



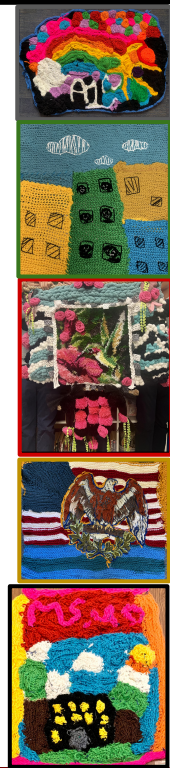
Weaving the Community



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Ellen M. Ruane, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction
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Unveiling on March 29th 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

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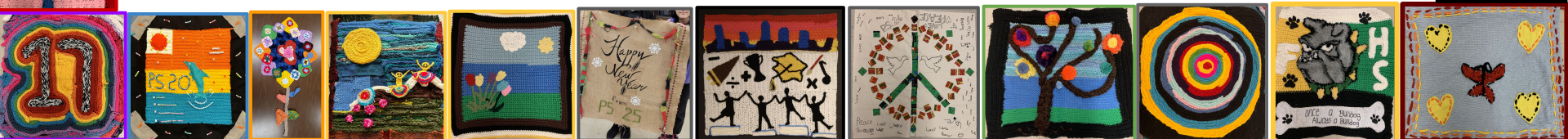
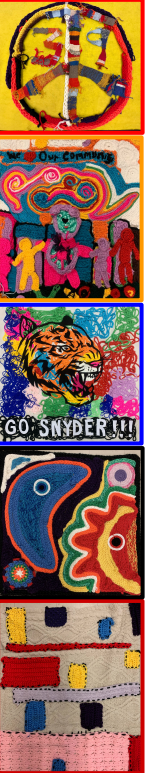




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A collaborative and creative effort to foster the social and emotional benefits of fiber arts projects in the classroom and the school community. From September 2022 through January 2023, schools were provided yarn and teacher resources to begin the process of designing a knitted mural that would represent the essence of their school community. Twenty-three elementary schools, all four middle schools and eight high schools made contributions to the installation which will be on view at the CRRNJ historic rail terminal at Liberty State Park throughout the month of March, also Youth Art Month. We are proud and pleased to present Weaving the Community.

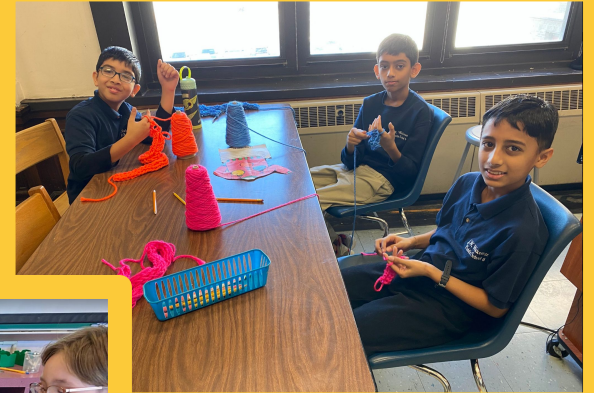


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5th Grade Students at PS #6
created their design using
the finger knitting technique.

- Angela Tardiff, Art Teacher



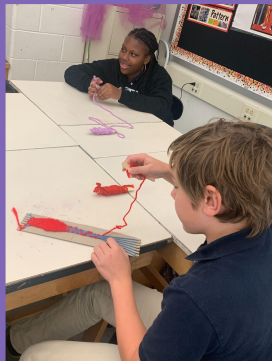


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Students share their process!
- Art Teacher, Lina Pitrelli PS #3

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"...my students created this woven piece by using a variety of techniques, finger knitting, weaving sewing and crocheting were all implemented by my 8th grade students."

-Diana Gonzalez,
Art Teacher
MS #4

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The quilt designed and completed for the "Weaving the Community" project is a representation of the many positive attributes that Martin Luther King, Jr school has to offer.

