ARTS FACULTY

Learning through *expression.*

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Through the arts, children learn to express their unique perspectives on the world. **Creativity is integrated into every grade level at Grymes,** teaching students to think beyond what they already know and share their individual voices with the community.

Visual arts, music, and performing arts are integral to the student experience at Grymes. At every grade level, students explore a variety of individual and collaborative artistic practices to develop their craft, discover and refine their creative process, investigate art history, and contribute to our vibrant and ever-evolving community culture.

The Penny Work Center for the Arts supports established theater, music, and art programs currently in limited or shared space while nourishing time-honored traditions focused on character, leadership, and public speaking, and it enables greater engagement with local organizations through cultural, and community events.

Curriculum Spotlight: **Declamation Days**

Beginning in Kindergarten, all Grymes students memorize a poem of their choice and recites it on stage in front of their teachers, peers, and parents. Not only is this program developing confidence, poise, and courage in public speaking, but it also infuses a deep love of poetry in our community.

It's an incredibly impactful experience in the lives of Grymes students.

Alumni Spotlight: **Lael Neale '01, Singer-songwriter**

Talented musician Lael Neale is signed to Sub Pop Records where she has recorded three albums. Her first, *I'll Be Your Man*, was released in 2015 on Liberal Arts. Neale's second record, *Acquainted With Night*, was released in 2021 on Sub Pop. In 2022, Neale released her latest song titled "Hotline." It was named one of "The Best New Songs" by Paste magazine. Her third album, *Star Eater's Delight*, was issued in April 2023.

*Athletics are a vital component of life at Grymes. Our **interscholastic sports program** provides Lower School students with ample opportunity to learn the skills of cooperative play, teamwork, and sportsmanship.*

*Upper School students have the option to participate in our **competitive athletic program**, enabling student-athletes to work with incredible coaches to hone their skills.*

Learning through *movement*.

Physical activity is essential to the overall health and vitality of children, so we incorporate physical play into the daily schedule of every Grymes student. All students participate in daily physical education classes and have ample time for unstructured free play during recess.

At Grymes, physical education incorporates 20 minutes of calisthenics and running everyday to focus on living a healthy lifestyle daily. Games and music are also built into our curriculum in both the Lower and Upper Schools -- it's a joy to see kids dancing while playing a game.

Grymes' long-awaited full gymnasium with a regulation-sized basketball court will **support daily physical education classes, grow current athletics teams, and allow for a variety of youth programming** for the greater region. Room for movement and activity is critical to youth development and supports mental, emotional, and physical health well-being.

Joined with The Penny Work Center for the Arts, this to-be-named space offers a reception hall and outdoor welcome terrace, and it serves as a multi-purpose area that can be used for athletics and recreational activities as well as school assemblies and community events.

GIFT NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Grizzly Reception Hall $500,000
A gathering place for school assemblies, performances, and greater community events.

Theater Portico $100,000
A new entrance and grand event space.

Production/Multimedia Room $100,000
The technical direction of school productions with lighting and audio video for a wide range of audiences.

Catering & Concession Hub $50,000
A dedicated area for event and celebratory catering.

Name the Athletics Center! $2,500,000

Basketball/Volleyball Court $500,000
A regulation-sized court for physical education and a growing athletics program.

Locker Rooms (2) $250,000
Two rooms for storage of personal belongings.

Welcome Terrace $200,000
A well-maintained outdoor patio for welcoming guests and gathering.

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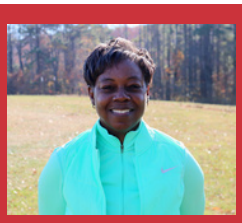

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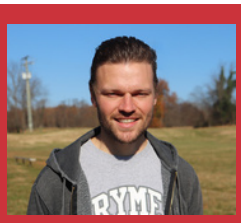
"In a world where social media is so important to our youth. We try to find creative ways to get them excited and engaged in physical activity -- not only team sports, but individual lifelong sports as well." - Coach Nelson



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