



Sun Valley Center for the Arts

COMPANY OF FOOLS STAGES OF WONDER

IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS SOON!



confidence
improvisational skills
self-expression
problem solving
empathy

Program Overview:

An in-school program designed for elementary students to explore creativity through the theatrical arts, work as a collective, and experience being effective, empowered leaders and followers. Trained theatre educators lead students through physical exercises that encourage individual expression and appreciation of others' perspectives.

Outcomes

- For 19 years the program has served as Blaine County School District's elementary **THEATRE CURRICULUM**
- Exercises meet National Core Arts Standards for theatre
- Students develop **SELF-EXPRESSION** skills and **IMPROVISATIONAL SKILLS**
- Program lays the **FOUNDATION** for student understanding of the theatrical and physical arts as a means for creating **INDEPENDENCE** within themselves—even from facts
- Strengthens team building and **RESPECT** among students

By the Numbers

- Offered **FREE** annually to every elementary grade students, grades 1–5, in 4 district schools
- Reaching approximately 1,800 students per season

National Research Supports

- When students have the ability to **PHYSICALLY ENGAGE** in storytelling, their overall **UNDERSTANDING** of narrative improves
- Drama instruction increases **READING READINESS** and **WORD FLUENCY** in early grades
- Literacy skills in second and third grade students are fostered through movement and **IMPROVISATION EXERCISES**

2017 COMPANY OF FOOLS Stages of Wonder In-School Schedule

- Feb 27–Mar 3: Hemingway Elementary
- Mar 6–10: Hailey Elementary
- Mar 13–17: Alturas Elementary
- Mar 27–31: Bellevue Elementary

Arts in ACTION: [CLICK HERE](#) to view the video.

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