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Sign Up Sheet

Dear Parents:

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in your child's classroom and learning a little bit about art at the same time, then here is a great opportunity!

Present art history... *you do not need to be an art historian!*
Get your hands dirty and do art lessons... *you do not need to be an artist!*
Enjoy monthly visits to your child's classroom... *you'll be hooked!*

Volunteer time is approximately 60 minutes per lesson in each classroom, plus preparation time. We need a least one volunteer for each of the classrooms. If you are interested, and want more details, please contact me or return the form at the bottom of this page to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

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ART DOCENT PROGRAM

NAME _____ DATE _____

_____ Yes, I want to be a Docent!
Teacher _____ Grade _____

_____ I also have a child or children in grade(s) _____ and might like to help there also.
Teacher(s) _____

_____ I am unsure right now, but want more information about the program. Please call. I
have a child or children in grade (s) _____

Teacher(s) _____

Home Phone _____ Best time to call _____

Work Phone _____ Best time to call _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Thank You!



What is the Art Docent Program?

A sequential, interactive art education program essential to all students grades K-6th

Developed in 1984 by art educator and author Barbara Herberholz, this affordable, high-interest enrichment program introduces students to art and our artistic heritage.

Docents make monthly presentations based on an easy-to-follow manual. There are eight units for K-6th based on themes such as:

Portraits, Birds, Dancers, Landscapes, Trains, Pets, Women Artists

Students who go through the Program from K-6th grade see about 350 famous works of art and produce 56 different art projects.

What is an Art Docent?

A volunteer who leads tours in an art museum

In the Art Docent Program, parents and teachers take the students on a Gallery Visit using electronic images of works of art in the classroom and conduct discussions that open the students' eyes to the wonderful world of art.

No art background required

Training is available

What is a Gallery Visit?

An interactive, 20-45 minute discussion about the artworks and artists

To help students:

Perceive and respond to works of art

Understand the role of art in a variety of past and present cultures

Respond to moods and feelings expressed by the artist

Analyze and make judgements about artworks according to the elements and principles of art and aesthetic qualities

Connect what they learn in art to other subject areas

What is a Studio Lesson?

Students create art using a wide variety of media and techniques, applying processes and skills to express and communicate ideas:

Painting, Collage, Print making, Drawing

Each lesson follows the units theme and includes:

A description of the art concepts and skills

A list of materials needed

A motivation

Steps in how-to-do-it

Vocabulary



ART DOCENT PROGRAM®

Learning about art. Making art.

WANTED: ART DOCENT FOR THIS CLASS

*No experience necessary
Training and materials
provided*

Please ask for a flyer from the teacher



Hello!

I do not have an Art Docent for your class this year.

If you know of any parents in your classroom that you think are good prospects for this position, please give them the enclosed flyer.

You can also give me their phone or email and I will be happy to contact them.

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Dear _____ (Name of teacher)

_____ is/are the Art Docent(s) for your class this year. They will be contacting you to do an Art Docent presentation/project monthly. Below you will find the themes for your grade this year. Please let me know if you need anything or have any questions regarding the Art Docent Program.

Head Docent

Phone

Kindergarten

Fall & Spring
Houses
Parents & Children
Portraits
Stories
Pictures
Old West
Animals

Grade 1

Flowers & Plants
Kings & Queens
Pets
Self-Portraits
Circus
Color
People at Play
People at work

Grade 2

How People Dressed Long Ago
Line
Winter & Summer
Women
American Folk Artist
Birds
Bridges & Seashores
Trees

Grade 3

Children
Dancers
Food
Landscapes
Feelings
Horses
Shape
Still Lifes

Grade 4

Celebrations & Parades
Fantasy & Imagination
Realism
Sea
Skies
Texture & Pattern
Trains
Villages

Grade 5

American History
City
Musicians
Space
Action & Adventure
Cubism
Surrealism
Women Artist

Grade 6

Impressionism
Italian Renaissance
No. Europe: 15-17th Century
Perspective
Impressionism
Post-Impressionism
Early 20th Century Art
Later 20th Century Art



DOCENT RECRUITMENT TIPS

At the beginning of the school year:

1. Email teachers to introduce yourself and the Program. Refer them to our website www.ArtDocentProgram.com to view video, sample lessons and more. Tell them you need help recruiting Docents from each classroom. It is helpful if the teachers ask parents to volunteer. Tell them you will put sign up sheets and Docent flyers in their mail boxes.
2. Secure a mail box in the school office and label it Head Art Docent.
3. Place copies of the sign up sheets and Docent flyers in teachers' mail boxes.
4. Start checking your mail box in the office for sign up sheets being turned in with class/Docent information. This can be done electronically also. You might want send your initial email to the school secretary; she can forward it to all of the teachers and the teachers can email you with their docent information.
5. Build a Docent roster that lists classroom number, grade, teacher, Docent and Docent's email and phone number.
6. Create and send access codes to Docents as they volunteer.
7. Find out when Back-to-School night is and email teachers reminding them to recruit parent volunteers. Place "Wanted: Art Docent" flyer in their in boxes so they can post them on classroom door.
8. Place Docent recruitment announcement in PTA newsletter and on school website.
9. Send out second request to teachers who still do not have Docents. (It can take until November to obtain most Docent information.) You can also go room to room after school to meet with teachers who still do not have Docents, offering to help find one.
10. Place a copy of (Your docent is....) in teachers' mail boxes, as you get sign ups.
11. After all Docent information is received, establish an e-mail list and send out periodic emails. Make sure your Docents sign up to receive our free e-newsletter by going to www.ArtDocentProgram.com and like us on Facebook and follow us on Pinterest.
12. Arrange a Docent orientation meeting once you have recruited a fair number of Docents. You may need to hold more than one meeting! Be sure and show them where the art supplies are stored on campus.
13. Periodically check in with teachers to see if they are having any problems with the Docents.