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Mr. Melton: ESL Teacher Turned New Art Teacher

By: Lexi Hunt

Mr. Melton stands in the front of the art classroom, showing a drawing on the board. The students get out their notebooks and begin copying the drawing. After they complete their drawings, Mr. Melton gives them instructions on how to create clay mugs for their projects. Carter High School offers many fine art classes that have different teachers, one of them being a new art teacher: Mr. Melton. Mr. Melton teaches Art 1 at the school, and he enjoys teaching it. "It's really fun, and you get to learn how to make things in here," says Mr. Melton. He says that his favorite part of teaching is getting to help kids, and he absolutely loves being a teacher. He actually taught ESL (English as a Second Language) classes for over 10 years before becoming an art teacher. He chose to be an art teacher because he enjoys making art himself and thought it would be fun to teach. Some students also have their own opinions of Mr. Melton and his Art 1 class. "He's tight. He has a nice beard though," says Adron Atkinson-Hawkins, a freshman who took Visual Art 1 last semester. He continues to talk about how Mr. Melton is nice to his students and "goofy." Adron says that he enjoyed when Mr. Melton would read *The Hobbit* to the class because of the parts of the book where he

sang. Other students who are currently taking art classes also like Mr. Melton. One of these students, Lucien Shippers, says, "I think he's a good teacher. He's made me express myself more through art more than I ever had before, and I never really considered myself to be an artist before. He pushed me to become a better artist." They continue to talk about how they like being able to be creative with the art projects, as they think Mr. Melton is lenient with what you decide to do on art projects. They say that the art class consists of learning basic art techniques and is a good class to prepare students for any future art classes that they decide to take later on.



New Woodworking Class for the 2023-2024 School Year

By: Blake Mcgee

A new class will be coming to Carter in the 2023-2024 school year! Students will be able to involve themselves in traditional crafts and let their creativity flourish in Mr. Melton's new woodworking course. The instructor, Mr. Melton is the new visual arts teacher who joined Carter just before the 2022-2023 school year. While being just recently welcomed into Carter, Mr. Melton has been involved in public education for over 12 years, and has been generally woodworking for most of his life, but took it up seriously around three and a half years ago. This woodworking class has been considered since Mr. Melton's initial hiring, with his experience with the craft even being part of the reason he was hired on in the first place. Woodworking will be a hands-on course, with the only real prerequisites being satisfactory grades in Art-1, along with responsibility when using serious equipment. And for those interested in woodworking who haven't taken Art 1, prior experience with the school's welding class would work just as well! When asked what students could expect with this course, Mr. Melton commented on the class' all-encompassing nature stating that: "This class will focus on carving using traditional hand tools and methods and will focus on a mixture of ornamental, sculptural, and utilitar-

ian works: anything from spoons to decorative panels to sculptural works in the round (carved from all angles)." And so, both students interested in utilizing the craft for practical tools or appliances and those who are more interested in sculpture alike will find something to love in this class. As Mr. Melton put it, "This class is an opportunity to learn skills, preserve traditional craft, and connect to years of history." It is one you won't want to pass up this 2023-2024 school year!

Right: Photo of Woodworking class instructor, Mr. Melton.



Educating, Motivating, and Producing Responsible Citizens of Tomorrow

Ms. McCulley Gives Some Life Changing Advice Before She Says Her Farewells for Retirement.

By: Alexis Montgomery

The class is anxiously working on a sudden project that has just been dropped into their laps. With an hour dead line, they must make a sculpture made out of just a 18x24 inch piece of paper, a glue stick, and string; the project itself is worth a hundred points. Why would any teacher do such a random and spur of the moment thing? Ms. McCulley finds that it truly brings out one's craftsmanship, creativity, and productivity. Ms. McCulley teaches multiple art classes at Carter High School, one out of the many is her art one class. Before she came to Carter she had taught at a variety of schools, but the one that started her realization of wanting to become an art teacher was her daughter's elementary school. She goes on to tell a story of how she had volunteered at her daughter's school, because they had no art teachers, and asked all the students to draw what they had done that weekend. While the majority of the kids had come up with picnics and parks, one boy came up with him on a surgeon bed. Ms. McCulley went onto talk about how that day she had learned how art



is an extremely powerful thing, one that can give a voice to someone who cannot express themselves through words. Ms. McCulley has taught almost thirty years and has plans to retire soon. She says, "I plan to rest... take care of my mental health." She says that she wants to get out while she's still kicking in her boots so that she can still be "relevant." She also wants to restart her soap and lotion business, "Wild Hare." Possibly, she may even start teaching more community classes as she has in the past before her teaching days, of course long after she has gotten a thorough enough break. She says that her "people" are teenagers, and as she has enjoyed her time dearly as a teacher, specifically she has enjoyed it most with highschoolers. Her take away from everything was that no matter if you claim to be an artist or not, the greatest joy you can have is forging something for yourself. So get out there and make a legacy; Ms. McCulley sure has, in the hearts of many students she has touched dearly with her

Carter High School Senior Thrives in Photography

By: Sara Sprinkle

You don't take a photograph, you make it. Elizabeth Sprinkle, a senior at Carter High School, joined photography class in spring semester of 2022 and has continued to practice her skills by taking an advanced second course. She was 15 when she became interested in photography. Elizabeth talks about how she got into photography. She says, "I originally started taking pictures with my phone and realized if I change certain settings, the pictures become more artistic. Then I signed up for photography class, which allowed me to work on camera skills and learning the basics of photography." Elizabeth loves to go outside at home, grab her camera and take pictures of birds and other stuff. Elizabeth says that she likes the class because everyone can take the same picture but have a different meaning behind it. "I like how everyone can take a picture of one subject, but the subject gives a different meaning in each photo."



Elizabeth Sprinkle



A photo Elizabeth took of an eastern bluebird

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