

ART STUDIO NEWS

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REMINDER...

Students in 2nd, 4th, and MS/HS Visual Art need a sketchbook for Art class starting on Monday.

Our littlest scorpions started the year off with lines and shapes. The PK3 students went fishing, chasing characters from Finding Dory as they swam in curly, wavy, and straight lines. JK students went a step further, using lines to make shapes. They then used the shapes to draw a crayon. After the Labor Day weekend, the PK3 students will begin making alphabet art, and our JK artists will explore through literacy.

The 2nd Grade artists are studying cityscapes, beginning with geometric cut-paper castles, inspired by artist Paul Klee's, *Castle in the Sun*.

4th Grade is beginning their Still Life studies. This week they reviewed Elements of Art that they will need to create a series of drawings. Keep an eye out for some PEAR-fic drawings!

Finally, our Middle & High School students are being challenged this week to find Elements and Principles of Art in images. Students are creating slideshows of art and brief descriptions of why the work was selected to represent the Element/Principle. This activity is preparing our students as they enter the IB program in the future, as they will be required to complete a comparative study, describing and analyzing 2-3 works of art in relationship to each other. This activity also encourages them to explore new artists/styles to enhance their own work.

"What is now proved was once only imagined."-William Blake

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! My name is Ally Bradley and I am the Visual Arts Teacher at BA. I am starting my 2nd year at BA, after teaching 6 years in Washington, D.C. This year in art, students will explore a variety of art mediums (painting, drawing, sculpting, weaving, etc.) while focusing on a theme or specific type of art. **NEW THIS YEAR!!!** Since I do not send home finished works of art until after the End of the Year Art Show, we will now post photographs of finished student artwork on Artsonia.com! This website will allow you to view your student's art as well as purchase mugs, totes, etc. with their artwork. Permission slips to post photos will be coming home in the upcoming weeks. **STAY TUNED!**

Yearbook Started a Little "Mallow" Dramatically

BA's Yearbook elective started off this year focusing on theme development from words and phrases. Students collaborated to brainstorm themes, including colors, fonts, and visuals to connect to an overall theme. We finished off the week with The Marshmallow Challenge, a team building exercise that develops a groups ability to work together towards one goal. Students were given 20 spaghetti noodles, 1 yard of tape, 1 yard of string, and 1 marshmallow. They had 18 minutes to build a free-standing structure, and the only requirement was that the marshmallow had to be on the top. Only two teams were successful in building structures strong enough to hold the marshmallow, however each team learned how to work collaboratively, and fun was had by all!



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