



Building Community through the Arts

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West Perry High School Hosts Theater Arts Artist

ELLIOTTSBURG – West Perry High School is excited to announce an artist residency with Abigail Leffler, Education Director of Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble. The residency will occur once a week for ten weeks from February through early April 2024. Ms. Leffler is working with Nathan Grippin, English teacher and Drama Club Adviser to offer students increased theater skills in performance, improvisation, stage technical skills and voice and movement.

While some of the students have roles in the upcoming *Sponge Bob* musical, March 7-9, the skills are helpful for any student. Students will develop increased confidence in how they present themselves and in how they respond to situations in their lives.

The residency is supported by Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA) funding through the Arts in Education program. Perry County Council of the Arts (PCCA) is the local partner who arranges and oversees the residencies. The school district and West Perry Theatrical Boosters Association, Inc. are also supporters. Additional funders through Educational Improvement Tax Credit donations to PCCA are DuMor, Inc., Orrstown Bank, Pennian Bank, PPL Electric Utilities, UPMC Health Benefits, and Weis Markets, Inc.

“The residency allows the school to provide a different kind of learning opportunity for students,” said Chris Kasian, Principal at West Perry High School. “We are pleased to offer this opportunity.”

About Abigail Leffler

Abigail Leffler is the Education Director at Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble in Bloomsburg, PA. She is also the Improv Facilitator and Performer for the Ensemble and a standardized patient for Geisinger Health System. She offers and coordinates numerous theater arts workshops for youth. She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Theater Arts with a performance emphasis from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

About Arts in Education

Arts in Education funding comes from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA), an agency in the Office of the Governor, through an annual appropriation by the Pennsylvania General Assembly and from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Funding requires a local match. The local partner agency is Perry County Council of the Arts (PCCA). Through artist residencies the program enables artists to help others explore and develop their creativity and artistic skills in a variety of educational, community and institutional settings.

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For more information on other programs & services provided by the Perry County Council of the Arts (PCCA), please call 717-567-7023 or visit www.perrycountyarts.org. PCCA receives state arts funding support through a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Additional support comes from a growing list of members, and numerous corporations and private foundations throughout Central Pennsylvania.

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