



WINDOWS ART PROGRAM
WAYNE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WAYNE, NEW JERSEY 07470

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Windows Art Program is a gifted and talented class designed to offer a more intensive full year art experience. Students are selected based on their portfolios which identify their abilities, interests, and commitment to the visual arts. The program consists of homework assignments, classroom critiques, and in-depth projects which culminate in an annual art show.

The following process is used to identify and select students for these classes:

- 1) **Orientation** – During the month of January, an assembly program will be presented at each elementary school by a middle school Windows Art teacher explaining the middle school Windows Art Program and the creation of a portfolio of the student's art work. Interested students may begin preparing their portfolio following the assembly program.
- 2) **Creation of a portfolio and student self-nomination form** – Students who are interested in applying to the Middle School Windows Art Program can print out the Portfolio Checklist and Self-Nomination from the Middle School website. The forms are located in the "**Students**" tab on the "**Windows Art**" page.

The portfolio consists of **six** pieces described on the portfolio checklist. **Portfolios and self-nomination forms are due to the elementary art teachers no later than Wednesday March 9, 2016**. Late portfolios will not be accepted.

- 3) **Acceptance** – Acceptance into the program will be based largely upon the work in the portfolio. A letter will be sent to accepted students at the end of March.

PLEASE NOTE: Students who choose to enroll in the sixth grade Windows Art course will be unable to participate in the regular exploratory cycle courses in Grade 6, as the Windows Art classes are scheduled in place of these courses. Also, the present middle school schedule does not allow enrollment in both Windows Art and Band.

Thank you for your interest in the Windows Art Program.
Best Regards,

Kevin Smilon

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