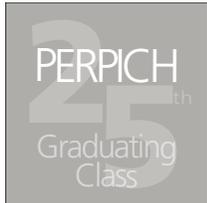


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## **Perpich Arts High School 25th graduating class is ready to proceed**

Wait! How can it already be . . . ? It may feel like it sneaked up behind us, but preparations have actually been afoot for several weeks now for Perpich graduation on June 5. This is the 25th graduating class at Perpich, as the center simultaneously marks its 30th anniversary since being created by the state legislature in 1985. So much to celebrate! Graduation will be at Ted Mann Concert Hall on the West Bank of the University of Minnesota campus in Minneapolis. The ceremony begins at 2 p.m. Please call ceremony manager Marla Riemer with any questions: 763-279-4261.



## **Internationally renowned potter visits Perpich**

Warren Mackenzie, renowned Minnesota potter whose works are in art museums around the world, visited the pottery class at Perpich May 4 to teach a master class. He threw a bowl, vase and teapot to the delight and amazement of the students, who couldn't believe how quickly the revered artist worked on the wheel—each piece took shape within seconds under his sure hands. To read more about his visit, visit the Perpich website [here](#).



## **Perpich senior honored with Rose Rees Peace Award**

Astraea Smart, a senior in media arts, has been honored as the recipient of the 2015 Rose Rees Peace Award. She was nominated by her social studies teacher, Bob Frey. The award honors exceptional high school seniors from 21 local schools who have demonstrated a special interest in and commitment to international relations and world peace. The award commemorates Rose Rees, a past president of National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW)-Greater Minneapolis Section. Rees' passion for world peace was a guiding principle of NCJW, as well as at the World Affairs Council of Minneapolis, which she founded. Congratulations, Astraea!



## **Perpich music junior and her cousin making the news as LNJAY**

Latasia Hopkins, a junior in music, is getting lots attention as half of LNJAY, a hip-hop and R&B duo formed by her and her cousin, Jasharee Parker. Their new video, "World Keeps Going Round," was listed on last week's top 10 must-see videos in "[City Pages](#)" and featured on the Current's "[Friday Five](#)." One of their songs was named a top hip-hop song of 2014 by KFAI and Soultools Radio. LNJAY worked with rapper Mike Dreams to make their first EP. You can visit their [website](#), to hear more songs by the talented duo.



### Dance students prepare for final spring show and appearance at the Walker

In recent weeks seniors in the dance program have been preparing a dance piece with guest artist [Matthew Janczewski](#) to be performed at the spring show running May 13-15, 7:30 p.m. each evening. In addition, this year's juniors spent time in rehearsal with guest artist [Sarah Michelson](#) for a performance of Michelson's work at the Walker Arts Center, Minneapolis, this coming fall, as part of the 10-year anniversary of the Walker's McGuire Theater and Walker addition. Incredible opportunities for all!



### Grand finale for literary arts students is May 19

All junior and senior literary arts students will read from their works at the Southern Theater, 1420 S. Washington Ave., Minneapolis (Seven Corners) at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 19. There is no charge and the show will run about two hours with refreshments during intermission. Those wanting to avoid parking issues may leave their cars at Perpich and take a bus to the reading, which will leave Perpich at 6:45 p.m. This will be a dynamic show!



### Perpich regional center in Elk River sponsors arts workshops with partners

A clay workshop for art educators will be offered May 12 and May 14 at the Paramount Visual Arts Center, 913 W. St. Germaine St., St. Cloud. Nationally acclaimed clay artists Kathy King and Julia Galloway will give presentations and demonstrations and lead hands-on projects. Both workshops are 4-6 p.m. To register, contact Perpich regional coordinator [Rana Nestrud](#) at 763-241-3400, extension 2164.

"Building Bridges: K-1st Grade Teachers" is a two-day interactive workshop June 8-9 led by artists from Children's Theater Company's Building Bridges program that explores developmentally appropriate arts integration strategies using interactive storytelling and other methods. The workshops, at Elk River High School, 900 School St., Elk River, run from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. each day. Contact [Rana Nestrud](#), Perpich regional coordinator or call 763-241-3400, extension 2164, to register.

