VAC 2018 PROJECTS:

The VAC (Visual Art Committee) is in full swing this spring with art projects in all of the classes at EMJS. The PAC funds the core art program of the VAC. Below are images of the diversity of VAC projects this school year. We have shown the younger grade projects this past week in the glass display case on the main floor. The older grades projects will be displayed from mid to end of May also in the glass case. Please come and take a look at the amazing creativity of our EMJS students.

2018 CLASSROOM ART WORKSHOP PROGRAM:

Renee Sala, led a watercolour parrot project with the **Kindie/Grade 1s** (Div. 14, 17, 18,19, 20, 21). You've seen them line the main office floor bulletin boards, and this week in the glass display case at the end of the hallway:







Jenny Ambrose, with the MakeHouse, came into the school to teach **Grades 1/2/3s** Textile Projects including Needle Felt Sea Creatures, or Sewing Sock Puppets (Divisions 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16). These creations have also been in the display case this past week.









Ewa Sniatycka led **Grade 3 & 3/4** classes clay relief tile projects with an underwater theme (Divisions 7, 8, 9). Examples will be displayed mid to end of May.



LEGACY PROJECT:

The **Grade 4/5s** take part in the LEGACY PROJECT, which is a more substantial art project that includes a permanent art installation at EMJS, a take home project, and an educational

component. (Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6). Funds raised from the Make Sale have supported the creation and installation of permanent art at EMJS from 2014-2018. This year's Legacy Project included:

- Underwater themed Silk Painting with Ewa Sniatycka
- Gonzales beach educational day of intertidal exploration with Stephanie Weinstein from Wild BC, whale education with Sidney from EagleWing Tours, and a found beach material sculpture with Sam Dickie
- Permanent mixed media whale mural with Sandi Henrich, which will be installed above the lockers on the bottom floor of EMJS

Images below - Silk Painting:





Below - Beach sculptures:



Below- panels for the permanent mural:



ART SUPPLIES FOR EVERY CLASSROOM:

In addition to our annual workshop schedule, the VAC has used funds that we have raised by hosting the Make Sale each year for two creative purposes:

1) To create permanent art installations at the school that grade 4/5 classes create as part of their legacy before moving onto middle school.

2) To help teachers provide their own excellent art projects in their individual classes. We have used money raised at the Make Sale to provide each teacher with a \$100 gift certificate to Island Blue to buy professional supplies for art projects that they otherwise would not be able to buy with the limited teacher budgets. Additionally, this year we are thrilled to have spent significant money to fully stock the teachers communal art supply room with new high quality class sets of materials, tools, and supplies for any teacher to use. With the help of Ashley Frketich, we have provided not just the wish list of supplies the teachers have requested, but much more that can be used for years to come, including class sets of:

- o new acrylic paints, brushes, paper
- o tempera paints, palettes, brushes
- o new watercolour sets, brushes, paper
- o professional printmaking inks, rollers, trays
- $\circ~$ new chalk pastels and fixative
- $\circ\,$ clay tools, sponges, containers, working boards, and boxes of clay
- $\,\circ\,$ sharpies, metallic markers, kindie materials, and huge containers of glue



2017 MAKE SALE:

The Visual Art Committee (VAC) extends a huge thanks to all of the dedicated parents and teachers who created gifts, baked treats, volunteered time, and enthusiastically participated in this year's Make Sale on Dec. 8/17. It was yet another great success, raising over \$3800 for art projects in the school. Kids were busy right up till the last second making holiday creations at one of the 10 crafting project tables, decorating gingerbread cookies, and buying home-made gifts. Thank you all for prioritizing, supporting, and celebrating the incredible creativity of our EMJS kids.

