WHAT'S COMING HOME...





BUCK LAKE **ART NEWS**

~ FIFTH GRADE ~ 2019-2020



Worm Tunnels







Rippling Cones

Fifth grade students learned about OP art or optical illusion art. OP art began in the 1960's and is a mathematically-themed form of Abstract art. Abstract doesn't have to look like something realistic and uses only line, shape and color. The purpose of optical art is to "confuse" the eye. Students learned how to create an optical illusion of their own. Students created two OP ART drawings using repeated geometric shapes and adding a black and white pattern. Then students choose a different style of OP ART from titles like rippling cones, worm tunnels and spiral doodle pattern (worm tunnel). WOW! The drawings really look three-dimensional!



Dear Fifth graders,

I enjoyed our year together. I hope you do well in middle school. Have a GREAT summer! Keep making ART even if you don't have it for a class.

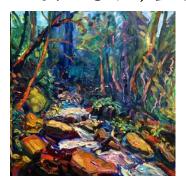
~ Your Buck Lake art teacher Mrs. McDowell ~

RECYCLED ART MURALS

At the beginning of the year, we learned about Installations. All types of installations: temporary, permanent, recycled, environmental. We worked together in teams to create an ABSTRACT temporary installation using colored recycled lids. Filling a 22-inch square with the lids facing with the flat side down. We discussed and defined "abstract" into two categories: organized and random. In some classes, teams chose to use other recycled items like cubes. We realized they needed more time to fill the square with cubes, so they look finished. The teams created some very creative abstract installations.

Fifth grade classes created "permanent" installation murals for display at Buck Lake. A large 2ft x 4ft mural was created by fifth grade and is on display in the cafeteria. Each fifth grade class also created a 2ft x 2ft class installation mural. Two are displayed in the cafeteria with over the water fountain, one is displayed in the Media Center and another in the Buck Lake Gallery (guidance hallway). Each is unique and beautiful and will be a permanent reminder of the fifth grade CLASS of 2020.

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CHECK OUT THE ART WEBSITE

Go to the Buck Lake website. Look for Sonia McDowell under Faculty an click on my name to get to the website.

Expressionistic BOBCAT Paintings "NOT TO BE"

Before we left for spring break, fifth grade students were learning how artists have created drawings of animals. We started drawing sketches of our school mascot, the bobcat from photos that each student selected. We began our drawings using basic shapes_ ordinary ovals, squares, rectangles, triangles, circles, half-circles. We learned that these shapes can be combined to create all kinds of extraordinary animals like bobcats. We observed the expressionistic artworks of Florida artist, Julie Bowland. Students examined and discussed how she used color to show emotion and how unrealistic colors can be used to express one's feelings about the environment. "I paint directly from nature with thick, juicy oil paint, and a heightened sense of color. Changing light, wind, and wildlife make this a dynamic experience as I strive to capture the energy of a place with color, texture and brushstrokes" Julie Bowland. The intent was to create some expressionist paintings of bobcats in their natural habitat inspired by Julie Boland but we never were able to start this exciting creation.





HEALTHY LIVES POSTER CONTEST



FALL 2019

Some students in fifth grade classes chose to create their own poster promoting Healthy Lives for a contest sponsored by Radiology Associates in Tallahassee. The project was to help young students understand and reflect on the damages caused by tobacco use and stimulate their active participation in promoting a healthy lifestyle through good life choices. Students first came up with a slogan, then choose images to support the slogan. Students had many good designs for the contest but we could only submit six poster designs. These are some that were not chosen but also did an amazing job.