

Cottonwood Public Library

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Mountain View Preparatory School Artwork at Library



The Cottonwood Public Library will start its new year with a bang of color and creative expressions featuring the artwork of over 200 young artists from the Cottonwood Oak Creek School District, specifically those enrolled in the visual arts program held at Mountain View Preparatory School at Tavasci.

The creations of more than 240 students in grades 2-5 will be on display Jan 3-Feb. 26 at the Cottonwood Public Library. The exhibit will feature the paintings, pastels and assemblage art of students enrolled in the school's art program under the direction of artist Zenna MacGregor.

Right before Winter break, a 5th grader named Skylar Robinson said, "I just wanted to let you know that before doing art this year, I didn't even think I could do art at all," Now she says she spends most of her time creating art of all types including drawings and paintings.

MacGregor is the volunteer director of Art for Kids, a local 501c3 nonprofit and a veteran art teacher with over 20 years of experience teaching art to children. Assisting the program is artist Joan Bourque, volunteer Monica Gill Huey, and a group of about a dozen 5th grade helpers who call themselves, "The Art Ninjas," because they sneak in when the younger students aren't there and help clean the art room, finish up last minute preparations and simply work hard to make the program more successful.

The library show will be a rotating exhibit featuring the creations of 2nd graders Jan. 2-15, 3rd graders Jan. 16-29, 4th graders Jan. 30-Feb. 12 and 5th graders Feb. 13-26.

"Putting children's artwork on public display is a great way to boost their self-esteem and share their creations with the general public," MacGregor said.



MVP at Tavasci is a public school serving grades K-7 this year, with plans to add an 8th grade for Fall of 2013. MVP at Tavasci is part of the Cottonwood Oak Creek School District and is in its second year in existence as an International Baccalaureate World candidate school. An IB World School is a campus that promotes intercultural understanding and respect.

"Art is my favorite class to do ever...I love art so much that I might change my mind from being a veterinarian to being an art teacher," stated Ashley Doerkson, grade 5.

Each MVP in grades 2-5 student has his or her own online art gallery at Artsonia.com, allowing them to share their creations with distant friends and family, approving comments from their fan clubs and winning awards based on participation. To see the works created at MVP this year, visit <http://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=138256>. For more information on Mountain View Preparatory call the school office 928 649-8144.