

Dear Deerfield Families,

This year in the art class the elementary art teacher across the district and myself will be putting great effort to create more diverse cultural connections through the exploration on art in alignment with our curriculum. We hope to engage the students in a broad spectrum of cultures located in all parts of the world both past and present.

So far this year some of the cultures and artist we have begun talking about are...

- Wassily Kandinsky a Russian painter who influenced many modern abstract painters through his use of color and shape.
- The female artists of Chili who create textile collages called apilleras. Apilleras are stitched works of art depicting landscapes and farming culture.
- Calaveras are a form of sculpture in Mexican culture used in the celebration of El Dia De Los Muertos. The term is most often applied to decorative or edible skulls made from either sugar or clay.
- Notan is a Japanese design concept involving the play and placement of light and dark elements as they are placed next to the other in the composition of art and imagery

I look forward to an exciting year of exploring cultures through the lens of art. I will continue to inform our Deerfield families of the concepts and cultures students are learning in art class. If you would like any further information about the cultures that the students are studying please feel free to contact me.

Best,
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