“The role of art is to make a world which can be tolerated.” – William Saroyan

**Screen Printing**

Selected middle school students in Ms Rosa Wilno’s Edison art classes are learning to screen print t-shirts for student leaders. They will be responsible for printing 200 t-shirts both front and back. It is a long and involved process and everyone must do his/her job in order to get the image printed clearly. TEAMWORK is the key. They used the photo emulsion process and printed the “old school” way – one shirt at a time, allowed them to dry, and heat set with an iron to make the fabric ink permanent and the garment washable.

**The Judges Have Spoken**

Salon Des Enfants was a smashing success. Ribbons and prizes were awarded in several categories, but the big prizes were given to two very talented students. Memory Sanchez, an Edison 8th grader from Ms Rosa Wilno’s art class was awarded the Superintendent’s Prize by Dr. Myriam Roa for this fanciful figurative sculpture. One of Ms Nancy Caternolo’s Garfield students, Rogelio Rivera, also a 7th grader was awarded the Grand Prize for his very complicated drawing of a hand. Congratulations go out to those talented students and their talented art teachers.
Besides a ribbon and art supplies, each student’s work was purchased for $50 by the district and will hang in the permanent collection at Emerson Court.

Jeremy Jackrabbit

A huge congratulations goes out to Ms Rosa Wilno’s Edison 8th grade art student, Victoria Torres. Her drawing was selected from among more than 1000 submitted by students all over the Valley for publication in the book, “Jeremy Jackrabbit Saves Every Drop,” sponsored by the Phoenix Public Library. Victoria was honored at the Arizona Science Center on April 18, where she autographed the page in the book on which her drawing appears.

Working the Bugs Out!!!

Students in Ms Susan Sanborn’s Bethune art classes recently did pen and ink drawings of insects.

Space Invaders

Ms Lauren Feldman’s Kenilworth classes have been creating images with cut paper to learn about positive and negative space. They are two of the most essential concepts for any artist to master.
Art and Science –

No Feet of Clay Here

Capitol students are learning from one of the best. Their art teacher Mr. Rudy Begay has been teaching them about the clay business: The ceramic process, the scientific properties, and all of the methods and techniques. The students are very excited about working with clay, and last week they did pinch pots and Mr. Begay fired them in the kiln.

Student etching designs into the bottom of the pinch pot

Whew!!! That was a lot of pinch pots to fire. Besides the pinch pots they will also create a coil pot, a slab structure, and a hand building/sculpture. Good luck Mr. Begay. It’s been lot’s of fun, but lots of work too.

The kiln at Capitol is loaded for bear.

Rosa Wilno? Rosa Wilyes!!!

For all of us in the art department this is a bitter-sweet time. Edison art teacher, Rosa Wilno, friend, colleague, and mentor to us all will retire at the end of this school year. We truly hate to see her go, but are very happy for her as she begins a new exciting chapter. We wish her and her family all the best.

As a teacher Rosa has touched the lives of thousands of students and has given them the gift of art. They will remember her forever not only for her prodigious skills as an art teacher, but for her gentleness, caring, and encouragement. They, her students, and we, her friends, have all received valuable life lessons from Rosa every day.

The cavernous void her leaving will create will not be easily satiated, but it will be a reminder of that to which we should all aspire as teachers and inhabitants of this planet.

Thanks Rosa, from our art family,

John, Rudy, Nancy, Abby, Dominika, Lauren, Kyle, Matt, Stacy, Leah, Vicki, Susan, Alisa, Deb, Janet, and Crystal
We will also greatly miss Bethune art teacher, Ms Susan Sanborn. She has been with us only a year, but the impact she has made upon all of us has been immeasurable. Susan is a very highly respected artist in her own right, and we wish her continued success.

**We Really Got Around This year!!!**

**MADE Art Boutique –** Our art students made holiday ornaments that were sold at the MADE Art Boutique.

Some of our schools sent artwork to the State and County Fairs. Many of our students took home ribbons.

**MLK –** Our students were again selected to exhibit at the Annual MLK Youth Art Show at the State Capitol

**Jackson Pollock Month –** As always, every January we honor our most famous alumnus, Jackson Pollock. Students study the life of the artist and create Pollock-esque artwork.

**Salon Des Enfants –** Our signature event, and the biggest and most prestigious children’s art show in Arizona is featured every year at The Alwun House. Art sales topped $2500 this year. All of the money from sales went to the student artists.

**YAA in May –** Young Arts Arizona shows our student’s work every May. The current show will hang until the end of the school year.

**Burton Barr Library 6-8 –** Teen Central at the Burton Barr Library featured an exhibition of the work of our 6th through 8th graders.

**Burton Barr Library –** K-5 art students showed their work as well in the children’s library at Burton Barr.

Students from our schools created elaborate centerpieces for a luncheon hosted by Mr. Jason Hammond.

Our art students have provided work to decorate the lobby of the Valley Youth Theater for several of their productions.

Both Herrera and Garfield Schools have held fine arts festivals this year.

The law firm of Quarels and Brady has partnered with Capitol School for many years. Students exhibited their work at the firm and were given a tour of their very impressive art collection. They will also create a ceramic mural that will be on permanent display at their downtown office.

The annual Lions Club Peace Poster contest was a big hit as always. Students from several of our school had winning entries. They were honored with a luncheon at Kincaid’s Restaurant.

The city of Phoenix awarded a mural to Shaw School which is in progress. They are working with professional muralist Edgar Fernandez to complete the project. A new mural was completed at Heard as well in the kindergarten play area. Both Garfield and Edison will have new murals this year as well.

**Sketch of the soon to be Capitol ceramic mural.**
THANKS

We would like to thank administration and the governing board for all of the support they have given us this year and always. The carpenters, painters, warehouse men, electricians, have all been terrific friends and have given us invaluable help. Also thanks to all of our other fine arts partners for bringing your students to perform during our events. Thanks to all of our PESD friends for all of your support. See you next year!!!

John, Rudy, Abby, Dominika, Lauren, Kyle, Matt, Stacy, Leah, Vicki, Susan, Alisa, Deb, Janet, Rosa, and Crystal

ARTifacts: Stuff that art teachers already knew

Students who study art are 4 times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement.

Art programs are mandatory in countries that rank highest in math and science.

The arts teaches children that problems can have more than one solution.

Drawing develops hand-eye coordination and special awareness and abilities used by engineers and architects.

Multiple studies have shown that there is a direct correlation between the creation of art in childhood and the development of language.

In a 2009 study by The Center For Arts Education it was found that graduation rates significantly increased when the arts were an integral part of the curriculum.

In a 2010 study by Missouri Public Schools it was found that there were fewer discipline infractions and higher attendance rates in schools that placed an emphasis on the arts.

A Johns Hopkins study showed that exposure to the arts in elementary school re-wires the brain only on positive ways – motor control, increased abilities to focus, increased motivation.

“Art is the only thing of any true importance that we leave to the future. Every culture that has ever existed has created art. It is the expression of our thoughts, our feelings, and indeed, of our humanity, and it transcends boundaries of language, culture, gender, and even time. Art is as essential to our existence as breathing, so it is our moral obligation to give this gift to our children.”

The Mozart Effect is debatable, but isn’t it nice to listen to Mozart anyway?

ART AMONG US

Metal desert sculptures at Lowell

Mosaic at Herrera