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Perpich appears on Niche.com school ranking

Perpich Arts High School was ranked 23rd among all Minnesota high schools on a website called [Niche](#). The rankings are based on voluntary “reviews,” primarily by parents, students and alumni. Because of the way the website calculates its rankings, those schools with the most reviews (generally the larger schools) rank highest. Perpich received A or A- in academics, teachers, administration, educational outcomes, food, health and safety and resources and facilities. It received a B in student culture and diversity.



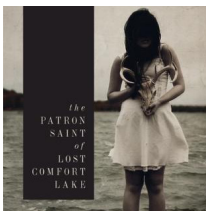
Students for Racial Equality sponsor open-mic events here and away

In recognition of Black History Month in February, Students for Racial Equality hosted an open mic on Feb. 19. All students were invited to attend and participate. Any spoken word performances were welcomed and those dealing with race in any way were especially encouraged. The group also sponsored “Speak for Social Justice,” an open mic night at Minnehaha Free Space in Minneapolis on March 5. The event was open to all metro teens to perform and speak.



Perpich Outreach collaborates on spring workshop

Perpich Outreach staff will be working with the East Metro Integration District to offer a three-session workshop on “Curriculum in Cultural Context” at Crosswinds Arts and Science School in Woodbury March 25, April 9 and May 7. The sessions will be 4:30-7:30 p.m. and include a light supper. The workshop is designed for teacher teams to work together to create high-quality, culturally relevant curriculum and learning experiences that encompass a variety of cultures in Minnesota, including Minnesota American Indian nations as required in the Minnesota standards of English language arts, social studies and arts areas. More information and registration at docs.google.com



Alumna author receives great reviews

Rachel Coyne, Perpich alum in literary arts, had her third book, “The Patron Saint of Lost Comfort Lake,” published by New Rivers Press in February and received excellent reviews in the [Pioneer Press](#) and [MinnPost](#).

Congratulations, Rachel!



Perpich visual arts instructor featured in UK arts magazine

Pat Benincasa, visual arts instructor, has her work featured in the 2015 “[Hidden Treasure Art Magazine Yearbook](#),” which promotes and supports artists in the United Kingdom and abroad. The magazine is a print publication and also available online. Way to go, Pat!



Internationally known architect visits the museum studies class

Bart Voorsanger, well-known architect who is currently designing the World War II National Museum in New Orleans, visited Perpich's museum studies class Feb. 28. Voorsanger was in town to appear at a program at University of St. Thomas with Professor Victoria Young, who is writing a book about the museum and its challenging development due to Hurricane Katrina and who has worked with museum studies and art history instructor Craig Farmer.



Media arts opening and site-specific dance performance kept Perpich hopping

Media arts students hosted an exhibition opening on Feb. 26 that included photography, cinema and installation work. The cinema screening included the annual collaboration on video poems created by teams of media, literary arts and music students. As a special treat after the opening, the dance class presented a site-specific performance, using unusual locations in the Perpich building to create choreography that reflected the possibilities and limitations of their space. The audience moved from location to location, including the library, the visual arts gallery, the small glass box meeting room, a hallway behind the Black Box and the atrium.

Mathematics modeling class visits the University of Minnesota

Math instructor Glazell Toledo took her mathematics modeling class to the U in February to participate in a "field day" that is required for the College in the Schools class. Senior Holly Grap gave a presentation on funding tuition-free community college as proposed recently by President Obama. In addition the students formed two different groups making poster presentations using data to justify choosing a specific candidate to receive a Kiva loan. Elena Anderson, Franny (Kayla) Fuller and Holly Grap placed second and Ashley Brewer, Alicia Haley and Kennedy Lykken placed third. Congratulations everyone!

Alumnus will begin airing six-part video series

Adam Jacobs (media, '13) will debut a video series featuring emerging musical artists, including Perpich music junior Kennedy Lykken, on May 31 on the CW, Channel 23 (Cable 8), in Minneapolis. More information will follow as we get closer to air time.



Perpich regional center in Elk River sponsors Arts Camp 2015 with partners

Arts Camp for Educators & Teaching Artists will offer three different workshops in May and June in cooperation with Paramount Visual Arts Center, Central Minnesota Arts Board and Elk River School District. Master clay artists Kathy Kling and Julia Galloway will present "Slide Lecture and Surface Decorating Workshop" May 12 and May 14 at Paramount Visual Arts Center, 913 W. Germain St., St. Cloud. The Children's Theatre Company's Building Bridges program will present an interactive workshop June 8-9 at Elk River Senior High School, 900 School St. NW, Elk River. And on June 10-12, "The Art of the Word: Telling Your Story with Images, Theater, Movement and Writing" will be offered at Paramount Visual arts Center (June 10-11) and St. John's University, 2850 Abbey Rd., Collegeville (June 12). Email Rana Nestrud, Perpich regional center coordinator, at rana.nestrud@isd728.org to register.





Perpich to host MacPhail summer music camps in June and July

MacPhail Center for Music will offer “Allegro Orchestra Festival” for students in grades 3-12 June 15-19 and June 22-25, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. each day. Tuition is \$550 and placement auditions will be May 16 and May 30 at MacPhail, 501 S. 2nd St., Minneapolis. (Registration deadline June 3) “Beats and Tunes: Create Your Own Music Camp” will be offered to students aged nine-12, July 6-10 and July 13-17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Tuition is \$375. (Registration deadline June 26) Finally, “Rock Week” will be offered to students aged 12-16 July 27-30, noon-4 p.m. daily, with a performance date of July 31, 1 p.m., at the Seventh Street Entry. Tuition is \$395. (Registration deadline July 3) Registration is at macphail.org/summer-camps.



