

# Elementary Art News

What a busy start to 2010 we have had in the Art Department!! Students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through High School are participating in the Aspiring Artist Show at the Freeport Art Museum. The show opens on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and runs until March 20<sup>th</sup>. The show has artwork from several area schools on display.

Kindergarten students have created their first watercolor paintings!! These will be placed in their Kindergarten Books later on. Next, they will be exploring color in art. We will create a color wheel using Play Dough and painting Rainbows. First graders will also do these projects, once they have finished their Snowmen. The snowmen are a mixed media project - colored, cut and paste with paper, add fabric, buttons and glitter.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade has been working on a book with Mrs. G. and will create the illustrations in art class. Mrs. Schaeffer's class will be creating their own picture book in art class. We will explore what illustrators do and how they enhance our books. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade is experimenting with printmaking. They will make block prints using print foam. Then take their prints of bugs and butterflies and create a mobile.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade has their Alphabet Book underway. I had the students pick their theme this year. Mrs. Hillmer's class chose Food as their theme and Mrs. Wenzel's class chose to do Animals. Students are looking at how to change the letters in the most interesting way for their page of the book. 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be working on creating quilt squares which will be attached together to make a class quilt. The square will be something of a self portrait for the student who is creating it. Students will have to use at least 2 different stitches while sewing. We are always looking for more fabric scraps for the students to use, so if you have any you would like to get rid of, we would put them to good use!

6<sup>th</sup> grade is finishing a large painting inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe. Once finished they will be working on their drawing skills. Students will work on drawing what they see, not what they think they see. We will explore several different kinds of media from pencils to pastels.

## Upcoming Events in the Art Department

Root Beer Float Fundraiser - TBA

High School Field Trip to Chicago - March 3

Highland District HS Juried Art Show - March

Pearl City Schools Art Show - April 13

Student Gallery at the Freeport Art Museum - May 6 - June 6