

The Arts at Runnymede

Welcome to a place where the Arts are celebrated! Where your child will experience all that arts education can provide! Where they will learn to not only appreciate music, drama and the visual arts, but will be able to actively participate in each of the disciplines. Welcome to the Arts at Runnymede!

The following is a BRIEF overview of how the arts are a part of your child's life at Runnymede.

- The Music & Drama programs go above and beyond what is required by the Ministry of Education in the Arts Curriculum for Grades 1 – 8.
- We have 2 Full-time Music teachers, a Full-time Drama teacher, and a Full-time Visual Arts teacher.
- In **Kindergarten**, all the arts are taught by the classroom teachers. There are two vocal music concerts held per year – once around the holiday season and once in the spring. Concerts are traditionally held during the day.
- In **Grades 1 - 3**, students receive 1.5 periods of music per 5 day cycle. These lessons are taught by the 3 music & drama teachers and may also include some drama instruction.
 - Concerts are held twice a year, around the holiday season and late spring. These concerts are currently held in the large gymnasium at the beginning of the school day.
 - Students may also participate in the Primary Choir. Rehearsals for choir are held during the school day and are lead by classroom teachers who volunteer their time. Look for permission slips to come home in the fall!
 - Visual arts are incorporated into the regular curriculum taught by the classroom teachers.
 - In **Grade 3**, all students learn to play the recorder.
- In **Grade 4** students are introduced to String & Band instruments and Drama. They receive 2 periods of instruction per 5-day cycle, moving through each area where they are exposed to as much information as possible. Sometime in late winter, they are asked to choose which discipline they would like to continue in for the remainder of their time at Runnymede. Students, parents and teachers are all involved in this decision. For the remainder of the school year, they are placed in one of the three streams and this stream continues until the end of Grade 8.
- There are numerous extra-curricular activities that the students may participate in from Grades 4 – 8, including Music Night, Kiwanis Music Festival and the Drama Showcase.
- Visual Art instruction begins in Grade 7 and is taught by a dedicated Visual Arts teacher.

Stay tuned to **www.runnymedecouncil.org** for more information on the all the arts programs!

Interested in helping with the Arts at Runnymede? E-mail Erin Carroll: **erin.million@gmail.com**

More information on the Ministry of Education Curriculum for the Arts for Grades 1 – 8 can be found at:
www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/arts.html