Excellence and standards in core subjects, as well as specialized subjects, are a high priority focus. Mathematics-Language Arts-Science- Social Studies pave the way for future success. Visual Arts, Drama, and Music allow students to expose their talents and let the creative juices flow. Athletic programs and health classes promote good choices and fit bodies.

The eagle, our mascot, is an adequate representation of how our students soar when faced with challenges and goals. Martin Luther King Jr is depicted because our school is named in honor of him. Last, but not least, a square of our quilt depicts the wonderful cultural diversity in our school/community. We are truly a melting pot of the finest.

Linda Sabbia-Fiore, Art Teacher PS #11



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PS #38
Art Teacher,
Giulia Pirelli



PS #5
Art Teacher,
Mike Markman

Academy I Middle School
Art Teacher, Martha Garcia



Frank R. Conwell, PS# 3

Darren Mischel, Principal
Lina Pitrelli, Art Teacher

Artists:
Kleio Maretis
Melyani Morales
Valentina Pabon
Renata Parkhurst
Adrith Rao
Polina Sobolev
Adalyse Vasquez



Frank R. Conwell, MS# 4

Mr. Richard Stellato, Principal
Mrs. Diana Gonzalez, Art Teacher

8th Grade Art Students

Minayah Lee
Miguel Lima
Astin Mbaye
Vivian Morales
Jariana Padilla
Sumit Patel
Ananya Pradeep
Angela Rodriguez Lopez
Arsenii Vordsev



Dr. Michael Conti, PS# 5

John Rivero, Principal

Michael Markman, Art Teacher

School Aide/Designer- Bertha Charles
Students

Kavya Dodhia, 5th Grade
Olive Moulaisin, 7th Grade



Jotham W. Wakeman

PS# 6

Joseph Apruzzese, Principal

Angela Tardiff, Art Teacher

FIFTH GRADE STUDENT ARTISTS

Armandeep Kaur
Naisha Umesh
Kashvi Gupta
Ella Harrington
Aqsa Shaik-Mohamed
Michelle Liu
Yemilet Shaik
Prathamesh Verma
Rayansh Tiwari

Paridhi Agarwal
Melany Rodriguez
Riley Trent
Apoorva Dwivedi
Dhruv Inani
Prateek Kattamuri
Leanna Soto
Harshini Ganesh
Yuvika Samanta

Harita Chauhan
Dyuthi Nallavula
Ali Abdelwahab
Cailey Rojas
Steven Silva
Anay Vidyarthi
Aanya Girish
Karthik Voruganti
Gabriel Vasquez



*Franklin L. Williams,
MS# 7*

Jaimie Barnaskas, Principal

Yanalis Jimenez & Beth Federico, Art Teachers

Participating Classes: Artistically Talented Classes



Charles E. Trefurt, PS# 8

Dr. Darrell Carson, Principal
Alexandra Delesky & Jose Sosa, Art Teachers

Students:
Geetika Nallapaneni
Amir Gadalla
Marcelle Cuevas
Alison Reyes
Nathaniel Figueroa

“Bulldog Pride and Joy”



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,

PS# 11

Dr. Cleopatra Wingard, Principal
Linda Fiore, Art Teacher

Students:

Luzmeiris Vargas
Paris Ortiz
Yulian Aguero Chavarria
Saanvi Kowkuntla



Julia A Barnes, PS# 12

Donald Howard, Principal
Tracy Schiavello, Art Teacher

Students:
Arie Blas
Brianna Demorzi
Eftiha Pavlakis
Athena Ortiz
Aaliyah Challenger



Ollie E. Culbreth, Jr.,

PS# 14

Sharon Abbruscato, Principal
Stephany Arias, Art Teacher

Students who contributed to this project:

Isaiah Pelzer
Elijah Hurling
Endiyah Jordan
Kayla Joassaint
Sandra Arita
Karla Martinez
Anelyse Nyamira



Whitney M. Young, Jr., PS# 15

David Herman, Principal
Willie Thomas & Densie Bello, Art Teachers
with contributions from
Ms Lee, Ms Bell,
Dy'Asiah and Dy'Riyah Terry

The weaving represents the image of
PS #15 and its place in the community.



