

## VAC NEWSLETTER - 2016/17 SCHOOL YEAR WORKSHOPS

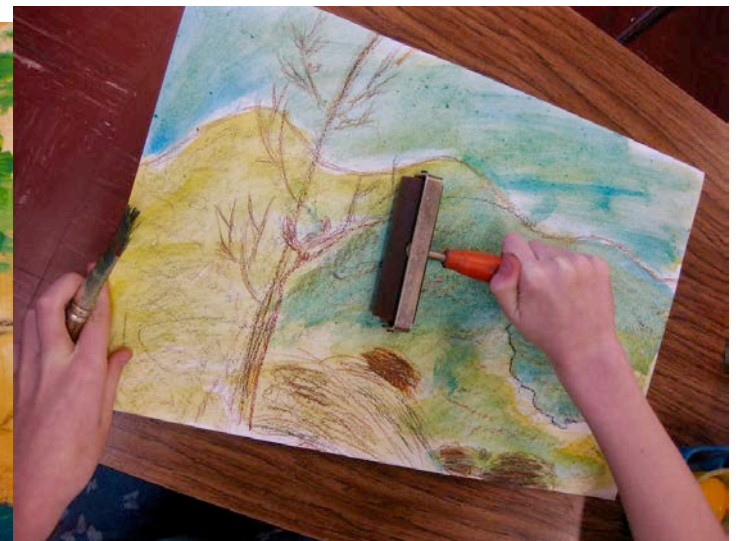
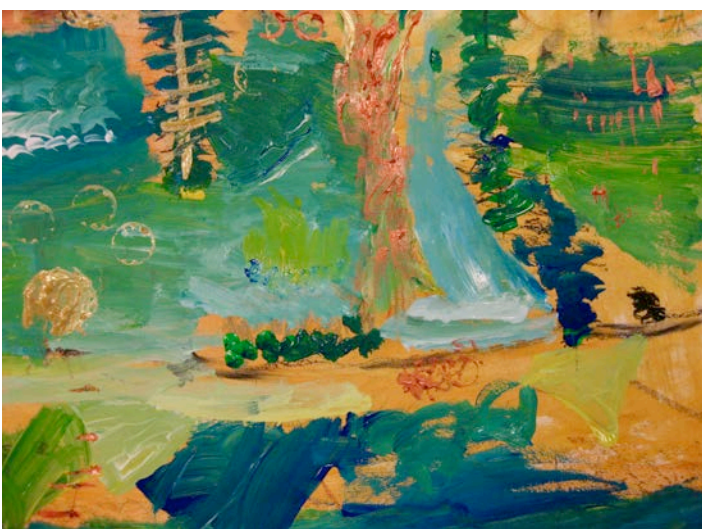
Each class at EMJS created fabulous projects with this year's VAC (Visual Art Committee) programs. Every division in the school received an art workshop from professional artists/educators Emily Grav, Sandi Henrich or Tim Gosley.

We were lucky to have Emily Grav, owner of The Paint Box in Fernwood, come to Margaret Jenkins for the first time. She led clay sculptural projects with the kindies, Grades 1s, and 1/2s (Div 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19). The kids had a fabulous time, and we are thrilled to have Emily as a new addition to our rotating VAC workshop leaders. Here are some photos of the birdbaths (with mini birds) and wall hung vases that the kids made.





Sandi Henrich has been leading incredible art workshops at EMJS for many years. This year Grades 2/3/4s (Divisions 3, 7, 8, 9, 10) learned how to make gorgeous multi- media (drawing/painting/collage) layered images inspired by Canadian artists (i.e. Group of Seven, E.J. Hughes, Maud Lewis). They created bright colorful landscapes using ideas from observation, memory and imagination.







