

# February in Art

This month I will be continuing to select artwork from grades 2-8 for the Pima County Fair, and coordinating with Kinder and First grades for their entries. Organizing for the entry deadline of March 7<sup>th</sup> takes a few hours. Mounting and preparing the hundreds of student works is the next step to get it all ready for entry on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Then all entries are judged in the ten days before the Fair officially starts. We have in the past had the most entries by far of any school! All students entered will receive a ribbon.

I choose student work based on how well they follow the criteria of a project, careful, excellent work, and effort and participation. If you would like to volunteer to help with organization/preparation, email me at [jparadis@tcdcharterschool.com](mailto:jparadis@tcdcharterschool.com) and we'll talk!

Students in **second grade** are currently working on a fun unit that combines lettering skills with pattern and collage.

Students in **third grade** will be creating a mixed-media collage featuring their dream Treehouse. They are very excited about combining their ideas with fantasy backgrounds and innovative "tree architecture."

In **fourth grade**, we are completing a beautiful project that integrated with a science unit where students studied animals from all parts of the world. We learned about animal skeletons, similarities and differences in body shapes and drew. Then we painted a large version of each animal and used creative patterns in painting them.

**Fifth grade** is bringing special items from home and using many materials from the art room to create a large sunflower as unique as themselves. A Champion message will be added to each one.

**Sixth grade** is working on a drawing and painting unit using the Horse as inspiration. Many students were convinced that they would "never be able to draw a horse", but they have proven themselves wrong! And I think they feel great about that. The Painting will include instruction on color theory, perspective, and brush technique.

**7<sup>th</sup> grade** has just completed a unit on endangered animals that culminated in the creation of a ceramic tile that showed a relief of their animals in habitats.

**8th grade** has completed a Patterns in Photography unit, learning about artist Andy Goldsworthy, and then incorporating their patterns into a mixed media self portrait that combines costume and portraits.

Come in and look around sometime!

Mrs. Paradis