Cornelia F. Bradford, PS# 16

Terry Watkins-Williams, Principal
Carrie Gordon, Art Teacher

Annette Bigger, Enrichment and Crochet Club Teacher

Students:

Yuvan Gupta

YiYi Huang

Rishan Malhotra

Nivaan Patel

Daniel Zhu

A special thanks to all parents who donated time and materials for this project.



Joseph H. Brensinger, PS# 17

Dr. Robert Brower, Principal
Art Teachers
Shannon Murphy & Ralph Pyrzanowski

Students:
Sophia Bhajan, Eli Garcia, Miranda
Guzman, Kaylei Henry, Malak Saeed,
Camila Luna, Milan Younger, Zsaneil
Ahito, Daniela Calle, Sumaiya Ibrahim,
Amelia Seepaul



Dr. Maya Angelou, PS# 20

Hani Ileya, Principal
Daniel Marck, Art Teacher

Special Thanks to Helen Burke
Students: Bani Budhram, Jeremy
Garcia, Daquan Johnson, Alexia
Rivera-Paz



Mahatma K. Gandhi,

PS# 23

Dr. Peter Mattaliano, Principal
Emily Louka & Hope Taylor, Art Teachers

Vedanth Sejeng
Aditya Raj
Jeremiah
Beshay
Mariam Khalaf
Saraih Araujo
Pina
Fatima Moudrik
Hajar Aajal

Azka Shahzu
Israe Elhatfy
Maryam Khedyr
Bhumika Chaudary
Sultan Farooq
Sameeha Sultana
Muhammad Malik
Muhammad Asif

Faizan Qulzam
Mavis Tse
Angela Joy Anzures
Routhline Purification
Hitansh Joise
Heaven Freeman
Ansh Sharma
Kritika Pandey
Cheryl Evans



*Chaplain Charles J. Watters,
PS# 24*

Dr. Rosalyn Barnes, Principal
Hussein Nasser, Art Teacher

Teachers and students at PS 24 worked to create a joyful mural depicting sunshine and flowers!



Nicolaus Copernicus, PS# 25

Diane Pistilli, Principal
Kathleen Toy, Art Teacher

5th Grade students at
PS #25 used basic weaving techniques on a
burlap background to give a simple message
to Jersey City for the upcoming year!

