

LIVINGSTON PARISH

GIFTED & Talented NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

AP Literature

OZYMANDIAS'

I met a traveller from an antique land,
Who said—"Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert. . . . Near them, on the
"Tomor" tomorrow"

BY JOHN DONNE
A Valediction Forbidding

BY JOHN DONNE

The Ones Who Stay and Fight

N.K. Jemisin

THE VELDT
By Kory Voncepog
Temporary Matter
Jhumpa Lahiri



Ms. Doiron's seniors in AP Literature are deep in the midst of a March Madness poetry showdown as they further develop their poetry analysis skills. Her students often find poetry to be intimidating, but they're learning that it doesn't have to be! Still, they're definitely looking forward to reading some good short stories in preparation for the AP exam, followed quickly by graduation!



TALENTED ART



In the image above, Live Oak Middle School art students are creating a clay relief sculpture for the annual Livingston Parish Talented Art Show. Mr. Kerry explains that relief sculpture combines two-dimensional pictorial art with three-dimensional sculpture. This art form has evolved from carvings found in various civilizations, including Egyptian buildings, the Roman Parthenon, Indian art, and modern abstract designs.

TALENTED THEATRE



One week before the premiere of their self-written play, "Romeo and Juliet: A Love Across 16", Ms. Courtney Bailey's Live Oak High talented theatre students participated in an acting workshop led by the American Musical and Dramatic Academy. Under the guidance of renowned Broadway and West End star Brennyn Lark, known for her roles in "Les Misérables," "Dream Girls," and "SIX," students engaged in movement exercises, breathwork, and mock auditions. The workshop not only enhanced their performance confidence, but also solidified the decision to pursue acting as a career for some students.



2024

APRIL

LP TALENTED ART SHOW

APRIL 1- 29, 2024
LIVINGSTON
PARISH LIBRARY
DENHAM SPRINGS/
WALKER BRANCH
DENHAM SPRINGS, LA



MAY

TALENTED MUSIC RECITAL- CATHY MCMANUS

MAY 4
2:00 P.M. AND 4:00 P.M.
JUDSON BAPTIST CHURCH
WALKER, LA

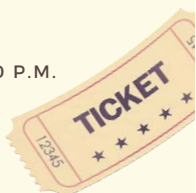
TALENTED MUSIC RECITAL- ERIN CARRAWAY

MAY 5
2:00 P.M AND 4:00 P.M.
LIVE OAK HIGH
BAND ROOM
WATSON, LA

SNOOPY

MAY 9-10 AT 6:30 P.M.
MAY 11 AT 2:00 P.M.
OLD ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
INDEPENDENCE, LA

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
MAY 24



SPRING SCHEDULE



LSBA State Art Contest Winner

Students in the talented art program participated in the Louisiana School Board Association art contest. Landon placed 1st in the parish and in the state!

Landon Nguyen
JPJH 8th Grade



TALENTED ART

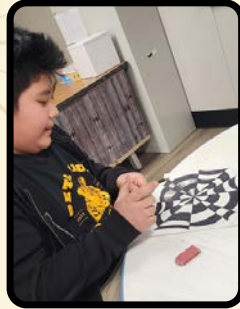
Ms. Brittany Frederick's Talented Art students are continuing their study of value and contrast. Her junior high and high school students are using charcoal, scratchboard, and other mediums to create high-contrast pieces. Her elementary students are studying Optical Illusion Art and creating their own Op Art pieces.



Abigail Abbott, 7th grader at DOHS, is completing a Mardi Gras piece using colored pencils.



Congratulations to Luke Labat, 5th grader at DOES, for winning Honorable Mention at the Louisiana School Board Association contest!



Alexander Ton-That, 4th grader at DOES, is adding value to his Op art piece inspired by artist Bridget Riley.



Students at DOHS, Marquez Palacios-Chavez and Karson Blount, are using the subtraction method with charcoal to create a high contrast piece.

Gifted Enrichment

Mrs. Susan Mathews and her students recently finished a "Design Your Own Food Truck" unit, culminating in the construction of their food trucks. The students handled everything from logos and menus to selecting equipment, ensuring their designs reflected their unique business plans. The cuisines they developed ranged from sushi to pet treats.



