

WHATS HAPPENING IN THE HEART OF CHITTENANGO?

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Bolivar Road Elementary
Dale Devendorf

Fourth grade students in Mr. D's art class learned all about Post Impressionism this marking period. The focus of the unit was Vincent van Gogh. Students learned about van Gogh's life while critiquing many of his paintings. Characteristics of van Gogh's paintings were short brushstrokes and bold colors. These characteristics helped van Gogh create a sense of movement within his paintings.

Students began by sketching landscapes and working out their ideas with oil pastels on paper. These photos show students working on the final product, an acrylic painting. Furthermore, students got to experience painting on canvas boards using easels. The finished paintings are highly anticipated!





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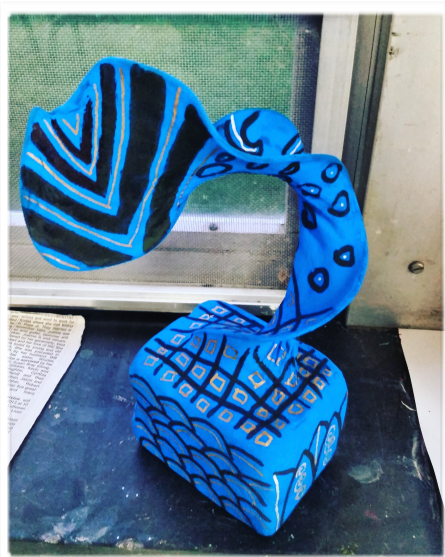
Katherine Ball McGinnis

Art students at Bridgeport Elementary are currently working on projects centered on authors they are studying for PARP (Pick a Reading Partner). Students are extremely excited to develop works of art that relate to some of their favorite authors and illustrators. Third graders are studying author, Roald Dahl and illustrator, Quentin Blake. In class students analyzed illustrations in Dahl's book "The Twits". After discussing characteristics of Blake's illustrations, students made a sketch of their own. They closed their eyes and drew an organic shape. When they opened their eyes they looked at the shape they created and ultimately transformed it into a creature or design. Using their imagination they were not only able to see the potential in a 'scribble', but also create a completely original and creative art piece. (Featured Artists: left top to bottom - Lyra McKinley, Baker Grubbs, Daniel Cross)

Fifth graders at the Middle School just completed large landscapes. Each student chose a photograph to study and transform into their own drawing. Students learned about perspective, shading, and color blending. They are always willing to try new things and challenge themselves in areas they are not familiar with. I could not be more proud of their work ethic! (Featured Artists: below - Marcus Paone, bottom left - Jordan Burns)



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Gina Fagnoli

Sixth grade students in Ms. Fagnoli's art room are beginning to create masks based on the Carnival of Venice in Venice, Italy. The students will use plaster strips layered on mask molds and will then use their own creativity to paint designs using images from the Carnival of Venice as reference. Sixth graders have also just completed making tiki mugs out of clay. Students worked hard rolling out their own clay slabs to construct a cup shape. They also created textured handles that they attached on to their mugs.

Recently, in Ms. Fagnoli's Art 7 classes, students created sculptures based on the Abstract Expressionism movement in art. This movement was full of expression, action and originality. Specifically, students viewed images of sculptures during this art movement and compared them vs. traditional sculptures to get a better understanding of abstract art. These funky looking creations were made of floral foam, wire and nylon stocking. Students then painted their sculptures and drew designs to make them more unique.



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Karen Tashkovski

On November 9, 2015, Zoe Sauve and her family attended the Alliance for Quality Education Champions of Education Gala and Fundraiser at UFT Headquarters, 52 Broadway, New York City!

It was there that Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Minor presented Zoe with an award and a check for \$100 for winning a poster contest depicting her dream education or school.

Honoree Laura Wolf, program director of the Robert Sterling Foundation was later presented with Zoe's winning poster.

Zoe created her entry in Ms. Tashkovski's 8th grade art class last year. It was an end of the year extra credit assignment for all Art 8 and Studio in Art students. Ms. Tashkovski mailed over seventy entries to Albany on the last day of school. The Alliance for Quality Education sponsored the poster contest.





Chittenango High School

Allison Komanecky

The National Art Honor Society of Chittenango High School donated holiday trees this winter season. The NAHS is committed to community service through the arts. The 20+ members of the NAHS completed three Christmas trees which were donated to the Everson Museum of Art's Festival of Trees. Each tree represented different art courses offered at the high school. There was one tree for ceramics, one for painting and drawing and one for photography. The Trees were on display through the month of December. NAHS also hosted the bi-annual Empty Bowls event at the high school. Stay tuned for details.

