

IPSD 204

ART NEWSLETTER

Quarterly Art News and Events from throughout Indian Prairie District 204

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Hill Middle School

Tents of Hope

Tents of Hope is a nationwide community-based art project designed to raise awareness for the genocide war currently occurring in Darfur and prompt assistance for the refugees struggling to survive there. This has been a collaborative project with Hill Middle School art students, Northern Illinois University Art Education Department, and DeKalb's Hope Haven Homeless Shelter.



Following the community reception, the tent will be traveling to Washington D.C. for a gathering of the tents exhibit at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. on November 7th-9th, to create awareness and support for the people of Darfur, Sudan.



We are very proud to announce that after the exhibit in Washington, D.C., our tent will be traveling to Darfur to be utilized as a classroom.

Art Teacher - Karen Popovich



Neuqua Valley Art Department **College Fair**

Neuqua Valley Art Department hosted a College Fair on October 10.

All current Art students participated in this day-long event to inform and excite them about pursuing their Visual Arts education. Northern Illinois and Southern Illinois Universities' Schools of Art and Design both sent representatives to talk with NVHS Art students about what their programs had to offer. Other participants included Flashpoint Academy, Robert Morris College, Illinois Institute of Art and American Academy of Art (all in Chicago). The College of DuPage's program was represented by one of their Advertising Design instructors.

In addition to general information about admittance requirements and program features, the reps showed examples of student work.

Karyl Silerzio, NVHS



Neuqua Valley Art Department (continued)



Neuqua Valley Art Department **Winning Artist**

Neuqua Art student Kendra McGrath is a winning artist in the Celebration of Peace Month, Creative Stamp Design Contest. She was honored along with other District 204 and 203 Art Students at Naperville City Hall on Wednesday October 15th. The contest was organized by Think Global Arts Foundation. For more of their month long activities please visit their website below. Some of the events include a film fest, panel discussions, and a talk by Martin Luther King III.

[http://
www.thinkglobalarts.org/2008calendar.html](http://www.thinkglobalarts.org/2008calendar.html)

Congratulations and Peace to all involved,

*Adam Johnson
NVHS Art Teacher*



Builta Elementary School

Student Teacher from ISU

Builta Elementary School had a student teacher from Illinois State University with us for the first 8 weeks of school. She did many exciting multicultural and interdisciplinary projects with students.

Fifth grades worked on mosaics using recycled crayons. They learned about movement and balance in art and used these principles in their artwork. Fourth graders learned about the relief sculpture of Louise Nevelson and created

monochromatic relief sculptures of their own using wood scraps. Third grades learned about different patterns found in nature and how different cultures use patterns in their artwork. Students experimented with creating different patterns using line, shape, and color by painting fish filled with patterns. Second graders learned about texture and warm and

cool colors. They also learned about geometric and free form shapes and how both types of shapes can be found in architecture. Students created Cities of Texture Collages focusing on

all these elements and principles of design.

First grades also studied texture and color mixing. Students learned how to mix

primary colors to get secondary ones and how to create texture in paint. They then created different animal collages



inspired by the artwork of author/artist Eric Carle.

Finally, Kindergarten studied good luck charms from different cultures around the world and made their own good luck charms using model magic. Students learned how to press textures into the model magic to create patterns on their good luck charms.

Anne Nemchausky-Art Teacher

Owen Elementary School

Art Students Honored at IAEA Conference

Fifth grade student Sarnath Chari and fourth grader Jack Troy were honored in October at The Illinois Art Education Association annual conference held at the Eagle Ridge Resort in Galena. The student's artwork was chosen from over 500 pieces entered to represent Illinois in a traveling art exhibit. Mrs. Davis, Owen Elementary Art teacher, was thrilled for her two budding artists. The students artwork was framed and displayed at the Eagle Ridge resort where the students and there families attended a ceremony and were awarded with a bag of art supplies, a book and a certificate.



Owen, Fry and Peterson Elementary Schools

Elementary Schools exhibit Art online through ARTSONIA.

Owen, Fry and Peterson Elementary Art teachers have begun to publish their students work online through the website www.artsonia.com. Participating in Artsonia provides many benefits to schools, teachers, students and parents:

Boost students' pride and self esteem:

Repeatedly, participating teachers tell us about the increased pride and self esteem their students feel after participating in Artsonia. Viewing their own creations in an online museum, students are putting forth extra effort in the art room, knowing it will be posted for all their friends and family to appreciate.

Increase parental and family involvement in students' education:

Parents and family members take a much more active role in their child's art education by viewing the artwork online, joining the child's fan club, and leaving supportive comments in the artist guestbook. Teachers tell us this feedback from family, especially relatives who may not live nearby, is priceless in the development of the child's artistic confidence.

Financial support for art program:

After the student artwork is published online, the parents and family may purchase keepsakes from the museum with the child's artwork imprinted on it, and 15% of the revenue is commissioned back to the school art program. Depending on the amount of promotion the teacher invests and the demographic of family members, this support could range from hundreds to thousands of dollars for additional equipment / art supplies for the classroom.

Integrate technology into the classroom:

Teachers and students engage in classroom art projects, and publish their artwork in an online art gallery. The technical literacy of viewing artwork online, tracking artists own statistics online, leaving other comments for friends, etc, provides a technology experience for students that stays within a safe, educational environment*.

School rankings and honors for art program:

Each year, Artsonia highlights and honors top participating schools and art programs. The awards are based on both technology integration and community involvement. Other administrators tell us this provides a very tangible statistic to highlight to their local community about the richness of their art program.

Enrichment of school art program:

Participating teachers can share and post lesson plans increasing the quality of the art lessons provided by their school. This teacher resource keeps the art program on the cutting edge of quality cross-curriculum art projects.

2008-2009 Elementary and Middle School CEC Art Display Schedule

June→Oct 15

Owen
Builta
Fry
Graham

Oct 15→Dec

Hill MS
Still MS

Jan→Mar 1

Patterson
Young
Longwood
Cowlshaw

Mar 1→FAF

WVHS
IPHS
PreSchool

Still Middle School

Student Art Display at CEC



The mission of the District 204 Art Newsletter is to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and staff, to communicate information about our Visual Art program, and to promote our overall mission of preparing visually literate and informed young people.

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