

Students volunteer their artistic talents

The Middle School Art Club members put their artistic talents and passion for art to good use at the Fall Festival, a PTA-sponsored event held at Harshaw in November.

Middle School students volunteered their time to paint faces on the eager elementary children. The Art Club enjoyed interacting with the younger students while the paintings put a smile on everyone's face. ■

-Jessica Russell, MS art teacher



Traditional play comes to life

Lights, camera, action! Students in Nicole Dimatos' and Mallory Schwartz's seventh-grade English classes made "A Christmas Carol" come alive through dramatic performances of the adapted play version of the beloved Dickens classic. Each class was divided into three groups and given a portion of the play to perform. Two days of diligent preparation were spent running lines, analyzing character traits, defining difficult vocabulary, and staging the production.

On Friday, December 3, the students entered the classroom to find it set up like a theater.



Elena Shelepak and David Norton play their characters.

Then, the actors and actresses took the stage. Beautiful backgrounds drawn by the students were displayed on the Starboard. The actors playing Ebenezer Scrooge donned suit jackets and ties, and the Jacob Marleys wore Halloween masks and plastic chains. The male actors who played the role of Scrooge's little sister, Fan, stole the show with their skirts, high-pitched voices and lovely curtsies.

Using the character traits they identified, these amateurs acted their parts like professionals, speaking in British accents to fit the setting of the play, dancing joyfully at the cheerful, good-natured Fezziwig, and feigning tears and falling to their knees as the repentant Scrooge.

After the performances, the students demonstrated knowledge of the content of their scene by teaching selected character traits and vocabulary words to their classmates. Most of all, the polite, professional, and



Zach McFadden as the Ghost of Christmas Past.

-Mallory Schwartz, student teacher for Nicole Dimatos