th the Drama department presented a moving production of Edward Mast's *Jungalbook*. The evenings were cool at the BMS amphitheater (some people even went into their cars to get blankets!), but the weather was forgotten when the students put on their winning performance! A big shout out to the Kona Ice Truck for coming out and selling delicious icy treats (BRRRRRRR!!!).

Guitar Performance for the Jr. League

On the evening of April 6, 2017, the Strings Department at Booker Middle School was busy. Some of our advanced guitar students performed at The Francis for The Junior League 60th Anniversary Celebration. The Sextet featured, from left to right: Kevin Rebollo-Murillo, Jakobi Davis, Bryan Martinez-Flores, Millie Menke, Sara Vitale, and Carlos Budier. (Photo by Cliff Roles.)

String Quartet for SMH

Meanwhile, The Booker Middle School String Quintet performed the same evening for the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Anniversary Celebration. Featured, from left to right, are: Geri Poston, Sayo Hayashi, Audrey Rodriguez, Kaitlyn Freeman, and Akos Fuszfas.



...but wait... there's more!

Dragonfly Café Away

Café Away on the Bay was the culminating event of a collaboration between Ringling College of Art & Design, New College of Florida and USF-SM through support provided by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation as part of the Consortium of Colleges on the Creative Coast. Our students' work was included in

a 'curating a collection of poetry' workshop conducted with the colleges and evaluated alongside the colleges staff and students' work submitted.

Of the 15 poems selected, 7 were dragonfly café poets and two of the three photographs were also dragonfly café students.

The cover of the anthology, the Aching Cool, was made at the letterpress studio at Ringling College. It was exciting to have our students' work considered at the college level.



Charlotte County Performance

Charlotte County Big Band enjoyed our student's performance in January that they asked our jazz ensemble student to perform again! They rocked the house, we are so proud!



Kudos for Ms. Goldberg

Huge congratulations to Ms. Goldberg for receiving Booker Middle School's Teacher of the Year! And as if that wasn't enough exciting news for one lady, on April 28th she welcomed her new bundle of joy Mason Morris Goldberg into the world. Looks like our "Teacher of the Year" will be vying for "Mommy of the Year" as well. Congrats!!!

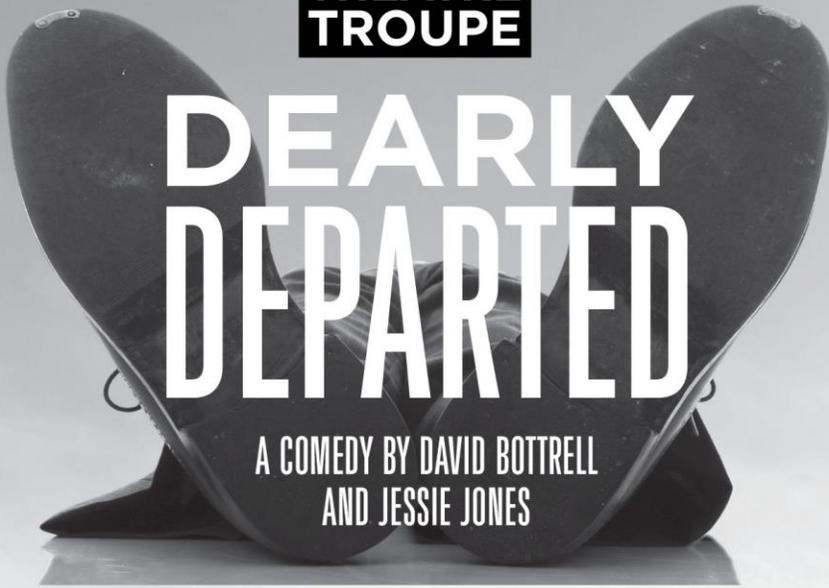


Poetry Life Poetry Contest Presentation

Our 3 selected poets in the Poetry Life poetry competition presented their poems this month. Those poets are: Ethan Lebow, "Self Doubt,," Roxy Gevas "Spring Magic," and Sophia Famiglia "Home." Not only were our students absolutely outstanding, but they were also the only middle school students chosen! Way to go!



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Superintendent Visit

On April 12th our new Sarasota County Schools Superintendent Dr. Todd Bowden was given a tour of our VPA program by Brian Hersh, executive director of the Kennedy Center’s Any Given Child initiative and Fine Arts Program Specialist Angela Hartvigsen. Dr. Bowden visited the Dance and Drama classrooms along with Tornado Gallery. Come back and visit anytime Dr. Bowden!



A Surprise for April’s Student of the Month

Looks like a little birdie may have told Laura Osnes that Emily Mollin chose her as last month’s student of the month. A mystery package showed up at BMS a couple weeks after the newsletter with a signed program of Laura’s new Broadway production “Bandstand” and a signed photo with the message, “It’s Possible!” It is Emily!



Dragonfly Café Swansong

Swansong edition of dragonfly is the final café event of the year highlighting the 8th graders. The event is sure to evoke tears and celebration as we release the 8th graders to the winds of high school. Be sure to join us in celebrating these writers and find out whose name goes on the wall as the next poet laureate.



