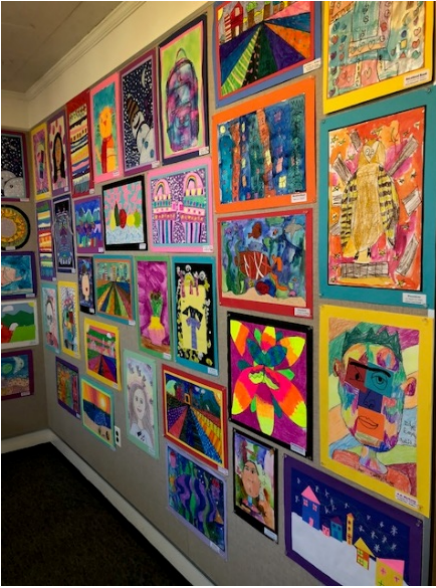


Superintendent's Highlight of the Week May 18, 2018



The walls of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School Art Gallery were alive with colorful masterpieces this week, as over 220 pieces of elementary artwork adorned the walls for the 2018 Elementary Art Expo. Annually, Art teachers of each elementary school carefully select artwork from their K-4 classes to present at this prestigious show. Many of the pieces showcased included influences of famous artists, made from a variety of mediums, as well as constructed from the students' unique imaginations and creativity.

The opening reception took place on Tuesday, May 15, from 4:00-6:30 pm, where parents, relatives,



family friends, and students gathered to view the magnificent show. Joining the exhibiting Art students, a number of talented K-4 student musicians provided entertainment for the guests of the show on a number of different instruments. A special thanks to the elementary Art teachers of the district (*Ms. Michele Frimmer (OB/JJP)*, *Ms. Julia Fizzinoglia (SR/JJP)*, *Ms. Sarah Holden (PAS/SR)*, and *Ms. Kelly Baum (PAS)*) for putting together another fabulous exhibition showcasing the many talented student artists of Plainview-Old Bethpage.

Each piece selected provided stellar evidence for the complexity and originality many of our young artists demonstrate here at Plainview-Old Bethpage, no matter the age or school. One that caught my eye was a piece done by Lily Natko, a 3rd grade Art student from Pasadena Elementary. Her work, created using watercolor pencils, paper, and a Sharpie marker was a project inspired by the works of well-known artists Yayoi Kusama and Gustav Klimt. Students were asked to first draw flowers from observation, and then later add patterns to their drawings based upon the artists studied. This and many more masterpieces can still be viewed in the POBMS art gallery.



Congratulations to all who were selected to be a part of this prestigious show!

We look forward to seeing these young student artists grow through our Middle School and High School Art program to become the Picasso's and O'Keeffe's of tomorrow!