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Dear Sun Prairie Community School Families:

We are pleased to invite students within the Community School after-school programs to join the *Sun Prairie Creates Project*. Grades 2-12 can participate in weekly classes exploring Hip-Hop, Spoken Word, Dance, and Music Composition. Teaching artists from the [JVN Project](#) and professional music composer [Scott Gendel](#) will lead the 12-week series starting Wednesday, February 8th. The project is generously funded through a Sun Prairie Education Foundation grant.

The project theme is My Friends, My World: Building the world your friends deserve to live in. My Friends, My World is intended to encourage students to think about community building through hip-hop and art. Students will explore, define, and (re)imagine what it means to show compassion toward themselves and those closest to them. With My Friends, My World, students will be empowered to seek out the world-building abilities that art and self-expression provide while building and creating with a purpose. Classes will emphasize collaboration, guide students through each artistic element, and build toward a final community performance. Classes will be held at the following times:

- Northside Elementary - Tuesday, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Westside Elementary - Tuesday, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Patrick Marsh Middle School - Tuesday, 3:35-4:35 pm
- Central Heights Middle School/Prairie Phoenix Academy - Tuesday, 3:45-4:45 pm

The project schedule includes the following important dates:

- Classes begin February 7th and end May 10th; no classes on March 15th or 22nd
- Mandatory final rehearsals will be held Saturday, May 13th, from 10:00 to 11:30 am
- Participants and families are invited to a shared meal on Saturday, May 13th, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
- Community performance will be held at Central Heights Middle School on Saturday, May 13th, at 1:30 pm

To be a part of Sun Prairie Creates, please complete the participation form [here](#), or return the printed copy to a Community School site coordinator by February 7th.

We look forward to sharing this inspiring opportunity with the Community School Families!

Sincerely,

Kari Walton  
Prairie Music & Arts  
Executive Director