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*"A place where learning has no limits and together we work for the success of all."*

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Holly Bess Kincaid, art teacher at Skyline Middle School, received the award for Middle Division Art Educator of the Year from the Virginia Art Education Association at their annual conference in Richmond in November. The mission of the Virginia Art Education Association is to promote, support, and advance visual arts education through professional development, leadership, research, and service.

The VAEA awards serve to provide tangible recognition of excellence and achievement of the many outstanding individuals and programs of the VAEA. It also focuses professional attention on exemplary art educators, quality art education and increases public awareness of the importance of quality art education.

In addition, during the conference Harrisonburg City Public Schools was recognized in both the regional and state levels of the Youth Art Month Book competition. Harrisonburg's submission, which documents HCPS observances in celebrating the arts, received the Grand Award for the Blue Ridge Region YAM Book Competition and the Grand Award for the Virginia YAM Book Competition.