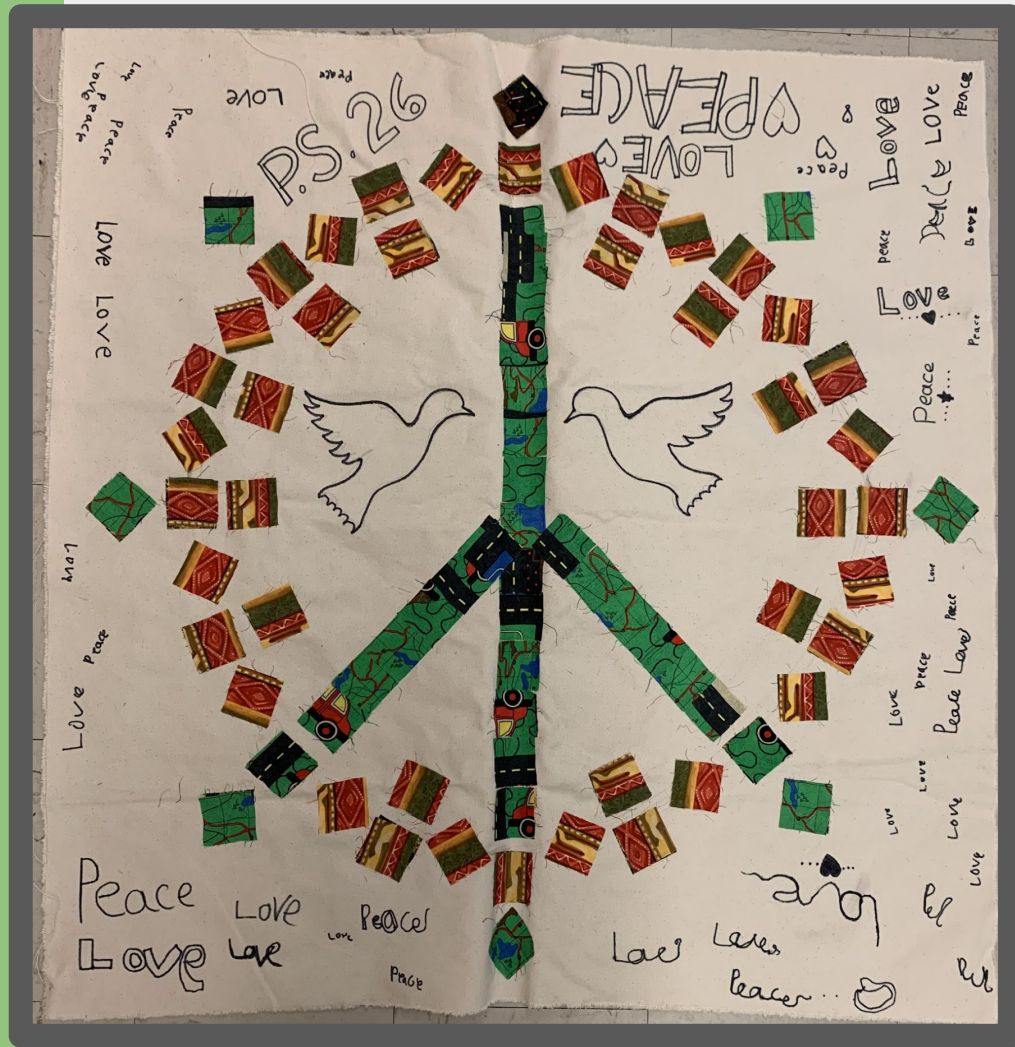


Patricia M. Noonan, PS# 26

Dr. Alan LaMonica, Principal
Heidi Curko, Art Teacher

Parent Volunteers

Ms Dhivi and Ms Mary created a fabric mandala collage. It is a symbol of peace and unity and serves as a metaphor for the culture of PS #26.



Alfred E. Zampella, PS# 27

**Blanca Jackson, Principal
Nancy Conde, Art Teacher**

Crocheted and woven by
Sienna Robinson, Grade 8

**Our PS 27 community is like a tree.
We are grounded and connected with our roots.
We turn over a new leaf as we grow and change.**



Christa McAuliffe, PS# 28

Frank Borroto, Principal
Erin Cordero & Kim Wiseman, Art Teachers

Student Contributions by
Emris Henry, gr. 7; Mia Espana,
Stephanie Pere Cruz & Paola Robalino, gr 6;
Helena Sempit & Darlene Martinez gr 4.

Our piece was based on Kandinsky's Concentric
Circles. The many colors and textures
reminiscent of the many cultures and types of
students that make up our school.



