

MEDIA ARTS 1



Blac Jam Studio - student production team of:
Fox Paw News - weekly campus wide audio broadcast
A Day At YES - video short (posted on eportfolios)
From Combat to Classroom - video short in post production

February 23, 2026
MONDAY

An afternoon of collaboration with Ms. Campbell's 4th grade class.

Special Professional Guest Artist: Mr. Frank Nissen

Mr. Frank enjoyed a long career with Disney Feature Animation and DisneyToon Studios in LA as a storyboard artist and as a story developer on films *Mulan* 1998, *Tarzan* 1999, *Dinosaur* 2000, *Treasure Planet* 2002, *Pooh's Heffalump Movie* 2005 and *Tinker Bell* 2010. After leaving [LA](#), Mr. Frank moved back to Auburn CA, where he grew up along the American River. While living in Auburn, he has authored and published the first 2 volumes of the coming of age trilogy, *A Gold Rush Odyssey*. Oh, and while he is visiting your class, you may want to ask him about his work on George Lucas's tv series *Droids*, which Mr. Frank worked on - this tv series helped shape *Star Wars*.

INTENTION of COLLABORATION: to film 4th grade students describing and explaining their project based learning theme of Salmon runs in our local

watershed to Mr. Frank who will illustrate their explanation on large post-its on the board. These illustrations by Mr. Frank will be kept in Ms. Campbell's room for future reference.

TIMELINE GOALS:

11:45am - Michael Caspi will calibrate 2 video cameras for color & adjust for lightness and darkness & begin to set up lights / cameras in the 4th grade class

12:30pm - 4th graders return to class after lunch to meet Mr. Frank

12:40pm - Media Arts 1 students will be excused from PE and go directly to 4th grade class for filming

1pm - 2:45pm - after mic'ing, lighting and camera set up is finished, the rest of class is filming the exchange between Mr. Frank illustrating as the students selected by Ms. Campbell explain their class project to Mr. Frank at the board

2:45pm wrap up so everyone gets on 3pm buses

Production Team Assignments with Michael Caspi as Technical Supervisor:

Richard and Mason - audio mic'ing of Mr. Frank and each student as they are selected to go to board

Abby - camera operator #2 - locking off the reverse shot of Camera #1 focusing on students reactions

Violeta - camera operator #1 - locking off a master shot of Mr. Frank and each student as they come to the board

Camden, Alexis, Faith and Jackson - taking time coded notes of "stand out" moments with students and Mr. Frank and supporting Michael Caspi and Ms. Campbell as needed also making sure Mr. Frank is comfortable and has what he needs

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