



All children are artists.

The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up. -- Pablo Picasso

Welcome Back!

As the summer fog yields to the the glorious warm weather of San Francisco autumn, our new school year has begun and with it brings many new friends to our Rooftop Community. We warmly welcome the Kindergarten class of 2020, as well as other new students and new additions to our fantastic teaching staff.

Art Is ... Expression

This year, Rooftop explores how identity is shaped through the arts, as we seek and find connections to ourselves, others and the world around us. This year's chosen works for study integrate the artistic disciplines of visual arts, theatre arts, music, dance and literary arts. Our students' inquiry will be guided by the question, *"How can the art of expression help us to make connections and find meaning from life?"*

An Invitation...

At Rooftop, the Arts celebrate our vibrant, diverse community and help to strengthen our connections to one another. We invite families to engage in the Arts at Rooftop this year. Join us for Family Art Nights and many other exciting Arts events. Volunteer as an Art Parent in your children's classrooms. Opportunities abound for joyful and rewarding experiences in the Rooftop Community. We hope you'll join in for the fun! -- Rooftop Art Committee

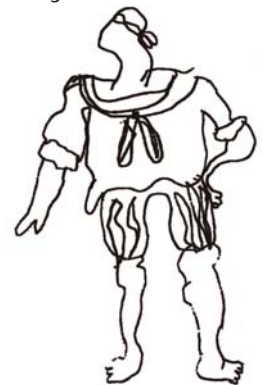


A DAY WITH PICASSO

Our school year kicked off with an exciting event on Monday, August 22 when all Rooftop students, K-8th grade visited the deYoung Museum to experience "Picasso: Masterpieces from the

Musee National Picasso, Paris." This once-in-a-lifetime exhibit features more than 100 paintings, drawings, sculptures and collages, demonstrating the wide range of Picasso's artistic styles.

As the deYoung was open only for Rooftop, students enjoyed an up close and personal experience with the art. The day's events also included a "touching gallery" where students were allowed to experiment with the artistic tools and media Picasso used. The day culminated with a hands-on art project inspired by Picasso's Cubist style.



Images on this page were sketched by Mr. Mayhew's 2nd Graders in the galleries

The students' visit focused on the ways that Picasso expressed his thoughts and feelings through his art. Picasso changed the face of modern art, and through studying his works, students also discover the importance of trying new things, exploring boundaries, being prolific and making one's mark on the world.

ROOFTOP ART COMMITTEE

SFUSD Site Arts Coordinator: Judy Toupin
Art Parent Program Coordinator: Amy Balsbaugh

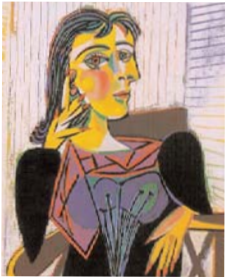
Art Committee Members:

Mary Ann Cruz, Judy Toupin, Cyndy Sugawara, Joyce Woo, Andi Wong, and Amy Balsbaugh

Art Is ... *EXPRESSION*

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Rooftop's 2011-2012 Integrated Arts Curriculum - Guiding Questions and Works of Art



Personal Expression: How do we transform materials to express our thoughts and feelings?

Picasso: Masterpieces from the Musee National Picasso, Paris
SF Opera's "Carmen" by Bizet

Creative Expression: How do we build character through expression?

Cartooning, Puppetry and Animation



Cultural Expression: Why is perspective and point of view important to expression?

Flo Oy Wong:
Baby Jack Rice Story



Evolving Expression: How do we apply prior knowledge to express something new?

"Blues and Green" with Marcus Shelby

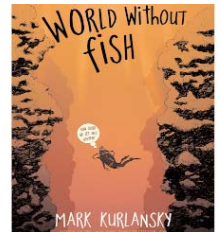


Freedom of Expression: Why is freedom of expression important?

100 Years with the S.F. Symphony:
Aaron Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man

Everyday Expression: Can self-expression sustain life?

Applying arts learning to solve real problems in the real world



Art Is... is a Rooftop art education program that uses works of art to provide an inexhaustible resource for exploration, reflection and understanding. The program actively engages students, supports learning across the curriculum and builds critical thinking skills through "hands on" art making, reflection and research.

Art Is... will bring works of art (music, dance, theater and visual art, with a focus on multicultural work) to all Rooftop students and develop partnerships between teachers, teaching artists, arts organizations and art parents to develop integrated, interdisciplinary curriculum that will support learning for all students.

Visit us on the web!

<http://web.me.com/rooftopart/ArtIsExpression/>
(A link is also available on www.RooftopK8.org)

The Art Is...Expression website features in-depth information about the curriculum, plus lesson plans for teachers and art parents, resources, and a portfolio of the children's art

THE CITY IS THE CAMPUS - Make your family's life "Art-Full"

Enjoy Free & Low-Cost Family-Friendly Arts Events in San Francisco!

San Francisco Symphony Centennial Celebration - Sept 8 - 12 pm Civic Center
Free concert. Don't miss the special exhibition in the SFPL Main Library
"Music for a City, Music for the World: 100 Years with the SF Symphony."

San Francisco Opera Community Events/ Free Performances

Opera in the Park, Sharon Meadows, Golden Gate Park - Sept 11 - 2 pm
Special musical program commemorating the 10th anniversary of 9/11

Opera at the Ballpark, AT&T Park - Sept 25 - 2 pm

Live Simulcast of Puccini's Turandot on the huge screen, plus family activities beginning at 12:30. Pre-register for early entry: www.sfopera.com

ROOFTOP ART CALENDAR

Upcoming events

- Sept 8** **First-Time Art Parent Orientation**
Burnett MPR - 8 am
- Sept 9** **Art Parent Welcome Breakfast**
Burnett MPR - 8 am
- Sept 16** **Rooftop Run Shirt Design Entries Due**
- Oct TBA** **Kindergarten Family Art Night**
Burnett MPR - 5:30 pm
- Oct 8** **LEAP Sandcastle Classic - 5th Grade**
Ocean Beach 10 am - 4 pm
- Oct 23** **Rooftop Run - Show your Spirit!**
SoTA Track - 11 am
- Oct 25** **Family Art Night (All Grades)**
Burnett MPR - 6:00 pm