*Gladys Cannon Nunery,
PS# 29*

**Robert O'Connor, Principal
Tracy Schiavello, Art Teacher**

**“We are not just a school, we
are a family.”**



Alexander D. Sullivan, *PS# 30*

Dr. Martha Osei-Yaw, *Principal*

Art Specialist: Elizabeth Spadola

With special thanks to School Nurse Rosalie Soliven

Title Boogy - Woogy

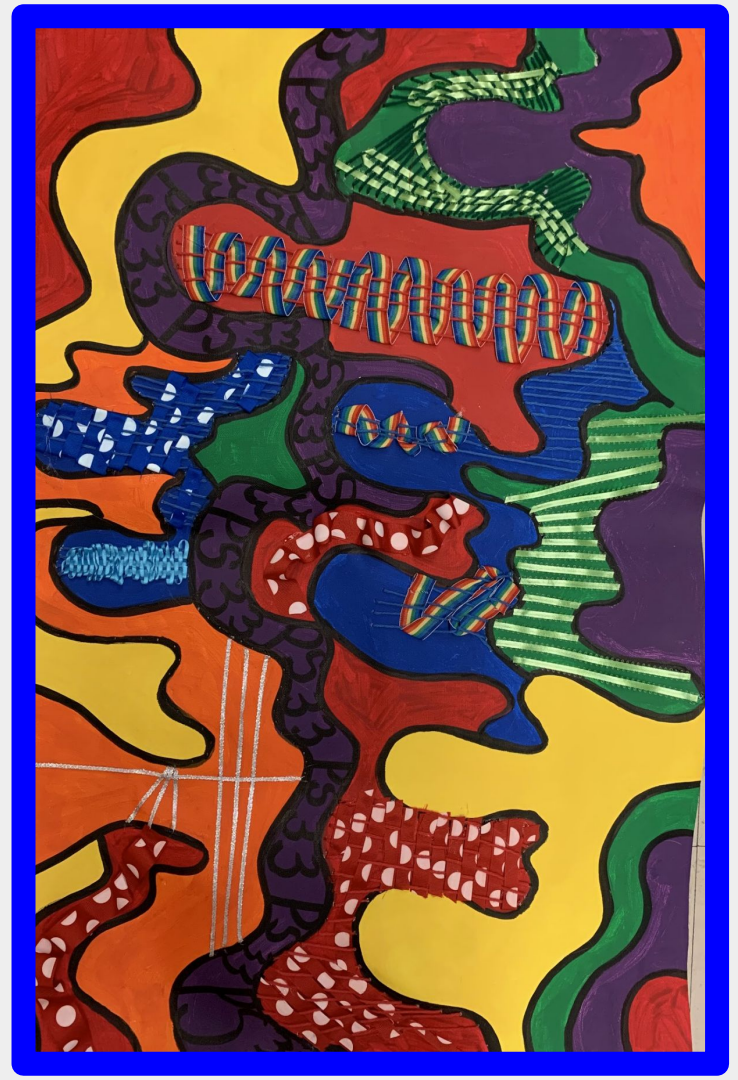
***Our project is based on the painting of
Boogie-Woogie Broadway by Piet Mondrian***



Dr. Paul Rafalides, *PS# 33*

Dr. Vincent Castro, Principal
Art Specialist Julie Gioia

Student Contributions
Kurt Taduran, Luis Romero,
Karen Milad, Zendell Pineza,
Jana Elhakeem,
Gabriel Urbina and Avan Budhu



President Barack Obama, PS# 34

Janeen Maniscalco, Principal
Art Specialist: Marilyn Carpena

Student Contributions

Thaily Gamez Molina, Sabina Khadka,
Heidy Aviles Marin, Nyla Thomas,
Adams Xavier, Reina Espinoza, Lena
Nguyen



James F. Murray,

PS# 38

Sandra Jones-Legay, Principal
Giulia Pirelli, Art Teacher

TITLE: "FLY"

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE

8th Grade PS# 38 Community Service Students

SOPHIA CALVENTAS
DONNELLE CARTER
ZOEI ISAAC DEL PILLAR
ESHAL FAHAD
FATIMA FIAZ
MAIA FLORES
MAYA GHANEM
JORGE ESCOTO LAGOS
MADDEN RIVERA
KYLE TOAN

Work with love, it
is to weave the
cloth with threads
drawn from your
heart.