Arts Camp for Educators & Teaching Artists will offer a workshop in June in cooperation with Paramount Visual Arts Center, Central Minnesota Arts Board and Elk River School District, home base for the Perpich regional center. On June 10-12, "The Art of the Written 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).



### Design (artsience) final presentations in May

Students in the Perpich design program will present their 2015-16 project, "Applied Nature," on micGrow tables and the story of how and why they were created 5-7 p.m., May 21, in the Perpich Performance Hall. It's a fascinating project—don't miss it!



### Theater alum comes back to Minnesota to head Northfield Arts Guild

Alyssa Herzog Melby, who graduated from Perpich in the theater program and went on to take a degree at the University of Minnesota-Morris and a graduate degree in theater arts at the University of Pittsburgh, ended up staying in Pennsylvania as director of education and community engagement for the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater. In grad school, she says, she worked with outreach at the university's theater department "and really reconnect[ed] with my love of arts education that was really fostered and built at Perpich." She's back in Minnesota, now in Northfield, to revitalize the Northfield Arts Guild. Read her interview [here](#).

### New video highlights Perpich Library acquisitions in nonfiction

The Perpich Library has purchased new nonfiction and put together a [short video](#) that introduces them all. You can also peruse the new titles on the library's [Pinterest page](#). The videos are a great new feature to keep track of our new acquisitions!



### Crosswinds principal co-authored op ed for the Star Tribune

Lynn DeLisi, principal at Crosswinds Arts and Science School in Woodbury, which is part of Perpich Center for Arts Education, co-authored an op ed piece that was published by the Star Tribune on April 15. The piece argues that the licensure path for out-of-state teachers should be eased. You can read the full article [here](#).



### "Reading the Landscape: Illuminating the Significance of Place" summer institutes

Perpich and ArtStart will present "Reading the Landscape: Illuminating the Significance of Place" summer institutes for K-12 teachers and artists in two locations, at Fort Snelling State Park in St. Paul June 23-25, and at the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center in Fergus Falls Aug. 4-6. The workshop is a hands-on, standards-based professional development opportunity integrating visual and media arts, poetry and environmental science. Instructors are Dakota, Lakota and Anishinaabe artists and scholars as well as Perpich instructors who will provide approaches to integrate subject matter across disciplines using arts and science standards. CEUs are available through Perpich. Graduate credits are through Bemidji State University. Cost is \$75 and registration deadline is June 15. For more information, contact [Carol Sitrine](#), [carol@artstart.org](mailto:carol@artstart.org) or 651-698-2787.



### Macalester College will offer summer day camp on technology for girls in grades

SPARCS@Mac is a five-day information technology camp June 15-19 at Macalester College in St. Paul. The cost is \$100 and scholarships are available by request. Entry is first come, first served with registration limited to 40 students. Housing options for greater Minnesota students are available at low-cost and Macalester is willing to work to find family hosts for those who can't pay residential costs. Check [here](#) for more information and registration.



### Perpich media students in Congressional art show at UROC

Rebecca Bullen, media arts instructor, attended U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison's 5th District Congressional Art Award ceremony April 27 at the Urban Research and Outreach Center with two media students, Sophie Deutsch and Shannon Clancy. Both had photographs on display. "It was a fabulous event celebrating the hard work of students, teachers and their families." Rebecca reports. "A lot of what I heard centered around community and the power of art, art education, commitment and the power to succeed through the belief of yourself and support of others. Lizzo (Minnesota-based alt hip-hop star) gave a very inspiring keynote and Keith Ellison's views on the value of art and art education are spot on. It was great to celebrate young artists and reaffirm the power of what they can do." Congrats to Sophie and Shannon!



### Perpich to host MacPhail summer music camps in June and July

Using Perpich as its location, 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) You can register for any of the camps [here](#).



