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program reflections from jeffrey dollinger, executive director

One of the things I love most about Art in Action is the way that it allows the entire school community to reflect on what is important to them in education. Art makes the deepest impact in a school where the teachers, parents and students collaborate to provide space for creativity and expression.

Space isn't just physical space. Although by design, Art in Action creates a physical space wherever it is taught...in a classroom, in the lunchroom, in the courtyard. Perhaps more important, the program creates a temporal and intellectual space where critical time for reflection is set-aside during the school day. Where students (and their parents and teachers) can hold up a mirror and see themselves, their potential, their value.

In our 7th grade curriculum, students learn about one of the most famous mirrors in art history - the one at the center of Jan van Eyck's masterpiece *The Marriage of Giovanni Arnolfini*. *read full article*

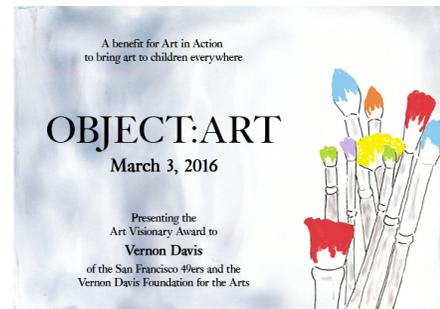*Student artwork inspired by 7th grade lesson on Jan van Eyck*

save the date! object:art 2016

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss Art in Action's annual benefit on March 3, 2016 at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, CA. We will present the Art Visionary Award to Vernon Davis of the San Francisco 49ers and the Vernon Davis Foundation for the Arts. This one-of-a-kind cocktail party will also feature an auction of original artwork, art experiences and other exciting items. We can't wait to see you there!

Interested in sponsoring this event? Download opportunities here.

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hawes elementary benefits from crowdfunding campaign

Carolyn Steinzeig, fourth grade teacher at Hawes Elementary School in Redwood City, knew her students would benefit greatly from a comprehensive art program. But Hawes is a Title I school with very little funding for art. She was thrilled when we told her that money raised from our crowdfunding campaign would make it possible.

To date, our campaign has enabled over 600 more kids at schools like Hawes to have art this year. But we need your help because there is still a long waiting list of schools in the same position! We just need $2,000 to make our final dollar-to-dollar match to meet the campaign goal of $10,000.

If you have already made a donation, thank you. If not, there is still time to donate. Our dollar-to-dollar match doubles your impact - for every $10 donated, TWO kids will get art this year. Please tell your friends why you love Art in Action and ask them to share this message and donate too.

thanks to box.org for a successful partnership

A few weeks ago more than 300 BoxWorks 2015 conference attendees assembled 340 boxes of art materials that are now ready to ship to our schools. Many attendees were so inspired when they learned about our program that they donated to our crowdfunding campaign as well. Schools receiving the art materials will be greeted with a handwritten message from the volunteer who packed the box.

art in action featured in digital steam magazine

Program Manager Kelly Bravo has written an informative article on developing an integrated art curriculum for the fall edition of STEAMed Magazine. The article provides inspiration for teachers and school volunteers to develop their own integrated curriculum by using the development of the new *Spirals in Nature* lesson as an example. Congratulations Kelly and to all involved!

Read the article here. STEAMed is a quarterly digital magazine produced by educationcloset.

new schools

Art in Action is proud to announce that it has teamed with City Year to bring our K-8 programs to eleven schools in San Jose, CA. Special congratulations to our partner, City Year, that has also been selected as one of ten finalists for Google's Bay Area Impact Challenge.

Read our blog to see the list of schools that benefit from our program.