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Photo by Michael Steinberg

Solon Center for the Arts instructor Lara Young works with Taylor Jones-Hartman on an art project as part of a combined dance and art initiative called Paint and Move, offered for the first time this summer.

Paint and move

Two art forms join together in new program

By SUE REID

This isn't your ordinary dance or art camp.

With the goal of collaborating between disciplines, the Solon Center for the Arts is presenting a new offering combining art and dance in a unique and wonderful way.

"Paint and Move" is gaining

momentum and popularity, Dance Coordinator Allison Urban said, and is the combination of the two disciplines – art and dance.

These past two weeks, students ages 6-8 participate in themed days where they learn about art and the dance associated with it. They use paint as their medium to create a different piece of art every day,

then cap off the class with a dance.

"This is a new camp this year and it has been super successful," Ms. Urban said.

Different dances are done each day and performed at the Solon Center for the Arts second floor theater.

Last week, students took part in themed days centering on Native American Art with a rain dance; modern abstract art with modern

dance; Monet inspired projects with ballet and yoga; tap dancing with tap and rhythm dance and jazz music and dance with a Picasso-inspired project.

The camp originated from a paint and move party presented in the spring with a 70s theme and it was wildly successful, Ms. Urban said.

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BOE names Fred Bolden school superintendent

By JULIE HULLETT

The Solon Board of Education on Monday approved a three-year contract to retain Fred Bolden as the district's superintendent.

Mr. Bolden temporarily stepped into the position last November when longtime Superintendent Joseph V. Regano took a medical leave of absence. Mr. Regano, 72, died on July 5. Since then, Mr. Bolden has served as the interim superintendent before the three-year contract was approved on Monday.

Mr. Bolden's salary will be \$164,281 per year with benefits.



Bolden

His contract is set to expire on July 31, 2023. "We are an entity, we are a group, we are a collective all centered on our children. That's what we are. That's why we're successful," Mr. Bolden said at the Monday BOE meeting. "Thank you for entrusting me with what I consider as our most precious resource which is our children, and

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Town hall focusing on city improvement plan

By SUE REID

The city is taking one step further in its five- to 10-year Solon Connect plan, a community improvement project that would provide walkability and connectivity.

Mayor Edward H. Kraus said Monday that a virtual town hall will take place next week to reveal data collected over the last eight months by the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. The town hall will begin at 6 p.m. on Aug. 20 and be accessed on the city's YouTube channel.

The City of Solon is partnering with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission on the project and has been awarded \$60,000 in grant money through a Community Planning Grant thus far. Mayor Kraus said an overall price tag for the project has not yet been determined.

"This may be our greatest need as a community," Mayor Kraus said of a community-wide trail, sidewalk and bicycle path initiative.

Mayor Kraus noted that this is

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