



## FINE ARTS UPDATE

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[Fine Arts Calendar](#)

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### Artscape 2020

The Artscape 2020 show in the Myers Gallery of the Science and Art Building will run through December 18, 2020. For over 30 years, exceptional pieces of student art have been carefully selected and displayed in Athens Academy's exhibit Artscape. One of the Academy's favorite traditions, Artscape includes work by students from all divisions and reflects a wide variety of media and

impressive quality. The gallery is open to a small number of people from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on weekdays. Masks and physical distancing are required. Don't miss this beautiful artwork from students in all four divisions!



### The Drama Club's Annual Holiday Card Making Party

While this service event is usually held in Ms. Thompson's home, this year we will be meeting in the lobby of the Bertelsmann media center on Thursday, December 3, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Participating club members will be making holiday cards for the residents of a local retirement home. All card-making materials will be provided. This is a masked and physically-distanced event. Please [RSVP to Ms. T](#) by the end of the school day on Wednesday, December 2, if you are interested in participating.

### Drama Teacher Leads Home Learner Service Group

Middle and Upper School drama teacher Lorraine Thompson has been working with a small group of at-home learners via Zoom. The focus of the group, which meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:15 - 9:45 a.m., is to provide a time of connection for our home learners at the same time the students provide a service for our community. The first Home Learner Service Group Project was in cooperation with the local chapter of Project Linus. This nationwide organization serves by dispersing handmade blankets to children in need. With the blanket project coming to an end on Wednesday, November 18, the group will begin a new service project after Thanksgiving break. Any home learner interested in participating in the Home Learner Service Group should [email Ms. Thompson](#).

### What's going on in Lower School Music?

During November Mrs. Burnett's music classes have been enjoying special activities in addition to the normal music curriculum. Lower School music classes started the month by studying Antonio Vivaldi and listening to "Autumn" from *The Four Seasons*. In preparation for Veteran's Day students listened to "Stars and Stripes Forever" and learned all about "The March King" John Phillip Sousa. Classes are also listening to and learning about Native American music for Native American Heritage Month. Celebrated every November since 1990, Native American Heritage Month honors the culture and heritage of these remarkable Americans who deeply enrich the quality and character of our nation. Of course, November wouldn't be complete without Thanksgiving-related music lessons. The song "Thanksgiving at Our House" is a huge favorite of music students. Students took time in classes to share what they are thankful for--not only this time of year but every day of the year.

### Off to a Great Start!

Second grade string classes are off to a great start! Students are learning about the parts of the instrument, proper care, maintenance, correct posture, and playing positions as well as how to bow properly. Following Thanksgiving break, students will select the instrument they want to play: violin or viola. Everyone is excited and looking forward to starting the new year with real instruments! Learning to play a musical instrument is something that provides children with a lifetime of benefits. The impacts of learning to play a musical instrument are physical, emotional, and psychological in nature. There are no limits to how a child's life can be improved by learning to play a musical instrument.

