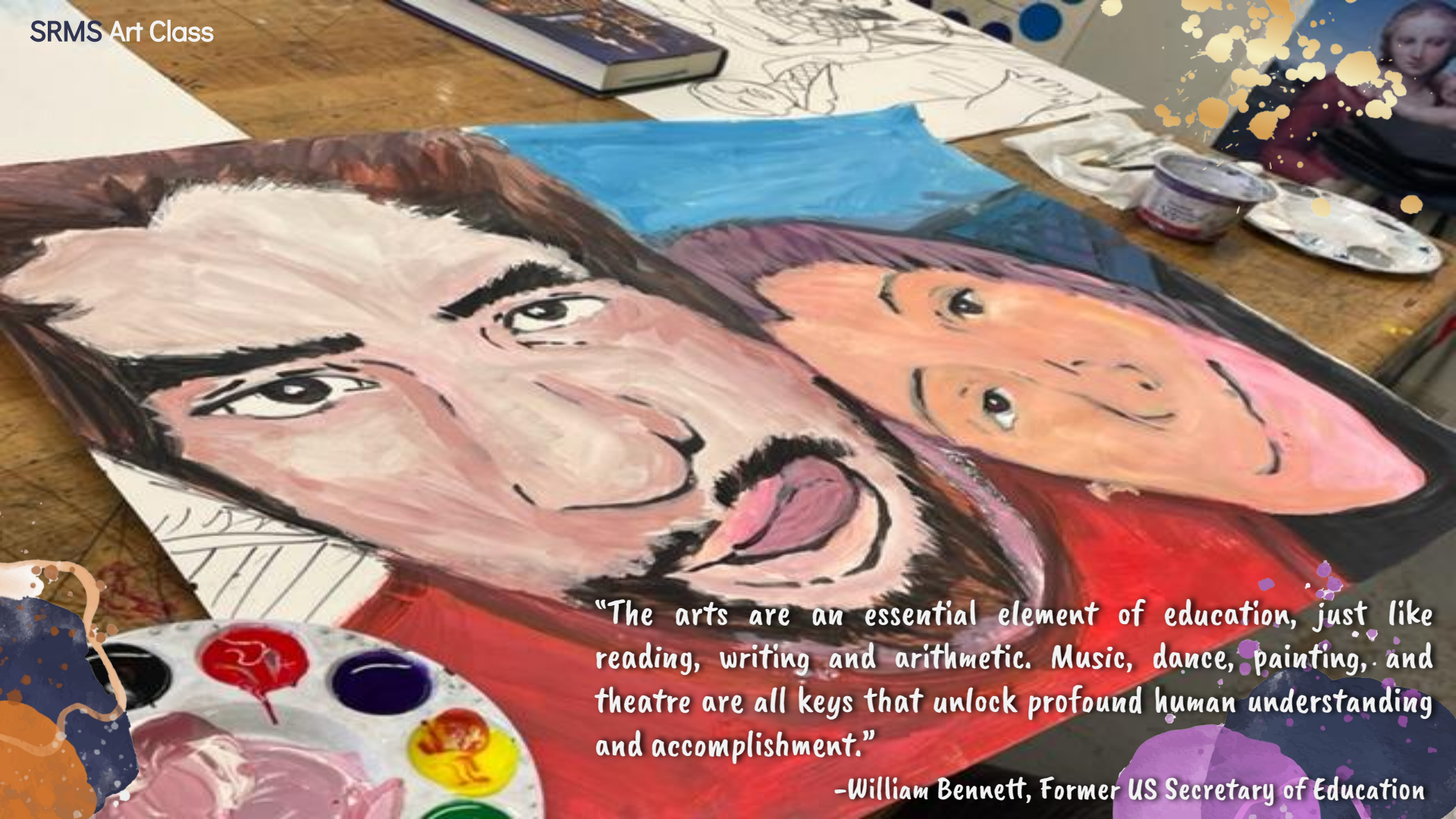


Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Update

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“The arts are an essential element of education, just like reading, writing and arithmetic. Music, dance, painting, and theatre are all keys that unlock profound human understanding and accomplishment.”

-William Bennett, Former US Secretary of Education

SRCS Evolution: VAPA Initiatives

Elementary
Music Blitz



2017-18

CDE grant for Elementary Music received, leads to expansion of new K-6 arts paradigm

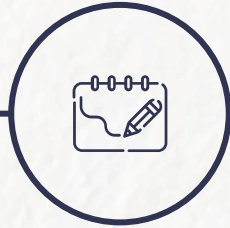
Framework #1



2019

1st Creative Sonoma grant received; SRCS VAPA Framework crafted

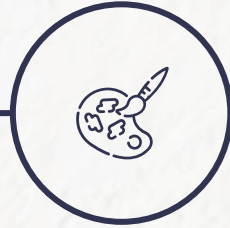
Music TOSA



2020

In response to Elementary Music program needs, 0.4 FTE Music TOSA position created

VAPA TOSA



2021

To expand support for all SRCS VAPA teachers, 1.0 FTE VAPA TOSA position created

Strategic Plan



2022-23

2nd Creative Sonoma grant received, groundwork for planning committee begins; Arts Strategic Planning Committee begins meeting



Elementary

All students in grades 1-6 in traditional (non-charter) schools receive 1 hour of music instruction each week.

