

# NMS ART NEWS!



It is hard to believe that the 1st quarter is behind us. It just felt like yesterday that we were all giddy, nervous, and excited with anticipation of the 1st day of school. Now we are at the start of the 2nd quarter and everything is moving along swiftly. We are very thrilled to be working with your children. Students are engaged, working hard, and producing beautiful artwork.

In this newsletter you will find some information on both art teachers as well as a short summary of what your student has been engaged in over the last few months. We are having a great school year!

## WHO ARE THE ART TEACHERS?

### MR. ESTRELLA

This is Mr. Estrella's 9th year of teaching art at Northfield Middle School and his 14th year of teaching art. He lives in Northfield with his wife and two kids. He is always excited about all things that have to do with teaching art. When he is not teaching, you can find him making things out of clay, sketching, cooking, playing or coaching soccer, investigating nature, or reading. He loves art and loves to teach it. His students learn that art is the best tool/lens to use to explore and learn about the world. Northfield has the best art students!



### MRS. OTTE

This is Mrs. Otte's 4th year of teaching art in Northfield and her 14th year of teaching art. She lives in Northfield with her husband, three kids and golden retriever. She loves all things art, but when she's not teaching, does quite a bit of photography. She loves teaching art and is continually amazed by the talent and creativity of her students!



## 6TH GRADE ART

6th grade art students started the year creating Personality Blobs out of Oil Pastel. The blobs were installed together in a collaborative artwork!

Students also spent time designing a cover for their sketchbook out of patterns and designs.



Next came the Silhouette Scramble project where students combined an animal silhouette with various styles of text.

As we head into Quarter 3, students are working on their Personality Pots!



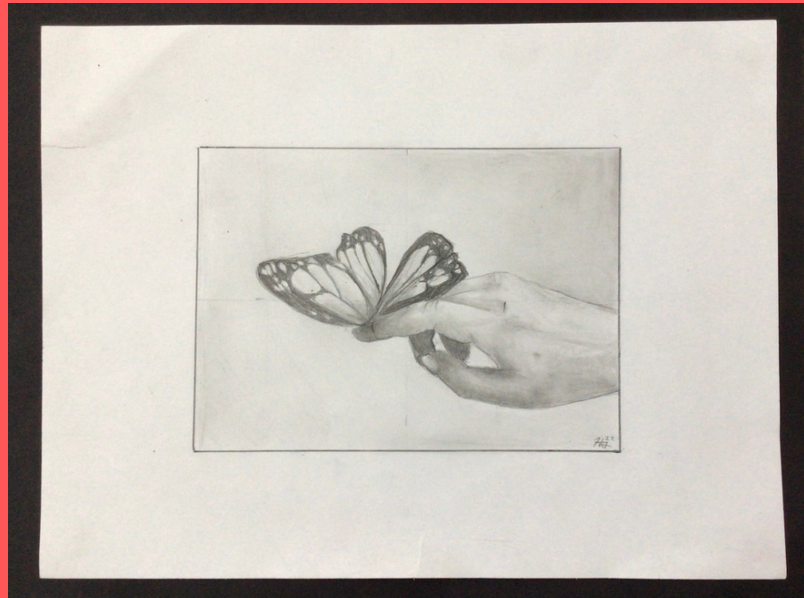


# 7TH GRADE ART



Students started the year by creating a This is Me... Drawing. A simple yet powerful mini visual autobiography.

We then transitioned into learning about our brains and the growing research revolving around left brain and right brain thinking/processing, based on the popular book by Betty Edwards' "Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain. They learned about drawing up-side down, with the Up-side down Picasso. Breaking subjects down into lines, shapes, angles, etc... all of which are visual terms.



They transitioned into drawing beautiful hand drawings using pencil. This project allowed them to develop their understanding of value and composition and gave them a great opportunity to reinforce the visual terms recently discussed.

The best part, it only keeps getting better from here on out. Up next... Monochromatic Object Paintings!!!



# 8TH GRADE ART



Students started the year by creating a Data Portrait based on the artwork of Giorgia Lupi.



8th graders also created their own sketchbook. We created the cover out of Paste Paper and added many personal details.



Next came the Identity Self Portrait Drawing. We practiced the grid drawing method and added value with colored pencil and crayon. The background is modeled after the work of Andrea Pippins.



Now in progress...Candy Still Life Paintings!

## SAVE THE DATE!

Northfield's All District Art Show is February 15th - March 11th at The Guild in downtown Northfield. Come and enjoy the Imagination Celebration Reception on Saturday, February 25th from 10AM-1PM.

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