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This year, thanks to grant from MetLife Foundation, was a 2-Day Mask and Movement Residency at Harney Park School with Rob Faust of FAUSTWOXIKS. The residency included a school-wide performance of Faust’s, “The Mask Messenger and workshops exploring the different masks we wear, the roles of masks in culture and the history of masks, character and respect. Students experienced first-hand the transformative power of masks and learned about the importance of movement, posture and gesture on stage and in life.

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