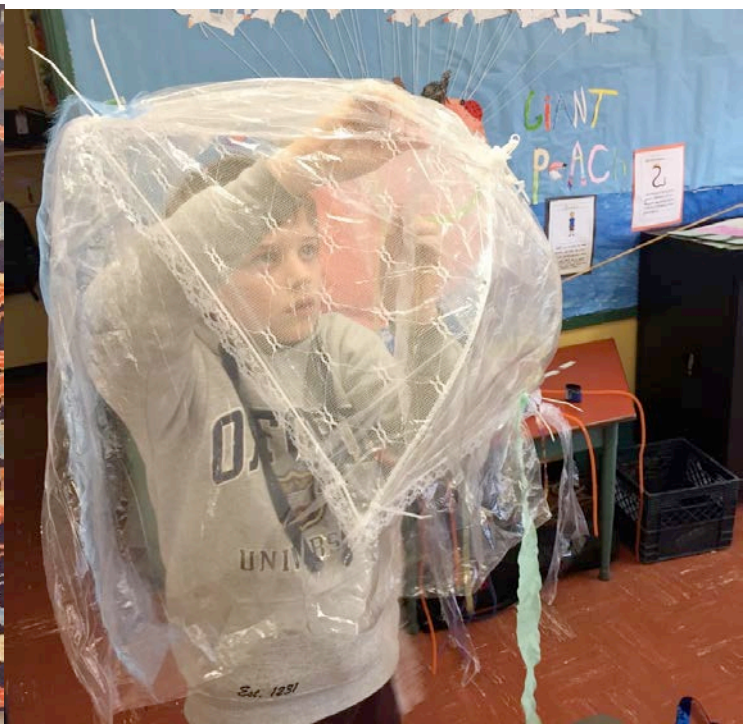
For the last 3 years the VAC has been working to improve the architectural aesthetic of our school both inside and outside with permanent art projects made by our oldest students. Inspired by our school anniversary Legacy projects a few years ago we began this endeavour in an effort to give our graduating students an opportunity to leave a mark on the school that accentuates and inspires the creative spirit of entire student body for many, many years to come.

For those parents who are new to the school, to date our grade 4/5 classes have created two Legacy Projects that you see outside the school: the colorful spray painted ecosystem mural on the metal emergency container in the school yard and the 3-panel 'Healthy Future' tile mural at the Fairfield entrance of EMJS.

