

Arts Learning Community Newsletter
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WHAT IS ART?

“Art is magic.”

“Art is life, reflected.”

“Art is making something.”

“Art is bringing the inside out, and the outside in.”

“Art is pure expression of the self - whether you are working with paint, or musical notes, or words, or fabric.”



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to everyone who came out for the second annual **Art Walk Event** on January 20th! It was a beautiful evening, and all of the young artists and musicians in the District were acknowledged and celebrated.

Every class in the District received an art award at the end of the evening. The awards acknowledged life skills such as: **confidence, leadership, collaboration, and respect**. Allen Biggs led the MLK middle school steel pan drum band; inspiring the audience to get involved by moving with the sounds and rhythms. And Mr. Gomez performed with the Elementary students; sharing with the audience different ways to **express** the self musically.

Thank you to Marika and Kelly from Growing Great. The food they prepared was fresh, and delicious. Growing Great has been **cultivating** bounty from the District gardens, and Marika and Kelly have been cooking with the students in the classrooms to encourage healthy, nutrition-packed meal options. www.growinggreat.org



Ms. Cooper, the Willow Creek Head-of-School, and Ms. Newton, the Principal at Bayside Elementary, were present to hand the framed awards to the proud classes.

Youth in Arts teaching artists, Brooke Toczykowski and Keith “KDub” Williams, announced the awards; honoring the incredible **thinking, experimenting, and bravery** that their collaborating students and teachers have been exhibiting this year.

Please welcome **David Luther** to our community as the new Music Specialist for the Bayside Elementary and Willow Creek students! David comes to us with a wealth of experience and knowledge. He is a trained professional musician, a composer, and a conductor. David worked for IBM for 20 years, placing educational systems into schools throughout the country, he has composed children’s music, and David was recognized as the Florida State Teacher-of-the-Year in 1983. David distinguishes three vital components of his teaching practice: “**Participation, Perseverance, and Performance.**” His class sessions are a delight to observe. Students are active, singing, moving, listening, and engaging in multiple forms of musical expression.

**“Tell me, I forget, show me, I remember,
involve me, I understand.”
- Carl Orff**

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And thank you to **Youth in Arts**®