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ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS ENLIGHTENS COMMUNITY

by Lauren Ranzino

The eighth annual Parkland Festival of the Arts concluded Saturday, May 21. The Festival of the Arts, otherwise known as FOTA, is a festival that combines art, theatre, music and dance into an event for the eintre community.

The festival began on Thursday, May 19, with the Parkland High School Student Art Show and Arte Suite. The Family Consumer Sciences wing hosted an exhibit called "The Art of Living", which "features different foods prepared by and served by the students in the FCS classes. It started three years ago and is a great way to showcase the work of that department," said Mr. Stutz, FOTA's coordinator.

The high school's Spring Chorus Concert also performed in the auditorium.

Friday night had two of the most anticipated events of the weekend. The first was the Battle of the Bands. This year's bands included Every Friday, All of the Above, The Yo Yo's, Paint the Town Careless, Benny and the Jets and As Cities Fall, all of which auditioned for this exciting competition. As Cities Fall took home the title.

The second event was the Parkland Stardust Diner in the auditorium lobby along with the "Wheels of Time" antique car show.

This diner was 50's "car hop" themed complete with waitresses in poodle skirts on roller blades and checker patterned tablecloths. The customers enjoyed FOTA members singing while they dined on the burgers, macaroni and cheese, root beer floats and desserts that comprised the 50's inspired meal.

The front quad was the hub of FOTA's Saturday activities, which included multiple performances by both middle schools, an instrument "petting zoo", dance performances, and much more. The anticipated "Artists on the Quad"

enjoyed themselves greatly with hands-on arts and crafts such as making paper flowers and sand art.

A Dance Showcase was held in the auditorium with multiple performances by the Pennsylvania Performing Arts Center, Dance Works and That's Dancin'! studios.

The instrument "petting zoo" was set up in the cafeteria for kids to see and hear a sampling of different musical instruments.

Of course, a highlight of the festival was the High School Art Show, held throughout the A-Wing. Artwork from all of the classes offered was on display, from Ceramics to Photography to Computer Art

There was plenty of food, as fundraising for many of Parkland High School's clubs. Many clubs were represented, including PAC, Boys and Girls Lacrosse, Music Boosters, FBLA, Leo Club, Lit Mag, Art Club, Red Cross Club and, of course, the Festival of the Arts

Club, selling

anything from smoothies to waffles and ice cream.

Perhaps the most exciting moment in the duration of the festival was the flash dance mob – comprised of students and quite a few teachers – that surprised everyone on the quad.

Students, their families and community members showed their continuous support for this appreciated tradition; one family commenting it was "better than ever" this year!



photos by Lauren Ranzino
 This year a flash mob made a surprise appearance making waves all across the festival.

consisted of our own high school students sharing their artwork as well as community artists that were invited to show off their creations, whether it was jewelry, pottery or paintings.

Artwork from elementary and

middle school students was on display throughout the school and under tents outdoors. Both Orefield and Springhouse Middle School's choruses and jazz bands, the Elementary Chorale and

the Indoor Percussion, provided music and entertainment throughout the day.

The younger attendees of the festival



FOTA club members like Alli Steinke, Cherish Ruggles and Dustin Wingate helped keep the day running smoothly.



Many different mediums of art were displayed, including student-made paintings.



Students featured in the art show even became art themselves!

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE 4

SAT TESTING @ PHS

JUNE 6

LAST DAY FOR SENIORS

JUNE 11

IMPACT TESTING AND FALL SPORTS PHYSICALS (BOYS: 8-10AM, GIRLS: 10-12)

JUNE 13

GRADUATION FOR CLASS OF 2011

JUNE 17

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!