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Dear Jon Beard of the Public Arts Advisory Committee (PAAC),

## **OUTCOME**

### *FINANCIAL*

The financial goal of the \$930 Youth Art Grant was successfully awarded directly to each student by discounting their cost from \$195 to \$165 for 22 students. The remaining grant was awarded to two students by reducing their cost from \$195 to \$50, of families who would otherwise be unable to afford such a unique art program.

### *PROGRAM ACTIVITIES*

#### **Monday**

8:00-8:30 Morning Pow-Wow: Parents Complete Paperwork  
8:30-9:00 Meet and Greet: Discuss Safety, Rules "Buddy System" & Art Show  
9:00-9:30 Tie Dye T-Shirts  
9:30-10:15 Paint Pottery Figurine & Draw T-Shirt Design  
10:15-10:30 Snack Time & Play in Water Toys  
10:30-11:30 Pottery Wheel & Make Clay Creatures  
11:30-12:00 Lunch & Play in Water Toys  
12:00-1:00 Finish Clay Projects & Take Selfies

#### **Tuesday**

8:00-8:30 Morning Pow-Wow: Discuss Musical Instruments  
8:30-8:45 Make Selfie Pop Art Tiles  
8:45-10:15 Make Clay Drums  
10:15-10:30 Snack Time & Play in Water Toys  
10:30-11:30 Make Priority Box Guitar  
11:30-12:00 Lunch & Play in Water Toys  
12:00-1:00 Silkscreen T-shirts & Glaze Pottery

#### **Wednesday**

8:00-8:30 Morning Pow-Wow  
8:30-10:15 Finish Guitar Painting  
10:15-10:30 Snack Time & Play in Water Toys  
10:30-11:30 Oceanic Relief Paintings - drawing & texture  
11:30-12:00 Lunch & Play in Water Toys  
12:00-1:00 Glaze Drums & Selfies & Make Rain Sticks

### Thursday

8:00-8:30	Morning Pow-Wow
8:30-9:30	Batik Beach Bags - make drawings
9:30-10:15	Glue Batik Drawings & Paint Oceanic Relief Paintings
10:15-10:30	Snack Time & Play in Water Toys
10:30-11:30	Finish Glazing Pottery
11:30-12:00	Lunch & Play in Water Toys
12:00-1:00	Paint Batik Beach Bags

### Friday

8:00-8:30	Morning Pow-Wow
8:30-9:30	Reveal Batiks and Glue Bags
9:30-10:15	Finish Up Everything & Tell Ghost Stories
10:15-10:30	Snack Time & Play in Water Toys
10:30-11:30	Set Up Art Show
11:30-12:00	Lunch & Play in Water Toy
12:00-1:00	Practice Musical Show
*1:00-2:00	Show-n-Tell Party with Friends & Family! Take Group Pictures, Gather Art Work & Say Goodbye

The program activities were a smashing hit, even though they were requiring lots of focused attention from each student to complete the multiple steps of each advanced art project.

One adjustment that came about the week before art camp started was discovering that my studio tenant, Selina Phanara, had a gift and experience in working with children. Therefore, Selina volunteered to be my studio assistant for art camp which made the program all that more successful. If all goes as planned, Selina will be working with me again next year and I hope to be able to pay her appropriately.

### *ATTENDANCE*

The goal of hosting a total of 24 youths (7-14 years of age) was easily met. As a matter of fact, a waiting list for 15 interested parents was created but not utilized since there were no cancellations. Each week of art camp repeated the same activities and had six students in each of the 5-day camps.

### *GRATITUDE & LOOKING AHEAD*

Once again, thank you for Supporting the Arts, I am truly blessed!

In looking ahead, I already see how popular our art programs have become year round. As a dedicated art teacher and artist, I do not want to expand my business so much that I no longer can do what I love - teaching and making art.

If you are not already aware, the homeschooling movement is growing quicker than the online charter schools can keep up with. I am a vendor for [Inspire Charter Schools](#) and will soon be a vendor for Springs Charter Schools. This means the expenses are paid in full by the schools since they do not have the overhead of a campus. Students choose

their enrichment activities, find businesses and individuals who are willing to become a vendor, and viola!

I share this fact, because I am already unable to accommodate the publics' demands, and our community could really benefit from this homeschooling movement by supporting more art and cultural outlets for children, and adults too. The military community has really embraced homeschooling and nobody sees it slowing, only growing with the force of the social movement in our country.

In a conversation with the Principal of Black Rock High School, [Vonda Viland](#), she dreams of the abandoned Monument High School on Sullivan Road becoming an art facility. Vonda claims that the building will most likely never be used by the MBUSD again, and that is a shame. Maybe the City of 29! can make Vonda's dream come true?!?

"Together We Can!" make it happen in "29!"

Sincerely and gratefully,  
Gretchen Grunt