

Honeywell Update- December 21, 2016

Evening everyone, this is Dr. Taylor. I'm excited to give you an update on the incredible art projects our teachers and school leaders have adopted. Highland Park is an arts-centric community, and I'm proud to report that our schools have branched out to partners in our community to take our work to a whole new level.

First there is the expanded collaboration with George Street Playhouse. The residency program has grown at Bartle School to now include Fourth and Fifth Grade classes! Kids have been working with visiting playwrights and actors to recreate history and literature with their own acted-out stories. The Playhouse has been a smash hit, and there are plans to widen the program's reach to other schools in our district. I need also mention that talks are being held to host George Street's Summer Theatre Academy at our high school, and I'll report about this later in the year.

Then there is our new relationship with the Mason Gross Youth Choir. Highland Park has been hosting this program on Wednesday evenings. The K-12 singing intensive is extremely accessible to Highland Park residents. In addition, all residents receive a 30% discount to join the program, and several scholarships have been made available to our students. You can download the flyer from the school district website by going to the Flyers Link.

Finally, a shout out to local resident, parent, and professional documentarian John Hulme. John has been guiding a group of high school students to develop a living history film about African American culture in Highland Park. John's project is growing to include more students from our schools, and I invite you to watch a brief trailer that highlights the project by going to the following website: vimeo.com/190268456

Looking ahead to the new calendar year- I will be broadcasting Honeywell information once every three weeks and will begin to sharing a digital newsletter with our entire community. Be on the lookout for the first edition of "Highland Park School eNews" to be distributed by email in the first half of January.

I look forward to seeing our families/guardians in town over the next week. Have a restful, energizing holiday!