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Media Advisory

Nelson Elementary Hosts Art In The Park

USD 261's Nelson Elementary School will host its Annual "Art In the Park" event on Friday, February 3 from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. and Noon - 3:30 p.m. The artists will have lunch at 12 to 1 p.m.

Nelson Elementary School is located at 245 Delos in Haysville and the gymnasium will be decorated to look like a local park.

"Art in The Park" started when Nelson's PTA was looking for a way to expose students to many forms of art. They started inviting a group of artists to donate a day to show kids different types of arts and crafts. They also try to tie their art in with curriculum concepts.

The artists are present, former and hopefully future teachers, as well as, professionals, amateurs and other crafters.

Several current and former USD 261 employees will be participating: Carolyn Ballinger, painter; Dorman Simmons, wood carver; Dennis Conger, wood cutter, Joyce Stranathan, folk painting; and Kim Hall, light-box use in painting. Nelson Elementary Principal Mike Mitchener will be playing the piano, Nelson students will be performing in the orchestra, band and choir.

Nine students from USD 261's Campus High School are participating with various art demonstrations from wheel and hand pottery to painting and drawing and textiles.

Other volunteers include: Mike Huddleson, makes and plays dulcimers; Heather Stone, crochets; and Tracy Shaffer, scrapbooking.

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