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Virtual Art Shows Hosted by Elementary and Middle Schools



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Houston County School District elementary and middle schools are offering the public virtual student art shows in celebration of March as Youth Art Month. Links to both virtual art shows are available on the HCSD Fine Arts webpage.

Visit the elementary school virtual art show to view art from all 24 elementary schools, to include the representative images below. The following students created this art (from left):

- ★ Abigayl Rummel ~ Miller Elementary, fourth grade;
- ★ Ma Son Wade ~ Russell Elementary, fourth grade; and
- ★ Haylee Folsom ~ Quail Run Elementary, kindergarten.







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Visit the <u>middle school virtual art show</u> to view art from all eight middle schools. The representative images below were created by these student artists (from left):

- ★ Kaylee Jones ~ Bonaire Middle, eighth grade;
- ★ Prapti Patel ~ Feagin Mill Middle, seventh grade; and
- ★ Lakeyn Wilson ~ Perry Middle, eighth grade.







The Council for Art Education provides visual art educators and state art education associations with valuable resources and ideas for promoting their visual art education programs. Its primary campaign is Youth Art Month, which showcases the positive impact and association between art teachers and students at the K-12 level. The month-long celebration emphasizes the positive influences of visual art education not found in standard core curriculum subjects.

Olethia Thomas, Houston County School District Fine Arts Coordinator, commented, "Our Visual Arts Teachers have done outstanding work to provide this opportunity to showcase our student artists, even during a pandemic. The skill and creativity displayed by our young artists is exciting, and I look forward to seeing how their work changes through the years."

The arts are among society's most compelling and effective paths for developing 21st Century skills. Through fine arts education, students learn to solve problems and make decisions, think creatively, and articulate a vision. Students gain a creative and competitive edge because fine arts education gives them the ability to imagine what might be possible. In addition, art classes give students increased self-esteem, self-discipline, and the responsibility to complete a task from start to finish.

The high schools also have a <u>virtual art show</u> featuring student artists from all five high schools. For more information, please contact Thomas at 478-988-6200 or <u>Olethia.Thomas@hcbe.net</u>. Learn more about the Council for Art Education and Youth Art Month by visiting https://councilforarteducation.org/youth-art-month/.

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