Kahlil Gibran

THE WORK IS A TESTAMENT TO THEIR LOVE OF ART
& THEIR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Dr. Charles P. DeFuccio, PS# 39

Dr. Chantel Perry, Principal
Rossana Villaflor, Art Teacher

7th Grade Students:

Rihanna Charles
Samiah Ethridge
Mary Kamel
Joei Muriel
Jaci Lopez
Rudra Taikram

Title: "Create Peace"

Concept: We believe that peace in our community can be achieved through nonviolent solutions and that building positive connections within our schools can break the barriers of hate.



Ezra L. Nolan, MS# 40

**Troy Smith, Principal
Jose Gonzalez, Art Teacher**

**Students Participated: PRISCA DESROSIERS,
DARIUS DEMORCY, NICOLE BLANCAS,
JANAI HAYNES, KAMILLA WIDEMAN,
JENELLE WILLIAMS, RAQUEEL WILKERSON**

Titled: "Panther Pride"



Academy 1 Middle School

Dr. Margaret Freeman, Principal
Martha Garcia, Art Specialist

Art Club Members:

Idalis Rivera, Gabriela Lavarro, Ariba Baig,
Naisha Trivedi, Aariya Trivedi, Hailey Sese,
Diyana Bajai, Manasvini Boddupalli,
Laasya Mummidi, Aleeyah Lawrence,
Aditri Pendyala, Christina Chen, and Keith
Esguerra



William L. Dickinson High School

Gekson Casillas, *Principal*
Patricia Morris, *Art Specialist*

Participating Students:

Hannah Avelar, Vishva Patel, Dhruvi Patel,
Sandra Abdelela, Marina Nakhla, Nardeen
Maher, Malak Mattar, Alidia Reyes

Title: "Eclipse"



James J. Ferris High School

Deneen Alford, *Principal*
Stephanie Romano, *Art Specialist*

Participating students: Mariah Lewis,
Genesis Guerrero-Solorzano,
Raydires Montan, Mariam Melendez,
Bineta Ndoeye, Jadalese Poll,
Andres Ciliezar

Title: "Bulldog Pride"



Innovation High School

Frank Dooley, Principal
Eugene Wang, Art Teacher
Victoria Allione, Art Student

Title: Living Together

“Communities often live near each other, I crocheted a building full of smiling people to represent how communities bring people happiness.”



Liberty High School

Monica Grazilla, Principal

TEACHER: LISA M SCHWICHTENBERG
STUDENT ARTISTS

Syeda Ramsha
Kylah Holmes
Andy Procel
Jonny Ugal

Sebastian Sanchez
Roneil Irving
Derek Moreira
Hadia Amin

Students used an enlarged embroidery loop made from a hula hoop to stitch the eagle image. Student groups took turns crocheting the flag and embroidering the eagle. The completed parts were then sewn together to form the final artwork.



Abraham Lincoln High School

Christopher Gadsden, Principal

Ramon Tejada, Art Teacher

Gianluca Bianchino, Art Teacher

Student Artist: Safiyah Abdul-Matin, Noah Burl,
Saiyaa Grant, Alexis Jackson, Janya McCollough,
Jaylynn Marin, Joshua Calderon, Al-Malik Williams,
Shahid Awad Jocelyn Naira-Ponce

Home of the LIONS



Dr. Ronald E. McNair Academic High School

Thomas Macagnano, Principal
Scott Mallm, Art specialist

Amelia Verdibello- Student Team Leader, Mr. Scott Mallm- Advisor
Contributing Artists- Gwendolyn Chung, Melody Wong, Aleyna Kilic,
Jamirah White, Lola Lam, Jhania Skull, Aleyna Kilic, Paula Olukere
Ms. Lisa Jefferson, Ms. Monica Patel, Ms. Sandra Rivera

The "Weaving the Community" design theme represents the Dr. Ronald E. McNair Academic High School community. The scene begins with four books representing the school's foundation of learning. The four figures on top of the books represent the diversity of the McNair community. Above the student silhouettes are icons giving a reference to academic achievement and college goals.

