

# Fine Arts in the Milton Public Schools

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# Who Are We?



Joan Miró Inspired Compositions

## Our Students

### Elementary Schools

- All students attend music and art class for 45 minutes/week
- Grade 5 students may elect ACE and/or Band or Strings

### Pierce Middle School

- Art (471) and ACE (77) - 548 students
- General Music - 269 students
- Band (92), Chorus (244), Strings (47) - 383 students

### Milton High School

- Foundations and Studio Art - 244 students
- Digital Photography - 40 students
- Visual Literacy - 48 students
- General Music (111) and Theory (46) - 157 students
- Band (73), Chorus (101), Strings (42), Jazz (27) - 243 students



# Our Vision



*By fostering a lifelong understanding and appreciation of the arts, we endeavor to enrich our students through artistic experiences and in doing so, develop skills transferable to all areas of life*

# Goals

Develop artistically literate individuals who possess the confidence to enjoy a lifetime of engagement in the arts

Challenge students to create, interpret, and evaluate art and music



3D Studio Art

Foster qualities in students that contribute to their overall success:

- self-discipline
- perseverance
- teamwork
- empathy
- curiosity

# Our Mission

Provide opportunities to explore the artistic process

Build a foundation of knowledge, skills, and understanding

- learn via a variety of tools, materials and techniques
- engage in singing, playing instruments, movement, and listening

Enhance cultural competency through artistic connections

Cultivate collaborative skills through collective, artistic expression

Tucker General Music Showcase



# Recognition in Art and Music

## Art

- 2019 Scholastic Art Awards
  - (100 entries, 39 awards)
- 2019 Lincoln Drawing Contest
  - (20 recognitions)

## Music

- SEMSBA, MMEA Eastern District & All State Festivals (72 participants)
- NAFME All Eastern Festival
- Great East Festival, Berklee Jazz Festival, MA Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association
- Tri-M Music Honor Society 2018-2019 (42 members)



Artwork - Casey Glynn

# In the Community and Beyond



## Displays of Student Work 2018-2019

- 11 elementary music showcases and 16 middle and high school concerts
- 33 community performances
- 8 exhibits of student artwork

## Special Invitations

- MMEA All State Conference
- JFK Museum, MA State House, Fenway Park, BSO Youth Competition

MMEA Performance - Cellar Dwellers

# Key Initiatives

## Professional Development

- Unpack the newly adopted MA 2019 Arts Curriculum Framework
- Develop formative assessments aligned with new standards

## Ensuring Equitable Access

- Tucker Group Lessons Project



Tucker Violin & Clarinet Classes

# Moving Forward

Examine and modify the current art and music curricula to align to the new MA 2019 Arts Curriculum Framework

Build a system to track student growth and measure effectiveness of the group lessons initiative and examine feasibility of expansion

Explore the expansion of the group instrumental lesson model in order to introduce it into other elementary schools



*Reflecting  
on Memorial  
Day Poppies*



MHS Wildcat Marching Band - Veterans Day Observance Ceremony