



# VAPA News

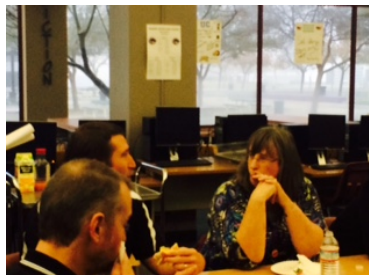
*Visual & Performing Arts News of Madera Unified School District*

## VAPA Professional Development Day, January 12, 2015



### Elementary, Middle School and High School

Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, Drama, Industrial Art, Digital Art, Media Art and Visual Art Teachers all met on Monday at Madera South High School for a day of collaboration.



### Itinerant Music Teachers

- Planned for Spring Pyramid Concerts
- Planned for Spring Assessments for 6th grade instrumental students
- Shared in presentations from teachers who attended the MidWest Clinic held in December 2014

### All VAPA Teachers

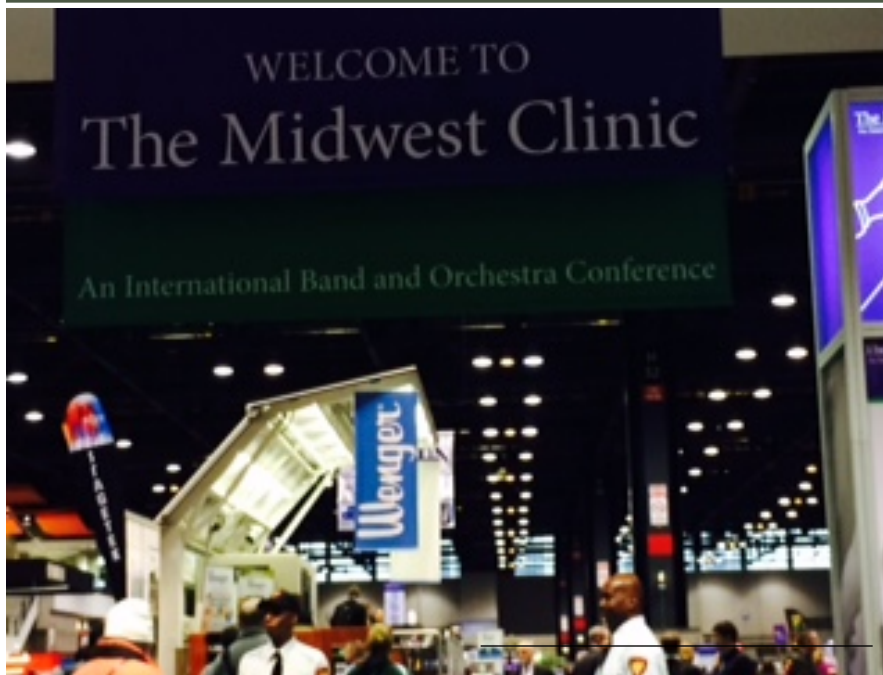
- Reflected on the work of Fall Semester
- Met in job alike small groups to discuss supports needed for their ongoing work and their vision for the VAPA Department

### Dr. Williams, VAPA Director

Feel free to invite me out anytime to visit your classroom, or school events. I am here to help and support you. If you need additional support, feel free to contact me.

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**MidWest Clinic, 2014**

Dr. Williams, three music teachers, representing the elementary, middle, and high school levels, attended the MidWest Clinic International Band and Orchestra Conference, December 17- 20, 2014. Held in Chicago annually since 1946, the Midwest Clinic is the world's largest and most prestigious music education conference in the United States. The conference presented many valuable resources including concerts and music-reading sessions. The events were presented and performed by the world's top performance groups and leading music educators. The conference provided music educators the opportunity to see exemplary instruction, conductors and performances. As attendees, we witnessed and experienced what our district can be and what it should be in the way of instrumental music programs. The clinic hosted over 350 exhibitors, 650 exhibit booths, 40 concerts and 90 clinic opportunities for the 17,000-plus educators in attendance, and offered a plethora of educational resources and information. One of the most beneficial offerings at the Midwest Clinic was the Rehearsal Lab, which provided attendees the chance to watch and listen to well-known conductors working with various ensembles in an open-rehearsal setting. The clinic was very beneficial to the Madera teachers who attend. Information from the conference was shared with staff. Teachers have made agreements to implement many of the strategies learned and shared from the conference.

### **Upcoming Events**

1/21/15 MSHS Jazz Band to perform  
7PM at the Madera County School  
Boards Association Meeting

2/27 Lincoln Talent Show;  
6PM Cafeteria

### **"Williams" Off The Radar**

*The Week of Nov. 12, 2015*

1/13/15 Dr. Williams Inducted  
into the Madera Rotary

### **Competitions/Scholarships**

#### **1. Juan Garcia Farmworker Scholarship**

[www.JuanGarciaFarmworkerScholarship.com](http://www.JuanGarciaFarmworkerScholarship.com)

#### **2. Congressional Art Competition**

### **CLASSROOM VISITS**

**The Week of Nov. 12, 2015**

**S. Kelly-Guitar, MSHS**

**T. R. Harabedian-Choir, MSHS**

**J. Cunningham-Itinerant Music**