

Signature Speaks

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Welcome!

Wow – What a summer! As planned, we took a field trip to the Earl Scruggs Museum in Shelby and the Hickory Music Factory. The Farmer’s market has kept us busy and our clay pots, plant markers, birdhouses, and garden sculptures have been a huge hit!

Readers Theater resumed practices and rehearsals and put on a performance of *“The Four Dragons – a Chinese Folk Tale.”* A story that not only describes the power and nobility of sacrificing for others, but also shows the importance of taking action for what you believe in – both great lessons and character traits. Those of us in the production made our own hand-puppets to illustrate the character for which we were reading. On September 1st we performed to a packed house – literally, standing room only! It took us several months of practicing, but we nailed it!



One of the most exciting opportunities came for us in mid-summer when we were invited to become a member of West Union Art Studios, a professional artist cooperative located at 113 West Union Street, Morganton, NC. West Union Art Studios, LLC brings together artists, art culture, art education, and community to Morganton, NC and the surrounding areas. Signature Day Program participant creations contribute to the variety of local art offered at West Union Art Studios. Additionally, 4 Signature Day Program participants are employed as Gallery Assistants at West Union Art Studios – see Jake at work, left. What a great collaboration!



No season would be complete without our usual end-of-season party. This time we decided to vote on whether to have a “build your own taco,” “build your own sub,” or “dogs and burgers” party. It wasn’t even close - dogs and burgers won by a landslide! So, grill master Louis flipped us some hotdogs and hamburgers that we enjoyed with all the usual toppings, fixin’s, and sides. We have this meal down to a science!

Next up: New siding and landscaping at Signature Day Program! The project should be finished by early to mid-October 2015.



The creativity never ends at Signature Day Program!

MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC! Charlene performed live for Third Thursday Art Crawls – playing classical piano selections while shoppers “crawled” from one downtown art location to another.

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Feature Person of the Month



Matthew came to SDP in the summer of 2014 as an intern while still a student of North Liberty. After graduating, he decided to attend full time. Matthew loves movement and karaoke. He also enjoys going bowling and out to eat on Wednesdays. He has been receiving guitar and percussion lessons from Ryan.

ASL of the Month



Butterfly. Cross the “five” hands in front of you, palms facing the body, and lock the thumbs; wiggle the fingers.



Light. With a downturned flat “O” hand, positioned near the temple, flick fingers open, as if showing rays of light or sunshine.



Music Moment

It has been a terrific season for music at Signature Day Program! First and foremost, Taylor performed **LIVE** on the courthouse square with Throwdown Jones during Morganton’s first TGIF in May!

A generous gift provided the opportunity for us to visit the Earl Scruggs Center in Shelby, NC. The Earl Scruggs Center explores Mr. Scruggs’ innovative career and the community that gave it shape while providing interactive exhibits. This same gift also allowed us to attend the Hickory Music Factory where we participated in a large drum circle, storytelling, and an instrument “petting zoo” where we handled, held, and played instruments of all kinds.

Coming Soon: Look for local performances from our music group – we’re gearing up for some pretty fantastic opportunities!

Brooks’ Health Tip

During the warmer months, be sure to drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated. If you are outside, take plenty of breaks to cool off!

Jake’s Birthday Corner

May: Donna 21st, Nikki 21st, Pat 24th, Seth 29th, Dom 11th
June: Harold 26th
July: Thomas 16th
August: Jonathan 23rd



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