

Welcome Spring!

“Art is the voice of the people, and a means of creating social change.”

-Erland Howden

The Sausalito Marin City Arts Learning Community is filled with exciting news!

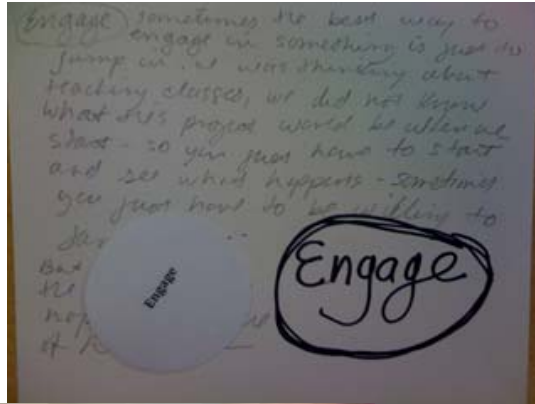
- **Parents:** At the Fall 2010 K/1 arts workshop, parents and children gathered in the Bayside multi-purpose room to experience making, brainstorming, experimenting with materials, and collaborative explorations.



- **Children:** Through weekly arts classes, children are asking: “Who am I?” “What do I believe in?” “What do I want to communicate to the world?” The students are learning that they have a voice, and that the arts can transform how people think, and see the world.



- **Teachers:** Elementary and Middle School teachers are engaged in monthly professional development sessions led by the District arts specialists.



- **Collaborators:** Through the arts, students and teachers from different grades and sites are learning to work with other students; looking at portfolios, teaching one another new processes, and creating together.



- **Community:** This past Fall, the SMCS D community gathered together for Back to School nights, where everyone participated in the Hopes and Dreams Project. The 2011 January Art Walk also brought members of the community together to celebrate the young artists.



- **Administrators:** The Administrators in the District are actively involved in the Arts Demonstration Grant; attending multiple arts leadership meetings, observing arts specialists in action, and celebrating students and teachers as artists with a display in the main District office.

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- **Professional Artists:** Professional Artists help to bring the arts alive in this vibrant Arts Learning Community. Each artist brings a unique talent to the program.

Take a peek into the Arts Demonstration grant by clicking on:

<http://youthinarts.org/blog/category/programs/sausalito-marin-city-school-demonstration>

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