Denham Springs Elementary (Vegan Beacon)



Live Oak Middle School (Barbeque Bus and Gumbo in the House).



North Corbin Elementary (Calli's Korean BBQ, Taco Man, and Supreme Croissant)



Eastside Elementary (Kitty's Bakery, Treats for Humans and Pets)



TALENTED Music



Mr. Tim Richardson's students performed at the Talented Music Vocal/Instrumental Fest on Friday March 22, 2024.

There were 26 participants who received 26 Superior ratings for the event. The students also performed at the Talented Music Showcase on Monday and Tuesday, March 25th and 26th. Pictured are students warming up for their performances at Fest. Congratulations on a great year!



LPPS

TALENTED ART PROGRAM

ART Show



Livingston Parish Library,
Denham Springs/Walker Branch
8101 US Hwy 190,
Denham Springs

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BRANCH LIBRARY HOURS
MON-THURS 9AM-9PM
FRI-SAT 9AM-5PM
SUNDAY CLOSED

Gifted



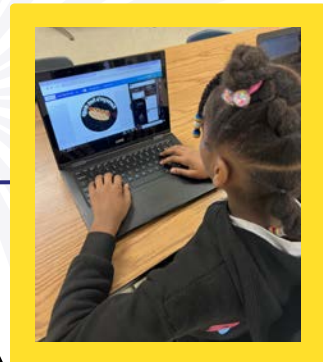
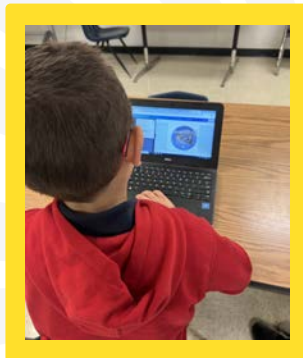
AP ENGLISH IV



Mrs. Clark's Gifted AP English IV class at Walker High took a field trip to the Fleur De Lis Tea Co. in conjunction with their study of the play, *The Importance of Being Earnest*. These Seniors had the opportunity to tour the tea farm and take part in a "high tea" experience in order to make connections to the important themes of the play and analyze the ways society has changed from the Victorian Era to the 21st Century.

GIFTED Enrichment

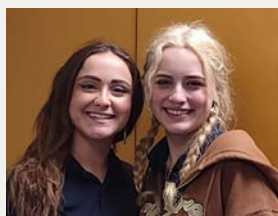
Mrs. Balhoff's students in gifted enrichment have been working on a Food Truck unit. Students have created a business name, logo, and slogans. Logos were designed using Canva. Students are currently finalizing their menus and utilizing a budget to decide upon equipment for their food truck businesses. Students pictured working on their food truck business plans are South Walker Elementary students, Elliot B. & Kamryn J.



TALENTED MUSIC



BROOKLYN KLING, LAELYNN VEGA



KATE WILSON, MAKAYLA CHASE



MARIAH JOHNSTON

The senior students of Ms. McManus prepared for Solo Ensemble Festival on April 12th, Recital on May 4th, and Graduation. Their future plans vary: Makayla Chase - child advocate through social work and law; Mariah Johnston - cosmetologist with her own business; Brooklyn Kling - business owner and photographer; Laelynn Vega - professional singer and music professor after college; Kate Wilson - pursuing a degree in criminal law. Ms. McManus stated that she has greatly enjoyed teaching them and watching their talents grow and develop over the years.

TALENTED THEATRE

Ms. Kristen Swanson's Talented Theatre students had a successful run of *Puffs!* Thank you to all who came out to experience the magic!






IS MY CHILD

GIFTED AND /OR TALENTED ?



If you think your child/student might be academically gifted or talented in art, music, or theatre, please contact their homeroom teacher. You or your child's teacher can refer them to the SBLC committee at the school to be screened. If the student passes the screening process, an evaluation is conducted. Students must qualify through an evaluation to participate in gifted or talented classes.



Gifted children and youth are those who demonstrate abilities that give evidence of high performance in academic and intellectual aptitude.

Talented means possession of measurable abilities that give clear evidence of unique talent in visual or performing arts or both.

