

McNeil Canyon Elementary

Magpie

November 11, 2016

Volunteer Opportunities

- Help in your child's classroom
- Help in the Art Room

Artists in the Schools, "Exploring Chinese Traditions"

Students have had a busy week of painting, and are excelling at this new form of painting. In addition to near-daily painting lessons, they have also explored Chinese art and culture in the classroom through cross-curricular lessons. This coming week, students will explore new subjects such as mice, fish and chrysanthemums. Older grades will transcribe their name into characters and create a "chop" or signature stamp to sign their work.

Our residency concludes with an open house "Gallery Walk" at the school featuring students' art work, a painting demonstration by Sharlene, and activity stations exploring Chinese food and culture. Families and community members are welcome to join the students on November 18, from 12:45-2:00. Pre-Schoolers are also invited to attend a special viewing on the morning of Friday, November 18. To schedule a visit, contact Laura in the office at 235-8181.

This residency is made possible with funds provided by the Alaska Legislature through the Alaska State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts with additional funding from the Rasmuson Foundation.

Spelling Bee Practice to begin

Students in Grades 4, 5 & 6 who are interested in participating in the Spelling Bee will begin meeting on Mondays during lunch to practice. The Spelling Bee will be held on Friday, Jan. 13th when we return from Winter Break. Thank you to Tanya Lee who has volunteered to help students practice again this year.

Zero Waste Challenge

Our school is participating in a zero waste challenge to help minimize marine debris. The sixth grade class is collecting data on how many single use spoons and straws our school uses each day. With the collected spoons we will be creating a large art project as well as graphing the usage of single use spoons each week. Help us minimize our waste.

Ink Cartridge Recycling

Our school collects used printer ink jet cartridges for recycling. They can be dropped off in the school office or at Tech Connect in town. Thank you to Tech Connect for helping us with this recycling program.