

Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School Hosts Renowned Artist for Special Workshop

Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School was thrilled to host a guest artist from the Huntington Arts Council on June 12th, as part of the district's ongoing partnership with the Council through their Journey Program. The visiting artist, Oksana Danziger, conducted a workshop titled, "Felting: History and Tradition from Siberia," where students learned and practiced the art of mino ("nuno") felting.

Oksana Danziger, a renowned artist with a rich background in traditional Siberian felting, guided the students through the history and techniques of this ancient craft. During the workshop, students created their own felt flower pins, immersing themselves in a hands-on experience that combined history, culture, and artistic expression.

The felting workshops were integrated into all Art 9 studio classes throughout the day. Art teachers Mr. Dan Poplawski, Mr. Avila and Ms. Holland facilitated the sessions, ensuring that each student had the opportunity to engage deeply with the material and create something unique.

"Having Oksana Danziger share her expertise with our students was an invaluable experience," Poplawski said. "The workshop not only enriched their understanding of global artistic traditions but also allowed them to explore new creative techniques."

The collaboration with the Huntington Arts Council and the inclusion of workshops like these reflect Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School's commitment to providing diverse and enriching educational experiences.



