



GLENFORD PTO ART PROGRAM



DID YOU KNOW ART EDUCATION IS NOT TAUGHT IN THE REGULAR ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM?

The Glenford PTO provides for Art Projects once a month in each classroom.

The Art program is all run by volunteers.

Without Volunteers, there would be little to no art education in your child's classroom.

Ways that the Arts Help Kids Learn and Grow

- 1. Creativity.** This may seem like a no-brainer, but the arts allow kids to express themselves better than math or science.
- 2. Improved Academic Performance.** The arts don't just develop a child's creativity—the skills they learn because of them spill over into academic achievement.
- 3. Motor Skills.** This applies mostly to younger kids who do art or play an instrument. Simple things like holding a paintbrush and scribbling with a crayon are an important element to developing a child's fine motor skills.
- 4. Confidence.** While mastering a subject certainly builds a student's confidence, there is something special about participating in the arts.
- 5. Visual Learning.** Especially for young kids, drawing, painting, and sculpting in art class help develop visual-spatial skills.
- 6. Decision Making.** The arts strengthen problem solving and critical thinking skills.
- 7. Perseverance.** The arts can be challenging. But practice and perseverance pay off. This mindset will certainly matter as they grow—especially during their career where they will likely be asked to continually develop new skills and work through difficult projects.
- 8. Focus.** As you persevere through painting or singing or learning a part in a play, focus is imperative. And certainly focus is vital for studying and learning in class as well as doing a job later in life.
- 9. Inventiveness:** When kids are encouraged to express themselves and take risks in creating art, they develop a sense of innovation that will be important in their adult lives.

Sources: Grace Hwang Lynch. "The Importance of Art in Child Development". PBS Parents. n.d. Web. Oct 1, 2015.

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Days I can help in the classroom:

- Monday Morning
 Tuesday Morning
 Wednesday Morning
 Thursday Morning
 Friday Morning
 Monday Afternoon
 Tuesday Afternoon
 Wednesday Afternoon
 Thursday Afternoon
 Friday Afternoon

Grades I am interested in:

- Kindergarten
 1st/2nd Grade Wraps
 3rd Grade
 4th Grade
 5th Grade

- YES I want to help find projects!

Contact Info: Name: _____

Phone: _____ Cell or Home Email: _____

Prefer: Call Text Email Best Time to Contact: Morning Afternoon Evening until _____ pm.

Student(s) Name: _____

Student(s) Teacher: _____