### Music instructor spoke at peace and justice anniversary event

Janika Vandervelde, Perpich music instructor and composer, spoke on April 23 on "Sustainable Acts" as part of a week-long 20th anniversary celebration of the arts committee of the Minnesota Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. (WILPF). The celebration, "Women Creating Art for Peace and Gender Justice," which included a retrospective exhibition and extensive programming, also celebrates the 100-year anniversary of WILPF, the 20th anniversary of the UN Beijing Conference on Women and the 93rd anniversary of the Minnesota WILPF chapter. Vandervelde also took music students to the exhibition as part of their preparation for an upcoming concert series May 28-29 in which they will be presenting works on the theme of social justice.



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### **Popular summer workshop for teachers in native studies will be taught in June**

Perpich Outreach, in cooperation with St. Cloud State University, will offer the Native Studies Summer Workshop for Educators June 15-19 at Prairie Island Indian Community, Sturgeon Lake Road, Welch. The workshop can be taken for undergraduate or graduate credit or for CEUs. It is designed to increase the knowledge, sensitivity and awareness of Minnesota educators on the histories, cultures and languages of the federally recognized tribes and bands in Minnesota. The goal is to increase teacher effectiveness in working with American Indian students and teaching American Indian content to all students. Early registration by May 29 is \$495, afterward \$525. For registration and more information check [here](#).

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### **Public health communication challenge: Chillax!**

Alina Health has created a "Change to Chill" campaign focused on showing inspiring ways to relax, reduce stress and find balance in life. The Chiller Challenge invites teens to share photos, posters and/or videos that illustrate ways they like to relax. Find out information on the challenge and see some of the ideas already submitted [here](#).

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### **Upcoming music concerts and exhibitions**

In addition to the dance, design and literary arts shows already mentioned, don't forget that the visual arts junior summer show opening and the media arts junior summer exhibition are both opening May 28 at 5 p.m. In addition, the final music concerts are that evening, May 28, at 7:30 p.m. and the following evening at the same time.

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### **Perpich Art High School's literary arts students attend AWP**

The national conference of the Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP) was in Minneapolis in April, bringing more than 12,000 people into town and attracting the literary arts students from Perpich with their instructors, Shannon Hannigan and John Colburn. The conference, which cost as much as \$285 for non-AWP members, was free to the literary arts students because of a waiver granted by the organizers. Thank you, AWP Minneapolis! The students took full advantage of their day at the Minneapolis convention center, attending panel discussions and readings and trawling the huge book fair that was part of the event. You can read more about their experience [here](#).

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### **Final newsletter in June**

We will have one brief newsletter in early June to wrap up the school year and will resume publishing in September. Please stay in touch through the summer with the [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).




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### Tour de Tory wrapped up in Northfield

Tory Peterson, design instructor, along with several Perpich students and social studies instructor and musician Bob Frey, traveled to The Hideaway, a coffee shop in Northfield on April 25. The Hideaway is owned by the parents of alumni Mikey and Elizabeth Spaulding. The goal was to spread the word about Perpich Arts High School and encourage applications from Northfield area students. The tour also touched down in Excelsior, Mankato, Cloquet and Duluth in previous months.

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### Financial expert visits math class

Janelle Calhoun from Thrivent Financial was the guest teacher for Glazell Toledo's statistics and probability class last Friday. She gave a general overview of savings options available to the students as they transition from high school to independence. The class has been studying loans, income taxes, annuities, stocks, bonds, mortgages and credit cards.

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### We're looking for a few great families!

If you are the family of a junior this year, please consider hosting one of our Chinese exchange students from our sister school in Louyang who will be staying with us and attending classes here for three weeks in late September through early October. The tentative dates are Sept. 21-Oct. 10, which will be firmed up as soon as the students obtain their passports and visas. Eight girls and three boys will be here along with a male teacher and a female teacher. If you are interested in this terrific international exchange opportunity email [Mike Zabel](mailto:Mike.Zabel@perpich.edu).

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## Calendar

### Dates

May 13–15	Dance Performance
May 19	Literary Arts Reading
May 21	ArtScience/Design Final Presentations
May 25–26	No Classes
May 28	Visual Art Junior Summer Exhibition Opening
May 28	Media Arts Junior Summer Exhibition Opening
May 28–29	Music Concert
June 5	Graduation Ceremony
June 13	10 Year Perpich Alumni Reunion
July 18	Perpich Alumni Reunion for Classes 91-94

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