



I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.
-- Maya Angelou

Winter Workshop 2013



6 days
2 campuses
375 kids
375 handmade gifts
23 projects
18 teachers
6 parent leaders
45 volunteers
1000 cookies
Countless smiles

The Winter Workshop numbers say so much, but the spirit of this Rooftop tradition is immeasurable! Thanks to the dedication, hard work and caring of our staff and parent volunteers, our students had a wonderful three days on each campus, using their creativity to make a heartfelt, handmade gift for someone they love. Now that's Rooftop Spirit!

Thank you to everyone who participated to keep this time-honored tradition alive at Rooftop and who helped to create fond memories for our students and treasured keepsakes for the lucky recipients!!



Animator Dice Tsutsumi Visits Rooftop



December 12 - In assemblies at both Mayeda and Burnett Campuses, our students were inspired by a visit from Dice Tsutsumi, Pixar animator and co-creator of the international charity art project, SketchTravel. With SketchTravel, a red sketchbook was passed through 72 artists' hands like an Olympic torch in an artistic relay through 12 countries over 4 and half years. Once finished, it was sold at auction and raised more than \$100,000 to benefit Room to Read, an organization which builds libraries and encourages other literacy movements in developing countries.

Dice shared with the students his path from his childhood dream to be a baseball player, through his transition to becoming an artist, and his career in animation, contributing to some of our students' favorite films including Ice Age, Toy Story 3, and Monsters University. He also shared his vision that the purpose of art is not just to make people feel good, that it can also be used to create change, from SketchTravel, to the Totoro Forest Project (saving a forest in Japan from development) and Japan Tsunami relief efforts. A warm and genuine storyteller, Dice encouraged our students to be true to their dreams, to embrace mistakes as an opportunity for growth, and to follow their passions. Our gratitude goes out to Dice for sharing his art and life with our students and to Keith Zwolfer of the San Francisco Film Society for arranging this assembly.



To learn more about SketchTravel and Dice, and to read more about our students' reflections on the experience, please go to:
<http://tinyurl.com/lofd98q> and
<http://tinyurl.com/kjmf5a>



African American Shakespeare Co. Performance of Learning at Mayeda



November 25 - After a month-long residency with Sherri Young and Chico of the African American Shakespeare Company, the Mayeda students presented their

Performance of Learning (POL) to an audience of Ms. Vaughn's first grade class and their Mayeda peers. Demonstrating the focus of the residency, the arts as communication, students presented with rehearsed short segments of the company's Cinderella performance, including musical and improvisational performances. The POL highlighted the talents of our students as they captured their roles and different perspectives of each new character.



On December 6th, Rooftop Mayeda families were invited as the special guests of the AASC's dress rehearsal of their holiday production of Cinderella, directed by L. Peter Callender. This was an exciting opportunity for our students to see some of the characters they studied during the residency come alive on the stage in this professional production at the Buriel Clay Theater. Thank you very much to Sherri Young, Chico, and the AASC for this great learning experience and opportunity!

To read more about the residency and student reflections, please visit: www.tinyurl.com/n3x9nz8



Rooftop's Trim-A-Tree at Davies Symphony Hall



This year marked Rooftop's 22nd year in creating a holiday tree for the San Francisco Symphony's holiday event, "Deck the Hall." This year's ornament was inspired by our "Art Is a Window" curriculum theme, and featured a double-sided view created by the students. On one side, students depicted their chosen view of "looking out"... whatever they wished to see of the world around them, be it a favorite place in reality or in their imagination. The other side featured "looking in" where students depicted that which they wish the world to see and know about themselves.

On December 2nd, a festive crowd of Rooftoppers gathered at Davies Symphony Hall and hung nearly 600 ornaments on the giant tree, where they will bring cheer to thousands of concert-goers this season.



Looking Forward to Roofop 2014!

Georgia O'Keeffe and Modern Nature at the deYoung, Kafire Jay & Hip Hop for Change, the Rooftop Auction and Children's Art Show, SFUSD Youth Arts Festival and much more! It's going to be an exciting Spring Semester!