

The JPHM Prism

Judith P. Hoyer Montessori Visual Arts

Newsletter

November/December 2024



Happy Holidays!

Dear Parents, Students, and Art Enthusiasts,

As we reflect on the past two months, we are filled with gratitude for the creativity and dedication of our students. Their work has brightened our classrooms and hallways, reminding us of the joy that art brings to our community. We look forward to sharing more artistic adventures in the new year.

We would like to thank A2theThird, Inc. and Blick Art Supplies for their generous donations of all sorts of materials, including paint markers, canvas boards, loom kits, candle making supplies, air clay, scissors, paint jumpers, goggles, etc. The students immensely enjoyed testing all of the new art supplies during Art Palooza on Tuesday, December 10th.

Happy Holidays from the JPHM Visual Arts Program!

See you in 2025!

Warm regards,

Sidnitra bates
Visual Arts Educator





Judith P. Hoyer Montessori School - Creative Arts Highlights

Friendsgiving Festivities: A Celebration of Friendship

In November, the spirit of gratitude and togetherness filled the classrooms as students participated in Friendsgiving celebrations. Art classes contributed to this joyful occasion by creating friendship bracelets using vibrant pipe cleaners. This activity, simple yet meaningful, allowed students to reflect on the bonds they share with their classmates. The colorful bracelets became tokens of appreciation, exchanged as symbols of friendship and unity.

Primary: Abundance Activity Books

Our youngest artists embraced the theme of abundance through the creation of Abundance Activity Books. These books were more than just a fun craft; they were a lesson in mindfulness and observation. Students explored how nature provides in abundance, from leaves and acorns to apples and pumpkins. Using these symbols, they illustrated and personalized their activity books, learning to recognize and celebrate the richness of the world around them. This project nurtured their creativity while reinforcing foundational concepts of gratitude and resourcefulness.

Lower Elementary: Scarecrow Creations

In Lower Elementary, students dived into the autumnal theme with their Scarecrow Creations. Using paper bags and construction paper, they brought these charming characters to life. Each scarecrow was uniquely adorned, showcasing the individuality of every young artist.

The activity also included a reflective component, where students wrote about what their scarecrow "stands for," incorporating positive attributes and personal goals. This blend of artistic expression and introspection made the project a memorable experience for all.

Upper Elementary: Explosion Books

The Upper Elementary students took on the challenge of creating Explosion Books, a project that combined precision, patience, and artistic flair. These intricate books featured complex folding techniques and were decorated with detailed drawings and personal designs. The explosion effect, where the pages unfold dramatically, amazed students and teachers alike. This project not only enhanced the students' craftsmanship but also provided a platform for them to express their narratives and artistic visions.

Middle School: A Trio of Creative Ventures

Middle School students demonstrated their versatility and dedication through three dynamic projects:

- **Beautiful Oops:** Inspired by the book by Barney Saltzberg, this project encouraged students to turn mistakes into masterpieces. By embracing imperfection, they learned that creativity often flourishes in unexpected ways.
- **Elements of Art Game:** This interactive game reinforced their understanding of fundamental art principles. Students collaborated and competed, applying concepts like line, shape, color, and texture in a fun and engaging way.



Creative Arts Highlights (cont.)

- **Personal Brand Kit:** As a culmination of their artistic growth, students began developing their Personal Brand Kits. This project involved designing logos, selecting color palettes, and defining their unique artistic identities. It was a forward-thinking exercise that aligned art with practical skills and self-presentation.

Winter Wonderland: December's Magical Creations

December brought a frosty burst of inspiration to the art room. As the weather cooled, students warmed up their imaginations with winter-themed projects.

Primary Classes: Adorable Animal Drawings

Our Pre-K and Kindergarten students have been learning to draw a variety of animals, starting with pandas. Guided by simple shapes and step-by-step instructions, they created delightful panda drawings, which they then enhanced with holiday elements. Adding Santa hats or festive accessories to their animals was a playful way to incorporate seasonal cheer while reinforcing shape recognition and artistic detail.

Lower Elementary: Yeti Snow Globes

Lower Elementary students turned their imaginations to mythical creatures with their Yeti "Monster" Drawings.

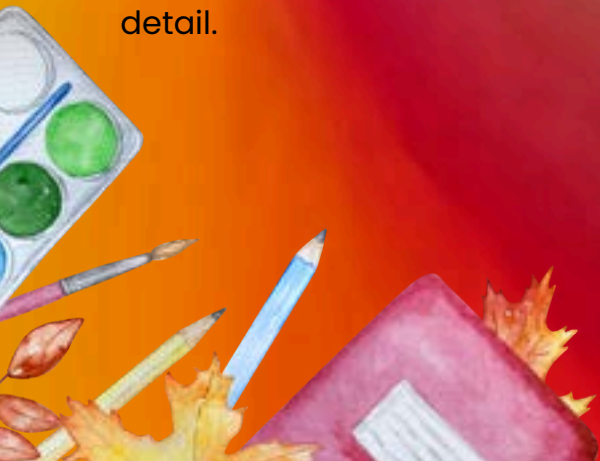
These whimsical characters were then placed inside handmade snow globes, crafted from clear plastic plates. To create the snow effect, students mixed shaving cream and baking soda, adding a touch of science to their artistic exploration. This interdisciplinary approach made the project a standout, blending creativity with scientific curiosity.

Upper Elementary: Upcoming Projects

As we head into the winter break, Upper Elementary students are gearing up for exciting projects that will carry their enthusiasm for art into the new year. Stay tuned for updates in the next issue of JPHM Prism!

Middle School: Continued Dedication

Middle School students have continued their impressive work on long-term projects while embracing new challenges. Their commitment to artistic excellence is evident in every piece they produce.



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Art Palooza w/ Alphabest



Upcoming Events

January is considered International Creativity Month!

January 20

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Schools and Offices

January 24 – End of Second Quarter



**Holiday Party
Grinch Sighting**

Wish List

- 10 Sketchbooks – Received
Thank you!
- 25 Black Artist Portfolios (Tabloid)



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Kaleidoscope!