

**Arts Learning Community Newsletter
Sausalito Marin City School District
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“One can compare art education to the solid foundation for a house: once it is built properly, it will hold any shape or form you decide to place on it.”
-Igor Babailov, artist



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Students and teachers in the Sausalito Marin City School District have been mapping, collaborating, investigating materials, wondering about how artists get ideas, working with keyboards, beat recognition, and exploring the body as a percussive instrument.

As units are being created, we are thinking about the question of:
“How are arts specialists agents for advocacy and social change?”

Ms. Brooke has been initiating some incredible collaborations with her classes. Mr. Mitchell’s 5th grade artists recently visited Ms. Bank’s K artists, teaching them how to create and paint Day of the Dead masks. The students were thinking about making a disguise. Students were communicating beautifully, and sharing ideas and inspirations.

“I see a different mindset and confidence with my students that has grown through the arts. My students carry themselves differently, and they are learning to listen and build strong relationships.” - Mr. Mitchell, Bayside School 5th grade teacher

On October 21st, Mr. Bigg's MLK Middle School Students performed for the Rotary Club members in the MLK multi-purpose room. For many of the students, this was their first experience performing on stage!

Congratulations!

K-8 Music Specialist, Greg Gomez (pictured below teaching Ms. Atterman's K class), has appreciated the 6 week enrichment cycles with Bayside classes. "I spend less time reviewing previous material, and more time teaching new skills, songs, and dances." K/2 students are learning imaginative dance, partner games, and high/low differentiation. 3rd and 4th grade students are working with recorders. 5th graders are working on keyboards, understanding on fingering patterns. And 6th graders are learning folk songs, and are building up to learning the guitar.



Mark your calendars!

The Art Walk is happening on January 20th from 5-7pm
in the Bayside Multi-purpose room.

Come gather to listen to music, look at art, and celebrate the young artists!

Want to Help Out? Interested in Art?

Visual Arts Classes require lots of materials prep-work, set-up and clean-up and your participation is always helpful!

Please contact Ascha Drake at adrake@marin.k12.ca.us or 917.864.9757 to learn more.

Willow Creek parents: your volunteer hours will be counted.

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