



January 23, 2008

Dear [name of art teacher]:

The time has come for the 10th Annual Celebration of Art – an exhibit of MPS student art projects. The Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association Art Educators Committee plans and executes this event with support from the UWM School of Education and the UWM Peck School of the Arts art education program. We look forward to working with you to present a fantastic show.

The following are included in this packet:

1. **Submission guidelines** - There are a couple of new guidelines this year. Please read this section to make sure your students' artwork is not turned away!
2. **Participation requirements** – parent permission slips and other requirements
3. **Awards and recognition** – for students *and* their teachers!
4. **Celebration timeline** and award ceremonies
5. **2006-07 Celebration artwork pick-up dates**
6. **A note on the length** of the *Celebration*
7. **Celebration-related opportunities** for district art teachers
8. **Enclosures** (also available online at mtea.org)
 - a. Entry form (2)
 - b. Parent letter (2)
 - c. Activity sign-up form (1)
 - d. Invitations (4)

We look forward to your participation in the *Celebration of Art* and thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in making this event a success.

In Unity,

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Submission Guidelines:

Due to space limitations, each school is eligible to submit only **two** entries. However, those schools with more than two art teachers on staff are permitted one entry per art teacher. In addition, schools may submit one entry by a student with special needs.

- Artwork can be 2D or 3D of any media.
- 2D artwork must be mounted on **18" x 24"** mat board. Artwork will be framed (not matted) in standard size frames provided by UWM. *Please do NOT mount artwork on foam board or cardboard.* 3D artwork will not be framed.
- Artwork must be submitted to the MTEA Building on or before **Friday, March 14, 2008**. No artwork will be accepted after the deadline, as we must allow time for framing and judging.
- Please include a brief artist's statement for each artwork.

Participation Requirements:

Enclosed, you will find the following items:

- **Two exhibit entry forms** that should be completed, signed by the students' parents/legal guardians, and submitted with the artwork. We will not display artwork that is not accompanied by a parent's permission.
- **A cover letter to parents** explaining why we need their permission, and notifying them of the award ceremony dates. A Spanish-language version of the letter to parents is available on our Web site at www.mtea.org
- **Invitations to the awards ceremonies** for parents and other interested colleagues.

Awards and Recognition:

All students will receive recognition for their creative accomplishments.

- **Judging Categories:** There will be four judging categories: Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Artwork by students with special needs will be judged in their assigned grade level.
- **Judging Criteria:** Winning art pieces will be selected based upon originality, creativity, and imagination.
- **Prizes:** Gift certificates and medals will be presented to Art Excellence Award winners in each judging category. Every child will receive a certificate of participation.
- **Best of Show awards:** will be given to the students whose artwork is chosen by the Dean of the School of Education Alfonso Thurman and the MTEA President Dennis Oulahan.
- **Notification:** Award winners will be notified prior to their recognition ceremony.

Timeline & Awards Ceremonies:

In order to accommodate the large number of parents and others who come to view the art display and attend the awards presentation, the ceremonies have been subdivided on the basis of grade level. Both ceremonies will be held at the MTEA Building, 5130 W. Vliet St.

K-2 and 3-5 Awards Ceremony: Tuesday, **April 22**, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

6-8 and 9-12 Awards Ceremony: Thursday, **April 24**, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

All students, teachers, families and friends are invited to attend the awards ceremonies and/or come to the MTEA building during those times to view the artwork and enjoy refreshments.

Pick up your students' artwork from the 2006-07 Celebration:

Student artwork from last year's show will be available for pick up on **Thursday, April 3** between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

If you are unable to pick up your students' art on April 3, please arrange an alternate time with Kris Collett of the MTEA staff, 414-259-1990 or kcollett@mtea.weac.org.

Year-Long Exhibit:

The student show will be on display at the MTEA Building and at various spaces in the community for an **entire year**. This timeline offers ample opportunities for community members, parents, students and educators to view the wonderful art projects of our talented Milwaukee students.

Just for Art Teachers:

Volunteer! Members of the MTEA Art Educators Committee work hard organizing this wonderful exhibit for our students. Consider taking some time out of your schedule to help out. Complete the enclosed postcard which explains the volunteer opportunities associated with the *Celebration* this year.

Socialize! We have planned social events for art teachers in tandem with the show, as follows:

Wednesday, April 2, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Materials swap and pizza party. Eat great pizza, swap supplies with other art teachers, and join UWM art education students in framing and hanging student work at the MTEA Building, 5130 W. Vliet St.

April 22 and 24- After the award ceremonies, art teachers will gather at O'Brien's Pub at 4983 W. Vliet St. to socialize and network.



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Help Make the *Celebration of Art* a Success!

Have fun helping members of the MTEA Art Educators Committee put on a great show! Here is a list of opportunities. Please check the activities that interest you, and mail the card back to the MTEA Building. We will follow up with you about your interest!

Determine judging criteria and recruit judges to choose our special award winners.

April 2 – Hang the show at the MTEA and join other art teachers for a materials swap and pizza party.

Help create award ceremony programs.

Decorate MTEA rooms for the award ceremonies.

Greet and direct guests at the front door the evening of the award ceremonies.

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Check-in guests at a registration table the evening of the award ceremonies.

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Secure other locations in the community for displaying student artwork.

Hang student artwork in other locations in the community.

Name: _____

School: _____

Home E-Mail: _____

Home Phone: _____ School Phone: _____