

# EAGLE EXPRESSION

## Introducing the NEW Quarterly Newsletter for "H.C.Arts" (Visual & Performing Arts)

Welcome everyone!

At the beginning of the year, the Arts Departments were inspired by the idea of what it means to be an "E.A.G.L.E.", as well as the ever-increasing need and desire for community fellowship, to create a quarterly newsletter to share what "the arts" at Heritage are all about and how God is using them to His glory as we live as E.A.G.L.E.S. for Him!

From Pre-K and Kindergarten to our nearly graduated Seniors, the visual and performing arts are an integral part of life at HCA. Students of all ages participate in activities such as Elementary Music, Elementary Art, Secondary Art, Secondary Handbell Choir, Secondary Praise & Worship Team, and Secondary Drama, growing in their own knowledge of the subjects, as well as sharing what they have learned with the community as a whole. All of these departments are places that give students the opportunity to express who they are in Christ and use their God-given gifts and abilities during their time at Heritage.

It is our hope that this newsletter will give you a glimpse into some of the ways we express our worship to God and spread His glory through the Arts at HCA - our Eagle Expression.

~ Thank you, The H.C.Arts



*First ever ringing workshop at HCA!*

### SECONDARY HANDBELL CHOIR

Happy five-year anniversary to Heritage's Handbell Choir! We have grown so much since our first year of ringing.

Our "heavy metal band" now clocks in at 22 ringers, 8 octaves of handbells, 7 octaves of chimes, and a whole lot of musical excellence.

We welcome community ringers from outside of Heritage and have the opportunity to ring throughout Colorado and represent Heritage and Jesus Christ to audiences on a monthly basis.

This fall we had the tremendous



*5<sup>th</sup> Grade Kasiah's Australian Dot Art...*

### ELEMENTARY ART

All student reflected on our 1st Quarter God + Art Connection: God is The Creator (Genesis 1) and talked about parts of creation that make us go "wow"!

**PK-1st Grade:** Our youngest **Emerging Artists** explore materials and techniques to experience creativity. This quarter we used markers (to draw), crayons (to create texture), and paint (to mix secondary colors).

**2nd-3rd Grade:** Our **Beginning Artists** discover and use the Elements of Art as tools to be creative. This quarter we learned about types of LINES and



*Starting out class with our pledges!*

### ELEMENTARY MUSIC

Hooray for elementary music! If you ever want to hear what "delight" sounds like, come listen to kids playing music singing games in class. We have so much fun together!

The fall began with chapels, reviewing melodic and rhythmic concepts, hymn studies, See You at the Pole, and the sounds of recorders! The close of semester one brings us to guided orchestral listening lessons, work in our music portfolios, presentation and practice of new music concepts, mallet work, and the beginning of our Christmas repertoire.

Speaking of Christmas: Please mark

Handbells Cont.

opportunity to hold our first ever ringing workshop which was taught by the Forté Handbell Quartet. What a day of musical learning!

We play in chapel again on 11/5 and 12/3 and will play two Christmas concerts this season, at Timberline Church on 12/11 and at Fort Collins Bible Church on 12/18. We would be honored if you would come hear our music! ~ Amanda Silvestri

Art Cont.

mixing secondary COLORS.

**4th-5th Grade: Growing Artists** get to explore the world of art. This quarter we "traveled" to Australia to learn about aboriginal techniques (spray/stencil for 4<sup>th</sup>, and dot art for 5<sup>th</sup>), and to North America to explore fiber arts with Navajo weaving (4<sup>th</sup>) and Iroquois beading (5<sup>th</sup>).

**6th Grade: Our Advancing Artists** engage the creative thinking process by learning about a famous artist and their unique style. This quarter, we created NeuroArt like Piskarev, Tie Dye like Courtenay, and Realistic Surrealism like VanAllsburg.

Quarterly artwork from every artist is on display in the hallways of HCA and then sent home for families to enjoy. Thanks for supporting and celebrating your creative children! ~ Amanda Benson

Music Cont.

your calendars for the week of December 9-11, 2025.

These three days are critical music days in the semester. We will have all elementary rehearsals on the afternoons of the 9th and 10th and will present our annual Elementary Christmas Program on December 11th at 6:30pm. All Kindergarten through Sixth grade students participate in the program and have individual parts. Invite family and friends now for our presentation of "Christmas is Coming!".

It is a joy and privilege to offer a distinctively Christian music education program to the amazing elementary students at Heritage Christian Academy. *Soli Deo Gloria!*  
~ Amanda Silvestri



Practicing and preparing to lead worship on Wednesday morning!

SECONDARY PRAISE & WORSHIP

With the start of every fall, it's always exciting to see the students, both returning and new, step up to lead worship during Wednesday Chapels. With hearts full of a desire to grow in their own faith while encouraging their classmates to do the same, this team is truly blessing our community with their musical talents and some exciting song arrangements!

This year, we happily welcome Jeremy Landis as the lead teacher and mentor for this awesome group of students! Parents, please consider joining us at a Wednesday chapel sometime; it's always wonderful for the students and teachers to see you there!



Celeste hard at work on her ceiling tile!

SECONDARY ART

This fall, seniors are hard at work creating some beautiful and unique ceiling tiles!

High school also completed a Japanese Notan with positive and negative space and are currently working on radial symmetry in color wheels.

Junior high completed a similar Notan, followed by an art project containing the elements of art (space, form, color, etc.)

The school's hallways, from the downstairs to the stairwells and around the upper floor, are certainly flourishing with fabulous fine art! Thank you, Wendy Nettleton for leading the students in such wonderful projects!



Drama students hard at work juggling scripts and microphones...

SECONDARY DRAMA

Drama students (9-12) are up bright and early preparing for their fall production as they continue to get to know their characters and how to act in a 1940s style radio theater.

With the radio theater version of "It's a Wonderful Life" approaching in the beginning of December, tickets will go on sale in November - see posters for ticket information and QR codes!

We are also excited to welcome Stephanie Wickham as she joins the secondary staff to lead drama with Candace Whitner. They cannot wait to see you December 5th and 6th at one of the three shows!



# HC Arts Gallery



*Maggie & Claire ensuring we can hear all the wonderful music at Chapel!*



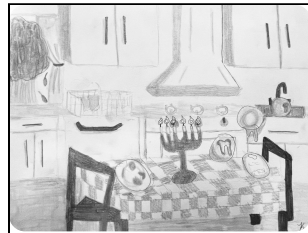
*Over-the-shoulder glimpse at some of the secondary's awesome artwork...*



*Robbie & Joel giving us some great character voices at their mics...*



*Harmonizing for Chapel*



*6th Grade: Kenadee's Graphite Realistic Surrealism*



*Getting a view of the whole picture from above!*



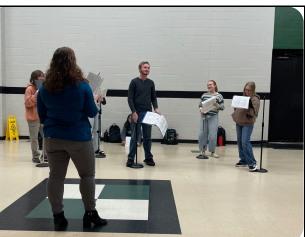
*Handbell students ready to learn!*



*2nd Grade: Beckham's Space Rocket*



*Meet & Sing at the flagpole...*



*Having fun blocking a scene...*



*Matthew practicing his chords...*



*Bright and eye-catching colors!*



*Welcome Forté Handbell Quartet!*



*1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Elijah's Texture Sunflower*



*Sometimes music rings outside the school too!*