All students in grades 4-6 receive instruction in:

- Vocal Music
- Digital Music
- Wind Instruments (clarinet, trumpet, flute, trombone...)
- String Instruments (violin, viola, cello)
- Guitar/Ukulele
- Marimba

Depending on student interest and teacher ability, 3-4 classes are offered at each school.

Most charter students are offered similar opportunities in classroom, vocal, and instrumental music.

Elementary students prepare for the Honor Concert

Marimba: Newest Elementary Offering



Marimba performance from the Honor Concert in April 2023

Currently offered at these schools:

- Luther Burbank Elementary
- Albert Biella Elementary
- Hidden Valley Elementary
- Brook Hill Elementary

We hope to expand Marimba to all of our traditional elementary schools and interested charter schools soon.

Honor Concerts

- **70-year old plus tradition**
 - annual concerts held over 2 evenings at Piner High School
- **Revived Middle School Honor groups for 1st time in over 30 years**
 - over 200 students in grades 4-8 performed in Strings, Winds, Guitar, Marimba, and Vocal Ensembles
- **Over 700** friends and families of SRCS students enjoyed the concerts



Elementary Orchestra at Piner High School

Middle School Artistic Opportunities

Middle school students, including Arts Charter and CCLA, participate in VAPA classes (percentage of student participation noted below):

- Dance: 3.20%
- Music: 12.41%
- Theater: 3.61%
- Yearbook or other Media: 4.34%
- Visual Arts: 16.69%



CCLA Theater students in front of a set

Growth Opportunities: Middle School

- **Academic Language Development**
 - Currently: 10.63% of all 7th & 8th grade SRCS students participate in ALD courses
 - In development: ALD through Music and ALD through Theater
- **Schools offering PE Dance**
 - Herbert Slater Middle (2 classes)
 - SR Arts Charter (1 class)
 - CCLA (1 class)
- **Rincon Valley Middle Media Classes**
 - Video Techniques (3 classes)
- **Next steps:** student survey feedback can guide our planning & offerings based on student interest



RVMS Students reviewing digital photos

Specialized High School Programs



MHS Art Class

Unique offerings for high school students:

- **EAHS:** highest % of students in Visual Art, Theater (Drama) and Dance classes
- **MCHS:** highest % of students in Music classes: 21.67%
- **MHS:** International Baccalaureate VAPA classes
- **PHS:** offers the first Digital Music classes in 2023
- **SRHS:** offers most Digital Media courses within the ArtQuest Program (only available to AQ students)

Participation rates across our 5 high schools:

- Dance: 3.46%
- Music: 12.71%
- Theater: 3.95%
- Visual Arts: 26.92%
- Yearbook or other Media: 3.51%

New VAPA High School Offerings

- **Ethnic Studies (ETHS) Dance**
 - MHS: piloted in 2021
 - MCHS and EAHS: coming soon
- **ETHS Mariachi**
 - EAHS: will offer in Fall 2023
- **Academic Language Development**
 - Currently: 7.21% of all SRCS high school students participate in ALD courses
 - In development: ALD through VAPA courses can be proposed
- **Next steps:** student survey feedback can guide our planning & offerings based on student interest



Community Partnerships



SRMS Art Class

SRCS collaborates with many local arts organizations:

- **Luther Burbank Center:** Mariachi and Arts Camps, student instruments, arts integration PD, and more!
- **Arts Education Alliance:** supports SRCS Strategic Arts Planning through grants and connections with other Sonoma County schools
- **Santa Rosa Symphony for Youth Concerts:** Listening Programs and full-scale collaboration with ArtQuest
- **Sonoma State University** and the **Green Music Center:** youth events, concerts, and PD for Arts teachers
- **Kennedy Center for the Arts:** long-term partnership focused on developing Arts Integration curricula and PD for teachers

Next Steps



Strategic Arts Planning

Continue the development of a SRCS Strategic Arts Plan that creates a comprehensive and cohesive approach to arts education for our students, outlining long-term goals and strategies to achieve them



Proposition 28 Site Planning

Stay informed on updates from the state related to funding and guidelines for use; support sites in utilizing the funds based on site goals and student needs/interests

Thank You

