Tehama County Showcases Our Small Schools

The Tehama County Department of Education (TCDE) supports our five local K-8 small schools to provide students with an opportunity to showcase their artistic talents. Each year students submit their visual artwork to our office, where it is displayed to the public. The students are then invited to a one day Art Celebration event that includes docent tours of the artwork submitted by the small schools, art workshops, and a demonstration by a local artist. This year featured our local artists David Tamori and Colleen Pelfrey as our special guests! David led the students through an integrated art lesson that included watercolors and writing. Students laughed and enjoyed being spontaneous by engaging in Improv and theater exercises with Colleen. The positive energy at TCDE was contagious on this memorable day. The event helps students build their understanding and appreciation for the arts and encourages them to further pursue their interest in this field of study. To view the student artwork, please visit www.bit.ly/TCDEArt2020.

“Art is everything. Look around! It brings us together yet allows for individual expression. Art is literacy and numeracy. Children need instruction and exposure to visual and performing arts. It will always be a part of their lives.”

- Richard R. DuVarney, Tehama County Superintendent of Schools
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Makerspace
The TCDE Makerspace is a unique educational environment where students learn by doing. We offer a wide variety of hands-on activities including coding, electronics, digital media, engineering, videography, and other STEAM related projects. Not only does our curriculum support the development of the 21st-century workplace skills, but it also aligns with Next Generation Science Standards and supports the Common Core problem solving and processing skills. We find that by focusing on projects that are relevant to a student’s world and interests we are more likely to ignite a student’s passion for learning. A maker education has the potential to better engage students in school and prepare them for successful careers after graduation by enabling them to problem solve, collaborate, analyze, question and explore.

The TCDE Makerspace is igniting the maker movement in people of all ages by connecting with schools, teachers, community members, and community organizations. Our Maker Certified teachers host a variety of workshops throughout the year, run summer programs, facilitate school field trips, and are actively involved at community events such as the Maker Showcase at the Tehama District Fair and Movies in the Park event held each summer.

“\nThe arts are a major area of human cognition, one of the ways in which we know about the world and express our knowledge. Much of what is said in the arts cannot be said in another way. To withhold artistic means of understanding is as much a malpractice as to withhold mathematics... Since schools traditionally develop only linguistic and logical/mathematical skills, they are missing an enormous opportunity to develop the whole child.\”

– Dr. Howard Gardner, Harvard Graduate School of Education