



BOARD REPORT MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 1, 2020
TO: Board of Directors and Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree
FROM: Daniel Ferland, District Fine Arts Coordinator
SUBJECT: Annual Fine Arts Program Report

Teacher Reports

D. Ferland – PTHS Band and Orchestra have met virtually these past two weeks. We have begun meeting in small groups as this works better with the zoom platform. At this time, there are no specific dates scheduled for trips or performances.

At Blue Heron Kim Clarke and myself are trying to work virtually with band and orchestra students. We have delayed beginning sixth grade students and share general music information with them online.

Mr. Ferland and Mrs. Clarke are working on a curriculum that incorporates SEL (Social Emotional Learning) with music and fine arts.

K. Clarke - Students attending Salish Coast Elementary School in person receive classroom music instruction on a rotating schedule along with instruction in physical education, Library/STEM, and visual art. Many music activities, such as drumming, are able to take place outside, allowing for fresh air and uninhibited sound production!

Salish Coast Elementary students also have access to suggestions for Music, PE, Library/STEM, and Art activities through choice boards accessed through the school's e-learning site

W. Leclerc – So far this year at Salish Coast Elementary Art lessons are going well, I am traveling with an Art cart from classroom to classroom. I am following a hybrid model where I teach K through 5th grade and I present lessons online for the remote learners. In October, I will be offering Zoom lessons on Wednesdays to all grade levels.

In regards to collaborations and special projects, I had the pleasure of installing a mural dedicated to student art at our Superintendent Sandra Gessner's office.

I also have two pending projects with local artists and I am sure more collaborations will be forming in the future.



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LEARNING THROUGH A SENSE OF PLACE

C. Boyd – Blue Heron is excited to welcome Christie Boyd to the Blue Heron staff this year as our new art teacher. My classes are starting the year strong with a comics unit. We are exploring character design, storytelling, and figure drawing in order to tell stories about this unique cultural moment that we are living through. The unit will culminate in a final comics story that will be put together into a zine and can be looked back on later to give insight into a particular historical moment in their lives.

M. Soderstrom – Currently we are focusing on skills needed to upload images to Google Classroom of student artwork, and creating a Google Slide sharing something artistic about yourself. Basic skill building in digital learning. This year's focus is on illustration skills and art history. Art history will focus on comparison of the artwork of The New World and that of the Salish Coast Peoples over the recent 500 years. This allows us to view culture and meaning through artwork and connect to our surroundings. I am seeking guidance of Jamestown S'Klallam, whose land we are on. Our Wearable Art MDS project planned for spring with Margie McDonald.

Episode	Name	Subject	Link	Notes
#1 9/22/2020	Music & SEL	Music classes and SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) with Scott Edgar, author of "Music Education and Social Emotional Learning"	Audio	although specific to music, Mr. Edgar has great points that could work for all subject areas