C/SPA Spring For the Arts

Several of our teachers and administrators attended an event hosted by C/SPA (Community/Schools Partnership for the Arts) at the Van Wezel Performing Art Center. It was unbelievable to see the arts resources available to our students and educators. There were many fantastic speakers and some uses of EdExploreSRQ (<http://edexploresrq.com/>) were presented. When you get an opportunity you should check it out!!



District Art Show

The district North County Art Show Reception is Thursday evening, May 4th from 5:30-7:00 pm. The exhibit runs through May 6th. (10:00 am. -4:00 pm). It is taking place at the Art Center Sarasota.

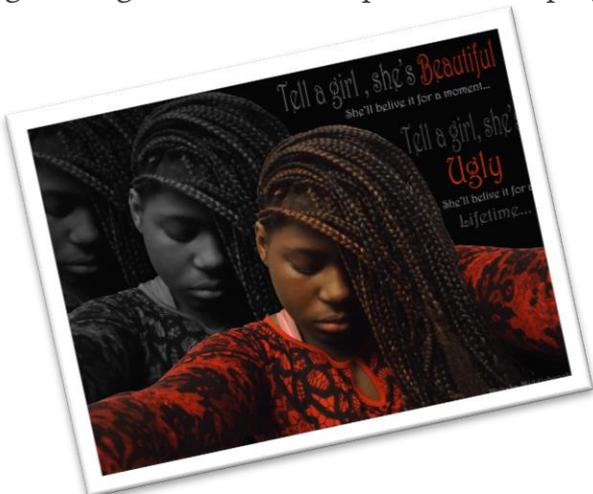
YEA Arts Collaboration

The YEA Arts collaboration was a multi-visit unit from Ringling. The student helped Ms. Herbert's students with figure drawing, modeling sessions and sketching sessions in the dance room. Her students then did small paper cut out figure maquettes of groups of three dancers as mini examples. Finally, students were drawn in dancing poses on large sheets of plywood. Cut out, sanded, primed and finally graffiti embellished! They are now choreographed in groups of three in the courtyard and at the front of the school.



SAVE GRANT

Sarasota Against ViolencE (SAVE) was funded by the U.S. Department of Education through the Project Prevent (P2). Funds to be provided by this additional P2 grant will be integrated with the existing VPA programs, but will supplement those activities to provide student-focused activities which align with P2 goals in general and with specific SAVE program goals.



This is a poster done as a project in conjunction with the SAVE grant. It was done by 6th grader Myesha Middlebrooks in Ms. Burbridge's Graphic Design class

Same great mural... new surroundings. Ms. Herbert laid down mulch to not only create a finished look for the mural, BUT ALSO, because Mr. Batista's class will be performing an African dance piece created by Mia Redding though the SAVE grant in front of the mural. Keep an eye on our social media for more details!



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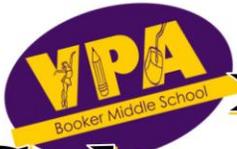
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VPA Public Events/Performances 2016-2017

October:

- 13 Fall Chorus Concert (7:00)
- 17-21 SAVE Grant Performances (in school)
- 18 Fall Band Concert (7:00)
- 20 Dragonfly Café (6:30) Rm. 130
- 27 Fall Orchestra Concert (7:00)

November:

- 5 Inspire Sarasota
- 10 Drama Showcase (7:00) (amphitheater)
- 11 Drama Showcase (7:00)

December:

- 8 Joint Winter Music Concert (7:00)
- 15 Art/Multimedia/Poetry Show (6:00)
(Gallery)

January:

- 7 Winter Dance Concert (7:00, at Booker High)
- 11 Magnet Night
- 12 Dragonfly Café (6:30) Rm. 130

February:

- 4 External Auditions
- 16 Guitar & Orchestra Concert
- 25 Musical Rehearsal in café 9-4

March:

- 3 Musical (Booker High 7:00)
- 4 Musical (Booker High 2:00 and 7:00)
- 9 Spring Band Concert (7:00)
- 23 Dragonfly Café (6:30) Rm. 130
- 24 VPA Gala/Fundraiser
- 30 Spring Chorus Concert (7:00)
And Art/Multimedia Show (6:00)

April:

- 6 Spring Drama Showcase (7:00)
(amphitheater)
- 7 Spring Drama Showcase (7:00)
- 18 Instrumental Recital (Band) (7:00)
- 28 Dragonfly Café Away (6:30) Lido Beach

May:

- 13 Spring Dance Concert (7:00 at Booker High)
- 23 Spring Joint Music Concert (7:00)
- 25 Art/Multimedia Show (6:00)
And Dragonfly Café Swan Song (6:30)
- 30 Musical Theatre Cabaret (7:00) *(RM 407)*

June:

- 1 Dance Concert, Informal (7:00)

For more information on Booker Middle School Visual and Performing Arts events or admissions contact VPA coordinator Savannah Holds at bookermiddlevpa@gmail.com