Finally, the top register is the Jersey City skyline.



Henry Snyder High School

Dr. Gary Gentile, Acting Principal

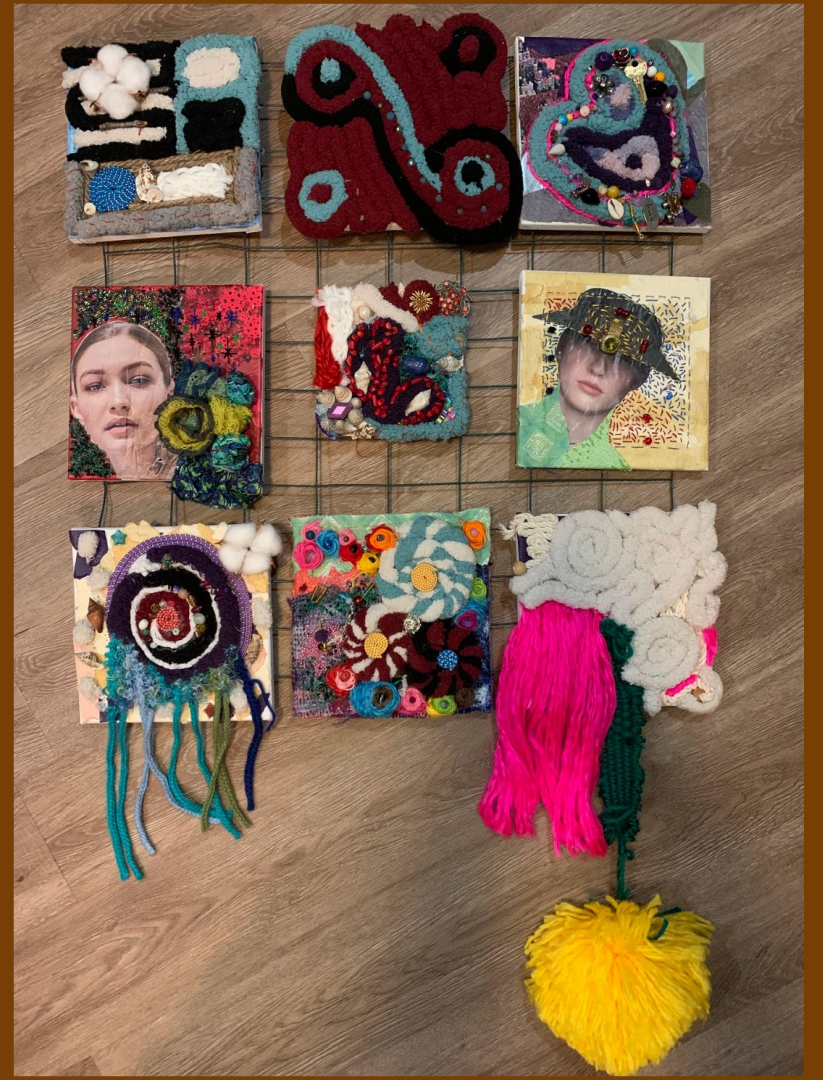
T. Abaz, M. Sanders,
S. Sciscilo, Art Specialist



