



"Serving the Educational Needs of Munhall, Homestead and West Homestead"

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Park Elementary has partnered with the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust and will be supporting artists who will work collaboratively with teachers and staff to integrate the arts into instruction. These artists have received specialized training on how to effectively use the arts to bring content to life. Arts integration makes learning more enjoyable and has proven to be one of the most effective ways to help students learn and retain information.

The school's STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) Team, led by Mrs. Blasko and including Mrs. Gennari, Mrs. Draganosky, Mrs. Pugh, Mrs. Takos, and Mrs. Stulga, has been working over the last few months with Cultural Trust personnel to make this happen. First grade has begun piloting this initiative and is supporting a visiting artist who will be coming in weekly to integrate the arts into a Balance and Motion science unit.

Over the course of the next two school years, each grade level will have the opportunity to work with two artists. As part of this initiative, teachers and staff will work collaboratively with the artists and will receive high-quality professional development on arts integration. Keep your eyes open for News Stories posted to social media regarding this!

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas Shaughnessy
Principal
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