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Central MN Arts Board Awards Artist In Residency Grant to Talahi Community School

At the March 12, 2014 meeting, the Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) awarded \$2,700 in Arts Legacy funds to Talahi Community School for an Artist In Residency.

Artist in Residencies (AIR) are designed to enhance education through the arts with supportive grants to schools and nonprofit organizations. The intention of any residency proposal must be to increase interaction between students, community members and professional artists.

Artist Mary Dank will conduct a “Readers Theater” residency with second grade students. Activities will involve children reading short pieces and longer pieces with different voice tones as well as reading short plays in small groups of two to three children and a special piece that will involve facial expression. The lessons are tied to standards that address speech and drama interpretation. The residency will conclude with students presenting their readings to classmates, parents and grandparents.

The Central Minnesota Arts Board supports collaborative and innovative arts opportunities through partnerships and financial investments in Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright counties as one of eleven Regional Arts Councils designated by the Minnesota State Arts Board. We work with community partners to increase access to the unique cultural assets of Minnesota.

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