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Local Artist & Homestead Students Create Literacy Mural

With the support of the PTA, which donated the art supplies, and the drawing skills of Homestead parent Mr. Michael White, students at the school joined together with primary school art teacher Nicole Leyland to paint a literacy masterpiece destined to hang in the art/music/library/media center hallway at the school.

Pictured here is Principal Dr. Suzanne Viscovich, standing alongside the completed twenty-plus-foot mural hung in its final location at Homestead. The mural was painted on durable canvas, and will be sure to thrill students for years to come as they come-and-go from art, music, and library.

“It’s been in the works since November,” said Mr. White. “I learned what books were part of the curriculum and used characters from the books to sketch both large fields to be filled in with color and small details. I hope the kids who see the mural will have their imaginations stimulated, and those who made it had an experience of art that they don’t usually get.”

Mr. White, who has been drawing since he was six years old, achieved a BFA from Cornell in art history. He creates architectural renderings and murals, and has done additional murals for Cathedral Nursery School in Garden City.

Many thanks to Mr. White, the PTA, and Ms. Leyland for coordinating the literacy mural project!



Caption for I6-19-17MG_1811HOMuralWide.jpg:

Primary school art teacher Nicole Leyland (center) introduces Homestead students to Mr. Michael White and the literacy mural before they begin painting. White included easily recognizable characters from books by Dr. Seuss and Eric Carle.



Caption for 6-19-17IMG_1808HOMuralPoint.jpg:
Mr. White points out a detail to one student painting the background around Paddington Bear.



Caption for 6-19-17IMG_1800HOMuralGirl.jpg:
Each Homestead student had the opportunity to paint a section of the literacy mural.



Caption for 6-19-17IMG_1798HOMuralClose.jpg:

Here, students check their work against Eric Carle's "Hungry Caterpillar" illustration.