

Encore High School for the Visual and Performing Arts

# Board Of Directors

## Principal's Report- January 2023

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## Introduction

Semester 2 is off to a busy start all around campus, academically and in the arts. We are planning to end the year strong and working very hard to improve students output on all levels

### Staffing

Open positions:

1. Spanish
2. Environmental Science
3. Biology

We have re advertised all 3 positions and interviewed a candidate for the Biology position last week.

### Academics

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Semester 2 started on January 4, 2023. Semester 1 report cards were mailed home.. Students are currently taking their 2nd (Winter) NWEA Benchmark. I have noticed students trying harder than before and showing agency and urgency. I will have the results analyzed by our next Board meeting.

### **Arts on Campus**

**Community Events:** Our arts have recently been very busy sharing our mission, talents, and goodwill throughout the community. Some recent community events include:

**Barnes and Noble:** On Dec 3<sup>th</sup> our students performed at Barnes and Noble while the school hosted our annual book fair where we raised over \$7,000.00 in store credit.

**Holly Jolly Craft Fair:** On Dec 10<sup>th</sup> our students were invited to perform holiday pieces at the Holly Jolly Craft Fair at the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds in Victorville.

**Oak Hills Special Day Class:** On December 16<sup>th</sup> the Encore Theater hosted the Oak Hills High School Life Skills staff and students for a special student showing of our dance/cirque production of Ice Castles.

**Tree lighting:** During December Encore choir performed at the Spring Valley Lake tree Lighting Ceremony and our Street Band students performed at the City of Hesperia Tree Lighting Ceremony.

**Encore Kids Camp:** We have just launched our Encore Kids Camp program and so far it is a huge success with 120 community kids signed up. This program was created with three main goals in mind – 1. To share our love of the arts with our community, 2. Offer our students a leadership program where they can learn to be a student mentor while bolstering their resume for college and job applications, 3. To re-introduce Encore to the community sharing our positive arts mission while attracting potential students/families to bust our enrollment. This is a weekly “camp” where kids grades 3-6 (we will accept as young as kindergarten and go as old as 8<sup>th</sup> grade as long as they do not currently attend Encore) can come and take various art classes run by our student mentors and overseen by the arts teachers. The program runs from 4:30-5:30 every Tuesday and Wednesday from January 10 – March 8 with a final show on Saturday, March 11. Our theme this year is Pixar Playhouse.

**School Productions:** We have two more school productions this year and our productions truly are a collaboration and learning experience for all conservatories. Not only do we have our performers getting stage experience in dance, cirque, acting, and vocals, but we have now incorporated all of our arts into the process. Media creates the designs for our show posters, photography takes the headshots and scene photos, art creates/paints backdrops and props, costume design creates the costumes, culinary prepares and serves the dinners, film does the videography, and instrumental music plays the house music while the audience enjoys dinner. This aligns beautifully with our CTE program for preparing students for employment in the job market in their arts pathways. We have also built in a senior student director component to give some students leadership roles in directing. The two remaining shows for this year are:

- **Matilda Jr:** Matilda Jr is our Junior High Musical Production and is full swing with rehearsals every Monday and Wednesday. The show runs February 17, 18, 24, 25 with a school lunch rally on April 28 to give a sneak peek to the students.

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- **Into the Woods:** Into the Woods is our Musical Production and has rehearsals every Thursday. The show runs April 28,29 and May 4,5 with a school lunch rally on April 28 to give a sneak peek to the students.

**MindFuelEd Educators Conference:** On February 21-23 we have been invited to perform at the MindFuelEd Conference in Palm Springs. This is an educators conference that is focused on cultural responsiveness. We are so excited to get this chance to show off our school programs and talents to a group of educators who share an open view of student's futures. We will be taking our Ambassadors, choir, and jazz bands to perform.

### **Parent Meetings**

ELPAC Meeting - January 24, 2023

Parent Teacher Conferences - January 30, 2023

Coffee with the principal- January 12, 2023

Evening with the principal: January 31, 2023

### **Assemblies**

We are having monthly assemblies where I meet with grade levels in the theater. I am able to celebrate student achievements, address school wide concerns and students also have the opportunity to perform in front of their peers. Teaching staff and counselors also make use of the opportunity to address the student body and share concerns, information and also celebrate student achievement. This month's character trait that we are celebrating is "non-judgemental"

### **Sniffer Dogs**

The sniffer dogs were on campus on January 9, 2023 and all High School classes were visited and searched.

### **Conclusion**

2023 is going to be an amazing year.