

A Year In Review

This past year was filled with color, excitement and award winning art pieces. We focused on specific artists and created many pieces our students were proud of. We worked with oil pastels, acrylic paints, foil, recycled materials and water colors. The children created Pablo Picasso FACES, Laurel Burch CATS, George Rodrigue BLUE DOGS, Henri Rousseau JUNGLES, Derek Gores COLLAGES, Frederic Remington SUNSETS and Auguste Rodin FOIL SCULPTURES. We also sang, danced, designed backpacks, mosaic frames and heard fascinating stories. This year we will concentrate on art from around the world – our first project was creating Dart Frogs from the Brazilian Rain Forrest. We look forward to seeing what masterpieces our students will create!



CELEBRATING 10 Years!

TEN YEARS AGO, an inquiry from *Liz Burns, Director of Community Action Marin*, changed our lives. Learning about the lack of funding for enrichment classes for students in the CAM programs, we committed to fulfill a need we felt had to be addressed. *ALL* children deserve the opportunity to experience the arts, and AFTH continues its work of bringing the arts to life for under-served children in Marin County. Our first year we worked with 27 children, last year that number was *350 students!*

We believe our work is important, and *Debbie Countouriotis, Principal at TimothyMurphy School*, agrees:

“ *We have witnessed our students develop their hidden talents and grow their self-esteem...Our students are residents of St. Vincent's School for Boys, having been taken away from families due to abuse and neglect, and our budget prohibits the quality of enrichment provided by Art From the Heart.*

Our teachers also reap the benefits of this program. New topics for discussion and exploration are provided, the mood of the students and staff is lifted, and here at school, where we take one day at a time, a day with Art From the Heart is always a good day. ”

Your donations allow us to foster a love and appreciation of the arts in the lives of children who might otherwise not have this opportunity.

Thank you for your continued support!

Kathy Eggert & Sheila Jones

A Heartfelt Thanks To Our Sponsors:



Fair Housing of Marin for sponsoring our Storyteller, Kirk Waller!



Our newest sponsor, Westamerica Bank for their generous grant!



Marin Charitable for their grant dollars and continued support!

Another **TRIUMPH**
At the
MARIN COUNTY FAIR

This year, we once again entered artwork produced by the boys at *Timothy Murphy School* into the County Fair. We entered *36 pieces*, and we are extremely proud that each boy received a first, second or third place ribbon! Their excitement and sense of accomplishment was unmeasurable and clearly exhibited by the huge smiles when we presented them with their ribbons.



Meet A Guest Artist: **KIRK WALLER**

Thanks to grants from *Fair of Housing Marin*, we have been extremely lucky to have *Kirk Waller* as a returning guest artist for our AFTH students. An award winning Master Storyteller with a lifelong love of story, literature and the visual arts, Kirk has been performing for children for over 20 years. He masterfully fuses all of his talents together – spoken word, rhythm, music and movement to create an unforgettable storytelling experience. Our students are not only thoroughly entertained, but are mesmerized as Kirk's stories teach important lessons of life, respect, inspiration and responsibility.

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