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Students and staff at Chase County Schools are busy getting ready for the annual Arts Fest at CCS. Arts Fest week is March 18-22.

During school hours, parents and patrons are invited to make an "art crawl" to see amazing displays created by students.

Co-Chair Lindsey Tomaso, along with Virginia Harford, said displays will spotlight artwork, examples of writing, a Nebraska map showing interesting facts about the state, and science displays.

As elementary art teacher, Tomaso will also place several displays of student artwork around the school.

Displays will be outside classrooms, in the entryway and in the office.

A big focus during "Showcase Our Place at Chase," the theme for Arts Fest, will be a "Chihuly" chandelier the students have created.

Tomaso said the students studied the work of glass artist Dale Chihuly, then created their own individual pieces and a grade-wide collaborative chandelier that will be hung, possibly, in the cafeteria.

If making the art crawl on Thursday, March 21, parents and patrons will be able to indulge in Western Day at the school cafeteria. Longhorn burgers and a chuck wagon theme lunch will be served by "cowgirls" from the cafeteria staff.

Tomaso said "Showcase Our Place at Chase" was chosen to act as a showcase for the school. She invites parents and patrons to view the amazing displays, and hopes that Arts Fest keeps growing year after year.