



Dear Principals,

We are excited to continue our Arts Outreach program for the 2021-2022 school year with accommodations for safety. We look forward to serving 3rd, 4th and 5th graders at your campus. Please be sure to email me the names of teachers that will act as my contact person in each of your schools or have them contact me. I need a contact for each grade level and an email addresses if at all possible.

In 3rd and 4th grades we visit each classroom 4 times per year, 2 in the fall and 2 in the spring. We will need at least an hour but would love 75 minutes if at all possible. Remember, this is only 4 times a year so we want to make it GREAT. During our visits each student will create a unique piece of art while learning the elements and principles of art, art appreciation, about famous artists, critical thinking, creative expression, self-confidence, and more.

For the 5th graders, the program is a little more comprehensive in that we will visit each classroom 7 times per year and extend beyond what has been taught in the earlier grades. The time requirement and our goals are the same as above but we will be there a little more often. This way we are getting the students ready for middle school art classes.

This program is funded by Abilene ISD and the Abilene Education Foundation and is a partnership that helps the teachers be able to meet the visual arts requirements in their classrooms. Plus it gives your students a chance for creative expression. Many of you have art aids in your schools, but we plan to continue to serve your students. If you have any questions about participation please contact Jay Lester in the office of Fine Arts for AISD.

We love coming to your schools. We work very hard to create a meaningful and valuable program. We have been working with AISD this summer to insure that students will be safe and we are very excited about providing more materials for the students in this school year.

AISD has also arranged for all schools to have **free field trips** to the museum-Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Many artists have claimed that they decided to be an artist upon their first visit to an art museum as a student in elementary school. Plus, our new children's area, SPARK, has been really well received be families and children. We think your students would really enjoy it.

Thank you for your time in reading over this and all that you do to give our kids a wonderful education. Please get me your contact names and email addresses as soon as possible as scheduling is on a first come first serve basis and I would like to contact the teachers as early as possible to let them know how to register.

Thank you,

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