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**CMAB awards Artist In Residency Grants to Four Area Schools**

The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB), at their March 13, 2013 meeting, awarded four Artist In Residency Grants totaling \$11,832.00.

Artist in Residencies (AIR) provide financial assistance to schools and nonprofit organizations to expose students to a unique arts experience that ties into a lesson plan or curriculum. The intention is to increase interaction between students, community members and professional artists.

Resident artists are chosen on the basis of their ability to enhance programs and curriculum design and may include visits to professional artists' studios, performances by professional theatre, dance or musical groups, readings by writers, visits to art galleries, exhibitions and other locations pertinent to the creation and exhibition of art.

**CMAB AIR recipients are:**

**Talahi Community Elementary**, \$3,000, "Readers Theater" with artist Mary Dank. Second grade students will be taught three different ways to read orally to a group with voice levels and facial expression. At the end of the residency, students will present their readings to their classmates and parents.

**Discovery Elementary**, \$2,862, "Elevate the Arts" with artist LeeAnn Goerss. Students in Grades 3-4-5 will collaborate to create four large wall panels using the art of mosaic and will compose a literary work of art entitled "Why Art is Valuable at My School".

**Foley High School**, \$3,000, with artist Robert McCoy. Students will experience designing, under painting and finishing large scale paintings, culminating in a 46 foot mural in the school's cafeteria. Art club students will be able to critique their portfolios by appointment with Mr. McCoy.

**Kennedy Community School**, \$2,970, "Transformations for Kids". Artist David DeBlieck will work with Kennedy 4th grade teachers to improve student proficiency and attitude in math and dance while reducing performance anxiety in both. Teachers and artist will both expand teaching strategies in their work together to including kinesthetic activities to address a broader range of learners

The CMAB is one of eleven regional art councils in the State of Minnesota with the purpose of supporting and promoting art appreciation throughout region 7W, consisting of Benton, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright counties. 2013 funding for the AIR program was provided through appropriations from the MN State Legislature with money from its arts & cultural heritage fund that was created by a vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

For more information about the Central MN Arts Board grant opportunities and services go to [www.centralmnartsboard.org](http://www.centralmnartsboard.org) or call the office at 320-968-4290 or toll free at 1-866-345-7140.