

View from QCA: Bravo, Davenport schools, for embracing art education

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How grateful I am that the Davenport Schools have created a new school that embraces the arts in everything that is taught!

Each day I witness young people learning through and about the arts (music, visual art, theater, dance and media arts) in an environment that is exciting and innovative. This type of school doesn't just happen without widespread support from countless people and organizations.

A school such as ours can't soar without wings! I would like the public to know how much I appreciate the collaboration between area arts organizations to support the efforts of the Creative Arts Academy of the Quad Cities. Not only does the CAA embrace 21st century skills (creativity, communication, collaboration and critical thinking) in our curriculum based upon the arts, but it is exciting when it is clearly demonstrated to our students through several local examples.

The most recent example was on March 4, when Quad City Arts, The Quad City Symphony Orchestra and the Adler Theatre went out of their way to support a visit to our students by the world-class pianist, Joel Fan.

Together, these outstanding arts organizations provided an experience for our 5th graders that was beyond compare to anywhere in the Quad-Cities. Together, these groups cooperated and collaborated to give our students a private mini-concert in the Adler Theatre by Joel Fan that included questions and answers between the students and this prestigious visiting artist.

To hear him perform on a concert Steinway piano in an outstanding setting such as the Adler Theatre Stage that was supported through the Quad City Arts Visiting Artist Series is beyond measure.

I sincerely hope that the greater Quad-Cities community appreciates all that these fine organizations do to support the arts for our bistrate area. It impacts everyone BUT none greater than our students here at the Creative Arts Academy.

Thank you QCSO, QCArts and the Adler Theatre. Bravo!