

**OAEA Board Meeting 02/23/08
Middle School Report**

Five Oaks (Beaverton) - Jeanne Seamone

6th and 8th graders have just started their ceramics unit and have been busy learning techniques and exploring working with clay. 7th graders are finishing up an altered book unit. Members of the Art Club created a sign for Portland KidsFest this weekend.

Highland Park (Beaverton) – Tricia Barry

Currently I have all sixth graders. We are bouncing between intensive color theory, painting color wheels and now glazing our creative, mythological creatures made of clay.

I had a student come up to me yesterday and admit that she did not know the answer to her bonus question on a math test. The math teacher was asking "What are the two angles across from each other in a quadrilateral called?" She remembered that two colors across from each other on a color wheel are complimentary and wrote down for her answer 'complimentary angles'. She got the bonus points- Boo-ya!

Wood (West Linn) – Jennifer Cerasin

8th grade students are finishing 2 wall sized mosaic murals near the office with seasonal themes. Students created the tiles. Other students are working on various projects including drawing, painting, and mixed media collage.

Athey Creek (West Linn) – Brian Hunter

1st Annual Athey Arts Festival Feb 7th. Festival celebrated a student-centered curriculum that varied in theme, technique, expression and self reflection. Overall, the Festival provided a great opportunity for students to showcase their artistic mindset. Their work exemplified their experiences.

All grades participated/ Horse Installation produced by eighth grade artists /
Umbrella Installation Created by 7th Grade Artists

Athey Artists are

- looking forward to the District show at the Collaborative Inquiry!
- looking to collaborate with a local senior citizens home for a showcase
- possible Q and A activity with folks from the senior home about the artist's work
- looking Forward to their showcase at Starbucks in Lake Oswego this spring!

Twality (Tigard) – Sue Hargrave

Our 8th grade art students will be studying about money design, and also participating in the Fundred Dollar Bill Project. Seventh Grade students will be involved in YAM activities, along with the Mail Art activity.

8th grade students will be showing their graphite Eye drawings at the Starbucks on Sequoia Parkway in 2 weeks - we love our connection with them!

Pilot Butte (Bend) – Pat Roberts

Some of the art projects that my students have created recently are charcoal still life drawings, contour drawings of student models, Self-portraits in graphite, ceramics, entered work in National PTA/PTSA Reflections Arts Recognition Program, cartooning, landscapes that show aerial perspective techniques and non-circular color wheels as a team activity. 75 students also were part of a collaborative art project/exhibit with one of our feeder elementary schools, one of our high schools and Central Oregon Community College. We are currently preparing to exhibit selected works in a show of area schools to be held at C.O.C.C. in March.

Conestoga (Beaverton) – Susan Marshall

Well, my 8th graders are carving in soap stone, 7th grade used the grid method to create an original painting of a comic. 6th grade are creating ceramic animals and glazing them

Rosemont Ridge (West Linn) – Linda Kieling

Our annual Arts in Action night is March 13. It is a community participation event where there will be an art exhibit, art making activities, drama vignettes, mask making, Wellness Fun Fair, Rosemont Idol, multicultural photo opportunities and World Language Café. Since Rosemont has become part of Sparrows Club, art and photo journalism students will sell art to raise money to help our medically needy "adopted" child.

Lake Oswego Junior High (Lake Oswego) -Debora Owen

We are gearing up for our annual Community Service Day on April 18th.

We will have an artist from the community (this I am still working on...I have some leads but any suggestions on community based artists that would like to help would be great!) help us make cement stepping stones for our courtyard area. We will also be taking approximately 150 downtown LO to see the walking tour art sculptures.

Just recently on Feb. 7th we had our annual Spaghetti and Science night. But don't let the name fool you...we had a health fair, book fair, and especially an art show and silent art auction. Thanks to donations from various local businesses the LOJ art department was able to raise almost \$700! Also that night both students and teachers teamed up to present various Chinese related cultural displays to complement the upcoming Mulan production. My group worked on Chinese calligraphy and the story of the zodiac animals.

The LOJ art club is close to finishing up a big mural in the library here. It looks great, really cheers up the library...come and see it!

On January 18th, we were graced with the presence of awesome book illustrator and author Mr. James A. Owen (no relation!). He has two books out currently, Here, There Be Dragons and the second is entitled The Search for the Red Dragon. Mr. Owen spoke to four of my art classes, each time drawing a fantastic dragon. If you visit our front office you will see one of these magnificent creatures hanging on the wall.

There are currently many fabulous art projects on display throughout LOJ. As usual, we have all the display cabinets, bulletin boards and our library bursting with creativity.

Rowe Middle School (Milwaukie) - David Lochtie

We have been awarded a three-year, \$15,000 grant for the integration of arts disciplines.

Mr. Lochtie's Advanced Art classes are creating mosaic tables for North Clackamas Foundation's "For the Love of Art!" fundraiser in April. We are looking for any furniture that can be painted or decorated (tables, wooden chairs) and sold at the auction. All proceeds will benefit art programs and projects in the North Clackamas School District.

Art students have been sculpting dancers from drawings they have done. Next they will do oil paintings of the sculptures. We will wrap up with a visit to the Dancers exhibition at PAM in March.

Waluga Junior High (Lake Oswego) -Dulcinea Myers-Newcomb

Waluga is fortunate enough to experience, for a second year in a row, the wonderful Leslie Cheney-Parr. Cheney-Parr is printmaker who shows her work around Oregon. You can rent or purchase her work at the Portland Art Museum Rental-Sales Gallery. She will be here for two weeks teaching students about reduction block printing. This experience is funded by the Lake Oswego Art Foundation.

Last Friday, February 15th we spent a day learning about civil rights. The whole school created work around having or not having rights, and living in societies where people were treated equal or not. This was a great success with many powerful images created!

The art classes at Waluga have just finished costume design in Art Intro, calligraphy and illustration projects in Art Studio, and Comic pages in Drawing-Painting-Cartooning.

Coming up: Library Show in May, Lake Oswego Festival of the Arts in June.