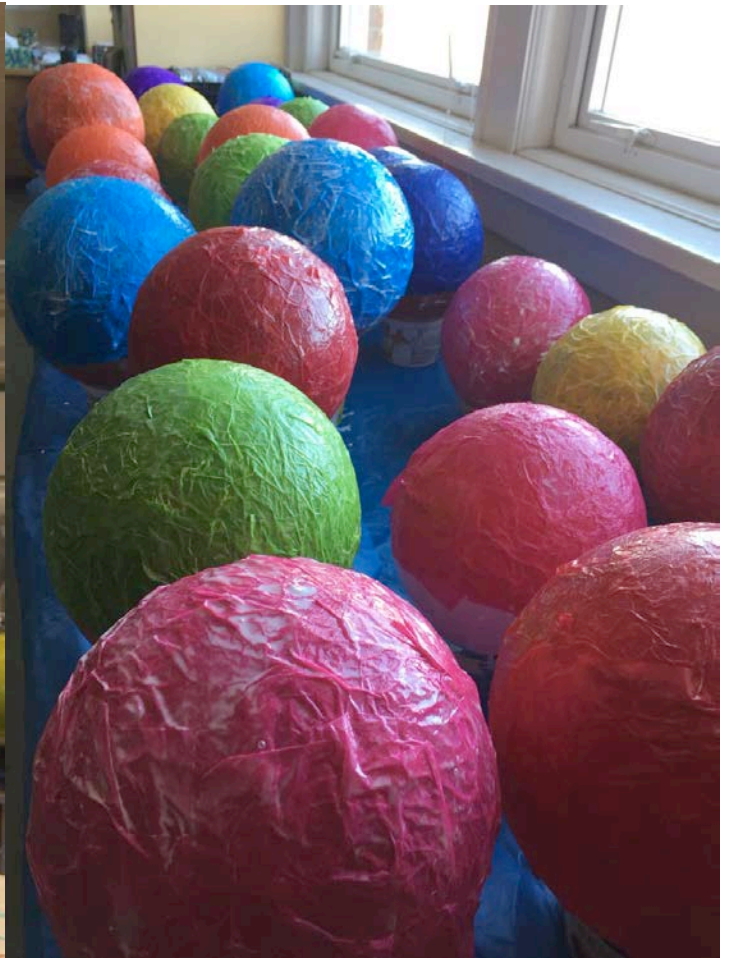
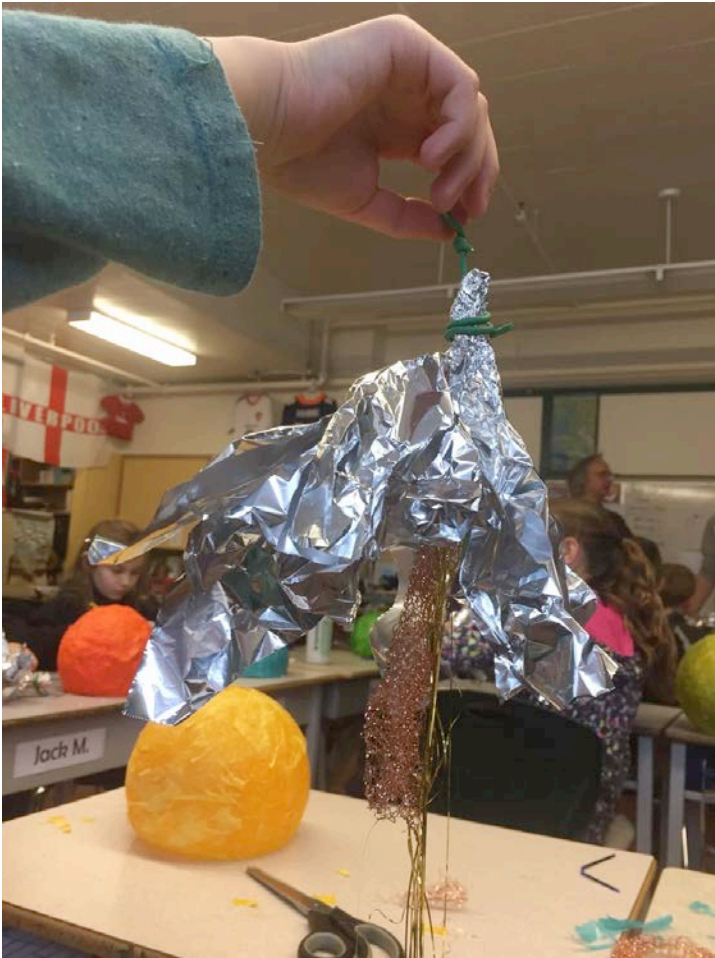
This year is our third project. Tim Gosley, internationally acclaimed puppeteer, has led the grade 4/5 classes (divisions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6) through a sculptural jellyfish project. Each child built a mixed-media jellyfish for home that we hope will be on parade during a school assembly this spring. For the school, they have made more durable jellyfish with colourfully decorated paper-maché bodies and metallic tentacles that will be strung as a 125-component, large-scale assemblage in the wall of windows on the side of the Fairfield entrance.

Here are some photos of the Jellyfish project in process. The installation will be completed this spring.











The core VAC programs are fully funded by the hard earned dollars fundraised from PAC volunteers (i.e. The Spring Fair and Fall Dance). This funding enables each class in the school to receive a professional art workshop each school year. The VAC-organized Make Sale fundraises the additional funds needed to put permanent art up on the school walls. Thank you to everyone who has donated to, volunteered for, and financially supported all of the amazing fundraising events at our school. Only with such a dedicated community of families can our kids have such incredible opportunities in addition to their class projects/fieldtrips and school sports/music/special activities.





