



# THE ARTS



**NOVEMBER 2021**

## **ART**

### **Hopi Native American Pottery**



4th and 5th grade will focus on the element of Form in art. They will learn about functional art and Hopi Native American Pottery. Students will work with clay to make their own clay pots.

### **Helen Hardin (Tewa name Tsah-sah-wee-eh, means "Little Standing Spruce")**



Helen Hardin Native American painter who broke tradition to create her own artistic path. 2nd and 3rd grade will be drawing their own birds inspired by Hardin's paintings and prints of birds.

### **Navajo Blankets and Rugs**



Kindergarten and 1st grade will explore Line and Shape in art while learning about the Navajo art of making blankets and rugs. Students will create designs using lines and shapes inspired by Navajo blankets.

**Mrs. Oftring – Visual Arts**

**Ms. Kelly – Dance**

## **DANCE**

Dance is a form of storytelling that is shared with our bodies and has been passed down since the days of our ancestors. Students will learn about the following holidays and cultural dances.



### **Día de los Muertos**

During Día de los Muertos, dancing is an offering to those who have passed. It is another way to bring joy and celebration to the spirits that visit their families at the altar. Students will learn about Ballet Folklórico, a traditional Mexican dance style, and read the book "Danza!" about Amalia Hernández, a Mexican choreographer and founder of the world-renowned Ballet Folklórico de México.



### **Diwali**



Diwali is the Indian festival of lights and one of the most popular Hindu festivals celebrated. Students will learn that celebrations include lighting of homes with traditional clay diyas (lamps) and colorful rangoli (an artform entailing patterns created on the floor), fireworks and sharing mithai (sweets) and gifts with family and friends. Finally, students will celebrate Diwali with a dance inspired by sharing the light.

### **Native American Heritage Month**

Students will celebrate Native American Heritage Month by not only learning about the history, but by exploring the world of pow wow dancing. Students will also look at modern Native American Hoop Dance and Hip Hop, from Minneapolis to Albuquerque. Lastly, students will read the book "Jingle Dancer" by Cynthia Leitich Smith.