Renaissance Institute

Tyrone Bates, Principal

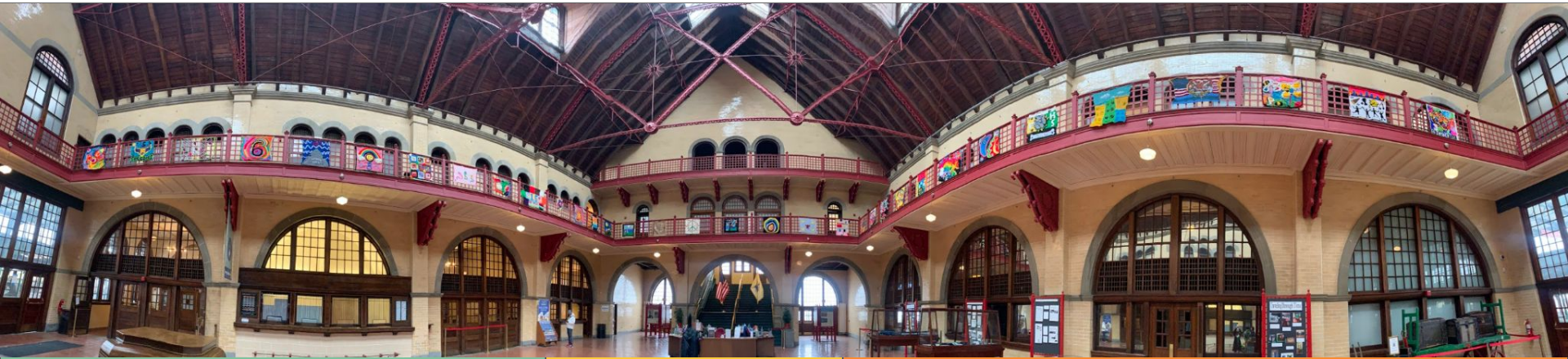
Leslie Shearwood, Art Specialist





Installation
March 13,
2023





The project was installed at the CRRNJ Liberty State Park Historic Train Terminal, 1 Audrey Zapp Drive on March 13th and will remain on view until Sunday April 16th. A reception will be held from 3:30-5:00 p.m. on Thursday March 29th. All are welcome to attend. The project will also be displayed at New Jersey City University during the district's Parents as Partners event which will take place May 2023.

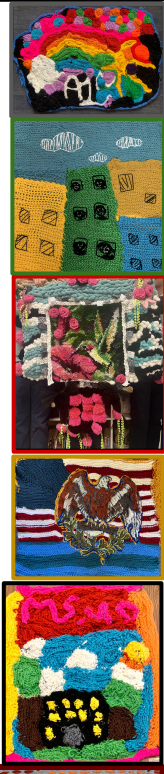
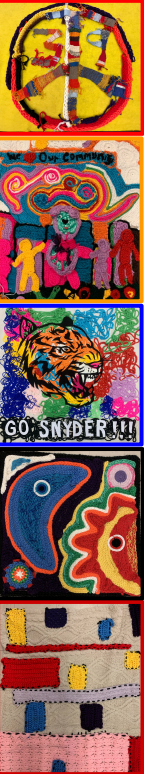
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Thank you to
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teachers for
their
continuous
commitment to
fostering
creativity
within our
students!





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Weaving the Community Collaboration Team

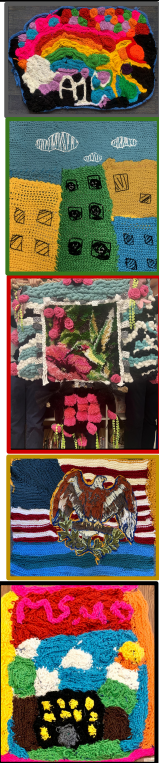
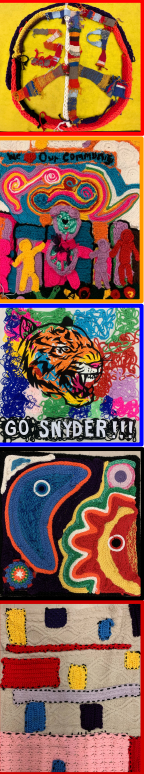
Gina Verdibello, Jersey City Board of Education, Trustee

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Melissa Cuccinello, Supervisor of Visual Arts, Curriculum and Instruction

Stephanie Romano, Fiber Artist and Art Teacher, James J. Ferris High School

Michelle Vitale, Fiber Artist and Director of Equity and Inclusion, Hudson County Community College





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