

# BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS

## ART AT MCNAIR ELEMENTARY

### THOUGHTS ON ART

Art provides an avenue for students to communicate their ideas to others. Students create their own art in class, as well as discuss the work of master artists. Lessons in aesthetics and criticism teach students how to effectively communicate their artistic vision to their audience.

Inspiring students to create meaningful art is a goal of my teaching. When students incorporate their own interests into art, they take ownership of their work. Engagement and creativity are heightened when students are intrinsically motivated to create personally meaningful art. This is reflected by the students' attitudes about their work and the quality of artwork they produce. Students are proud of their work, as it is a reflection of their self.

---Terry Winkler-Romeo

### QUESTIONS

The best way to contact me is through email at Theresa\_WinklerRomeo@mcpsmd.org or call the school after 3:45pm.

### SHOUT IT OUT

The art room does not keep smocks for health and safety reasons, but sometimes accidents happen. While the majority of materials we use are washable, some stains can be tough. I sometimes get messy too! For my own clothes, I use Shout Ultra Gel for spot treating and a scoop of Clorox Oxy-Magic in every load. If you are still concerned about your child's clothing, students are welcome to bring their own smocks to class.

### DISCIPLINE-BASED ART EDUCATION

Art-Making: creating works of art with the tools and techniques of various media

Art History: understanding the historical, social, and cultural context in which art is created

Art Criticism: describing, interpreting, and evaluating works of art

Aesthetics: questioning the nature, meaning and value of art - what is art?

## MCNAIR YOUTH ART SHOW WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008

*We need a lot of volunteer help to make your children's art show a success! Please see Mrs. Romeo if you would like to volunteer your time. All help is greatly appreciated!*

### WHY STUDY ART?

- Art promotes creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills.
- Art develops fine-motor and spatial skills. These skills are critical for a wide range of occupations outside the art world from mechanics to engineers to surgeons.
- Art promotes self-discipline, teamwork, and a strong work ethic.
- Research has shown that the visual arts improve reading and math scores.
- Students who study the visual arts score higher on both math and verbal portions of college entrance exams.

### ASSESSMENT

Student achievement will be evaluated in the following areas:

- Making Art: Applying knowledge of art elements and principles of design.
- Talking about Art: Using appropriate art vocabulary to discuss artworks and make connections.

SCORE	GRADE	EXPLANATION
4	O	Student demonstrates complete understanding.
3	S	Student demonstrates general understanding
2	N	Student not yet proficient; demonstrates developing or
1		minimal understanding.

