

Art Bradley International School Newsletter

Spring 2017

All classes, all students, all trimester are learning the basic vocabulary/skills of art for successful, well-executed design. These terms are:

- Pattern (a regular arrangement of repeated elements)
- Contrast (the intentional juxtaposition of elements)
- Balance (symmetry, asymmetry and a feeling of equality in weighing a composition)
- Movement/Rhythm (using the elements of a picture to lead the eye)
- Unity (the parts of an image work together as a whole)
- Emphasis (special attention to an element, stands out by it's difference)
- Scale (relationship between objects using size, placement, number, or color)
- Harmony (arrangement of objects gives viewer a sense of coherent wholeness)
- Variety (different elements/objects gives the picture visual interest)

Listen for these words and concepts! It means your young, amazing Bradley art student is making real connections between art class and daily life!

- Kindergarten students are learning through a study of world architecture.
- First graders are learning through Gyotaku fish printed and sewn pillows.
- Second graders are learning these principles through community murals, clay box construction and studio skills lessons.
- Third graders are learning through sewn fairy tale applique art.
- Fourth graders are learning through greeting card construction, super hero creations and clay design.
- Fifth graders are practicing these principles by creating their own super hero paintings. Students are also studying previous winners of the "Keep Denver Beautiful" Poster Contest and creating their own (winning!) poster entries.

Opportunities to help in the art classroom:

- Come sew with the first graders! Classes are at 2:15-3:00 p.m. each day. Many hands make light work. First graders really need adults in the room to build their confidence while practicing their new sewing skills. Please come help any day!
- Be an art volunteer! Hang hallway displays and distribute artwork to students. Best time is 9:00-11:00 a.m. or any day, any time. Keep Bradley Beautiful!
- Share/Borrow! knitting needle/crochet hook exchange, my desk, any time
- Donate please! Items needed include: zip lock bags, any sizes; sponges, Lysol wet wipes, any size of plastic garbage bags PLEASE!

Upcoming Third Trimester Art Events:

Keep Denver Beautiful 5th Grade Art Show, Denver Public Library, details soon

March 15 - student led conferences 4-7 p.m.

April 15 - PTO Casino Night and Auction

April – Bradley Coloring Book cover and name contest, Bradley art room

May - Artist Dallas Clayton Day. Playground chalk art and hidden clay treasures on the playground

<https://www.dallasclayton.com/>

May - Mary Louise Lee's "Bring Back the Arts" Showcase, details soon

From the Art Room,

Ms. Karen Kenney, Art Teacher