

Young at Art Volunteer Opportunities 2013-14

We are very fortunate to have a fantastic art program, Young at Art (YAA), supported by our PTA, and run by parent volunteers. If you are interested in inspiring our kids' creativity through art, then this is the opportunity for you!

There are 2 ways you can volunteer:

1. Become a YAA Docent

Each classroom is assigned a YAA Docent for the year (a parent from that class). Docents teach 6 one-hour lessons, each of which is part art history and part hands-on art project.

No teaching or art experience required!

Training is provided, and all lessons are designed to be taught by volunteer parent Docents.

Responsibilities:

Docents must attend 7 **Mandatory** Meetings:

Enrichment Meeting: Tuesday, September 17th, 8:30 - 11:30*

Training Workshop #1: Tuesday, October 8th, 8:30 - 11:30*

Training Workshop #2: Tuesday, November 12th, 8:30 - 11:30*

Training Workshop #3: Tuesday, January 14th, 8:30 - 11:30*

Training Workshop #4: Tuesday, February 11th, 8:30 - 11:30*

Training Workshop #5: Tuesday, March 11th, 8:30 - 11:30*

Training Workshop #6: Tuesday, April 15th, 8:30 - 11:30*

*For those who need to pick up kindergarteners at 11:20, you'll be able to leave in time to do that.

In addition, there are (optional) recap meetings on the Wednesday mornings following the Tuesday training workshops. These meetings will begin at 8:30 and run about an hour.

Docents will be responsible for hanging one project (your class' pieces) in a hallway display, as assigned, and one project in the year-end Art Show.

The Art Show takes place during Open House, and is scheduled for the evening of May 29th. All Docents will work at least one 30-minute shift during the Art Show Pizza & Bake Sale, a major fundraiser to support the PTA.

Docents should plan on 2 hours to teach each lesson: 1/2 hour each for set-up and clean-up, and 1 hour for the lesson itself. Parent volunteers will assist the Docent with set-up and clean-up, as well as distributing materials and providing assistance to students during the lessons.

How to sign up:

Go to gvpta.com, click on the "Volunteer" link, which will take you to Volunteer Spot. Select your grade, and scroll down to "Young at Art." Or email one of the YAA Co-Chairs (see below).

Notification:

Sign-ups close Wednesday, 9/4, and all Docents will be assigned by Thursday, 9/12. We will let everyone know whether they have been assigned a Docent position shortly thereafter.

2. Assist your classroom Docent

Once the classroom lessons are scheduled, Docents will ask for parent volunteers to assist with each lesson. Assisting parents will help set up before, and clean up after the lesson, as well as distribute materials and assist students during the lesson as needed. This is a 2-hour time commitment per lesson (1/2 hour each for set-up and clean-up, and 1 hour for the lesson itself).

Assisting parents may choose to volunteer for as many or as few lessons as they wish.

This is a great alternative for parents who want to be involved, but can't commit to the Docent responsibilities.

How to sign up:

Watch for an email from your classroom Docent (late September/early October) asking for volunteers.

Kids love the Young at Art program and always look forward to the lessons. It is amazing to see kids get inspired by art, and gain confidence in their own abilities by learning there are no mistakes in art - only happy accidents. They gain exposure to different artists, movements, mediums (painting, collage, sculpture), materials, and techniques. On top of that, there is much research to support the fact that creating art helps with brain development. And as if that weren't enough, by donating your time and energy to Young at Art, you'll get back much more than you give.

We hope you'll join us!

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