Alum's band signs with Grand Jury Music

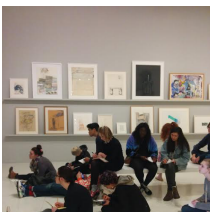
Hippo Campus, a local band featuring Zach Sutton (music, '14), on bass, is blowing up. Signed recently to the record label Grand Jury, the band also will making several appearances at this year's SXSW and will be opening several shows for My Morning Jacket on its summer tour. They placed second in City Pages' “Picked to Click” poll, were made a “best new music” pick on Spotify and are getting regular airplay on The Current. Despite the fact that local media continue to present Zach as a St. Paul Conservatory grad, he's all Perpich all the time.

Way to go, Zach!



Media students take two bookish field trips

At the beginning of the month media students traveled to the Walker Art Center for a special viewing of artists' books and use of artists' files in the center's library. Margit Wilson, the librarian who worked with them, said “it was one of the most interesting conversations about artists' books that I've had, truly!” While at the Walker, they took time to view the “75 Gifts for 75 Years” exhibit. The students also visited the Minnesota Center for the Book Arts. Both field trips are in preparation for their own book projects being undertaken this semester.



Media arts students do Perpich proud

Works by media arts seniors Rosie Amato Bauer, Satya Varghese Mac and Jae Shin Cross were shown at the Walker Art Center Feb. 28. Satya and Jae won Audience Pick for their music video, “Spine Diving.” The screening was part of the Twin Cities Youth Media Network's All City Youth Film Showcase.

At Hopkins Center for the Arts, Rebecca Silberfarb, Ashley Brewer and Avery Ellis, seniors, and Carl Forsline, junior, were selected to exhibit their photography in the Youth Art Month Student Exhibition. Rebecca Silberfarb's cyanotype, “Detailed Memories,” received first place in the high school division. The exhibit runs through March 30. The center is at 1111 Main Street, Hopkins. Hours at the center are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; and Sunday noon-5 p.m.



“Reading the Landscape” program returns to Fort Snelling this month

Perpich Outreach and ArtStart are presenting a two-day arts and cultural context seminar at Fort Snelling State Park for Edina High School students March 19-20. Presenters will include Kao Thao and Krista Jensen from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR); Gwen Westerman, poet and artist (Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux); Glenn Wasicuna, Dakota linguist (Dakota); Julie Boada, visual artist, story teller and puppeteer (Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa); and Tiana LaPoint, filmmaker and digital story teller (Sicangu Lakota).

In April, a similar program for fifth- and sixth-graders from Rahn Elementary School, part of the Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District, will feature a field trip to Fort Snelling for a program that Perpich and ArtStart are calling, “Reading the Language of the Land: Poetry making, visual art and exploring our relationship to place.” The field trip will focus on Dakota and Lakota history and Ojibwe art and culture. Presenters and teachers include Boada, LaPoint, poet Becca Barniskis, Dakota scholar Darlene St. Clair (Dakota), and DNR naturalists Thao and Jensen.



Cowles event features Perpich dance instructors

Mary Harding, dance instructor at Perpich Arts High School, was one seven influential dancers/educators in a program, “Minnesota Dance and the Ecstasies of Influences,” sponsored by the Cowles Center for Dance & the Performing Arts March 1. The panel discussion was one of four in a series, this one focused on “Educational Outcomes.” Perpich Outreach dance education coordinator Diane Aldis also presented via video for the event. While at the event, Harding ran into Joyce Kennedy, widow of Wally Kennedy, who was on the original planning team for the Perpich Center.

Sculpture class creates one-of-a-kind bridges

One of the sculpture class’s first projects this semester was to create imaginary bridges. You can see some examples of where the students’ creative impulses took them in this open-ended project at perpich.mn.gov/gallery

French students leave for France March 25

Ten juniors and seniors who are studying French will be traveling to France for home stays, school and a brief time in Paris. The group leaves Wednesday, March 25, and returns on April 4. On March 6, 10 students from South St. Paul and their French teacher, Sara Voss, who are traveling to France with the Perpich group, visited Perpich so everyone could meet before the trip. Bon voyage, French students and Madame Keller!



Perpich Arts High School creates bowls for the annual Empty Bowls fund-raiser

Perpich students and staff worked to create dozens of bowls on Feb. 27 for the annual Empty Bowls event sponsored by the nearby Robbinsdale School District’s community education department. Money raised in the event—this year more than \$15,000!—is donated to area food shelves. Good job, potters!



Read Aloud Week in Perpich Library has strong debut

For the first time, Perpich Library decided to honor Read Aloud Week with live readings in the library over the lunch hour. Students, instructors and staff chose picture books and novel excerpts to share with the audiences that appeared each day, some with their lunch in hand because of a temporary easing of the no-food rule. Librarian Anne Dennison deemed the week-long event a success and thinks it may be repeated in 2016.



Spanish immersion preschool welcomes Perpich Spanish students

Spanish 2 and 3 students visited Siembra Montessori at Centro Tyrone Guzman in Minneapolis and performed different folk tales from the Spanish-speaking world for the preschool students. They created puppets as part of their performance. Buen trabajo!

Don't forget to register for the ACT!

Time is running out for students to take the ACT before summer. Upcoming test dates are April 18 (deadline March 13—this Friday!) and June 13, deadline May 8.

Yearbook orders due March 26!

Don't miss your chance to order a yearbook. Please place your order by March 26.

Calendar

Dates

Mar 12	Media Arts Senior Cinema
Mar 25–26	Music Concert
Mar 27	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Mar 30–April 3	No Classes - Spring Break
April 6	Staff Development Day
April 7	Classes Resume
April 10	Gala Dance
April 15–18	Music Theater Performance
April 23	Media Arts Junior Cinema

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