

# Lincoln Arts



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Lincoln Elementary School  
Melrose, MA

## Welcome to the Lincoln Elementary Music & Arts news!

*Brent Conway,  
Lincoln School Principal*

The winter provided our students with many opportunities to engage in a variety of projects with the fine arts. Recently we celebrated Shakespeare Week as we welcomed the Stoneham Theatre and their production of Twelfth Night for our 4th and 5th graders. Each day guest student readers shared a variety of Shakespeare sonnets and quotes from plays during the morning announcements.

Our Kindergarten through 3rd Grade was able to view Go Dog Go by the Stoneham Theatre. Our PTO Enrichment Committee continues to impress our students and staff year after year with outstanding learning opportunities.

Lincoln's Commitment to the Fine Arts extends beyond the school day. Our February Early Release Day provided an opportunity for our students to participate in a program called Lets Gogh Art. Over 70 students attended the program and they each were able to decorate their own umbrella and take it home with them.



Our After School program, Education Stations, also unveiled their latest project. The giant dragon hanging in the foyer was completed just in time to celebrate Chinese New Year.



We are looking forward to many more great projects this year such as the spring art exhibit. And with spring right around the corner, I know our instrumental students will put on a great show in the spring concert.



# Visual Arts at Lincoln

Meredith McGowan,  
Lincoln Visual Art instructor

## Kindergarten

Kindergarten just finished a unit on Shape. Students were learning about organic and geometric shapes. They were also learning to identify shapes with curved lines versus shapes with angles. They viewed artwork by Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse and tried to find the differences between their artwork.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

First grade just finished a lesson introducing symmetry. Students used chalk and folded paper to create a symmetrical “2010” design. Currently students are reviewing types of line and are using line in a project called “Ground Line Study”. Students create their own unique line and draw what they see on their way to school. Next, students will be doing a project based on pattern. They will be looking at the quilts of Gees Bend and creating an extended pattern with line and color.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Second grade recently completed a lesson on figures and symmetry. They looked at figures by Keith Haring and created their own action figures with chalk. Currently students are working on a ceramics project. They will be making coil pots and learning how to score and slip, or as they call it “scratch and attach”. Next, second grade will go back to figures and be creating their own unique characters.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

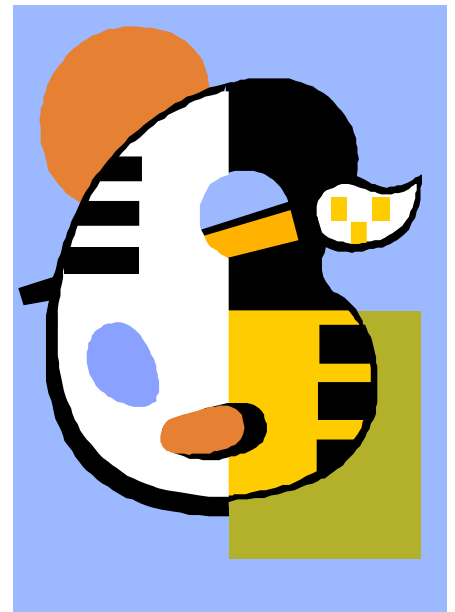
Third grade just finished 3D plaster cast masks. This project took many weeks, however the students are very proud of their work. Students looked at various masks from all over the world and from different times. Students had to design their mask while thinking about many criteria: purpose, shape, form, color and detail. Next students will be introduced to gesture drawing and negative and positive shapes in a unit on figures.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Fourth Grade students recently studied the work of Alexander Calder, and constructed wire portraits. Students investigated the medium of wire and how it acts as movable line. Currently students are working on two sided tessellations. They have already created their own unique tessellation and are now using pencil and colored pencil to repeat the shape and complete the tessellation on paper.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Fifth Grade is in the final stages of an in depth sculpture project. Students used a wire hanger, a wood block and nylon to



create a non-representation form. Students also learned about using white and black to tint and shade colors. Students are now in the process of using one color, and tints and shades to paint their sculpture. Next the fifth grade will be introduced to one point perspective and trying to create depth on a 2D plane.



# Music at Lincoln

*Ms. Joy Indrelie, Music and Instrumental Teacher at Lincoln*



*Lincoln 1<sup>st</sup> graders perform in the holiday concert*

Lincoln school is proud to provide beginning, intermediate and advanced group lessons for students to learn to play musical instruments. The Melrose Instrumental Program has been serving students since 1940—equipping young people with the gift of music making for 70 years.

In their first year, students receive teaching of the basics of playing their instrument and reading music, culminating to their first concert in late spring. Second and third year students build on these basics, and are invited to participate in the Melrose Youth Orchestra or Band—performing groups

under the direction of Mary Weeks and Mike Buckley, respectively. Lincoln graduates continue on through middle school and high school, progressing on their instrument and participating in numerous activities such as tours abroad, Marching Band, and performing in concerts and community events. Many students take their skills with them to college, sometimes even as Music Majors.

Every fall Lincoln hosts a series of demonstration concerts, including a performance by a string ensemble from Melrose High School, for students to have the opportunity to experience the sounds of various instruments. It is at

this time that new students are invited to join the program and are provided with an informational form. String instruments (violin, viola, cello) are offered to 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. Wind instruments (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and trombone) are offered to 4th and 5th graders.

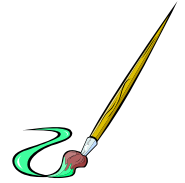
The students this year have made great progress. Our advanced instrumental students even provided the background music during the Holiday luncheon for all of the students. We are looking forward to our spring performances so we can showcase the tremendous talents of our students.



*At a recent enrichment assembly, Lincoln students learn the evolution of music*

# Lincoln Art Gallery

Currently on view at Lincoln School in the upstairs hallways, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade warm and cool weavings:



*Warm and cool weavings brighten up the upstairs hallway.*

*By Nick in Ms. Santosuosso's class*

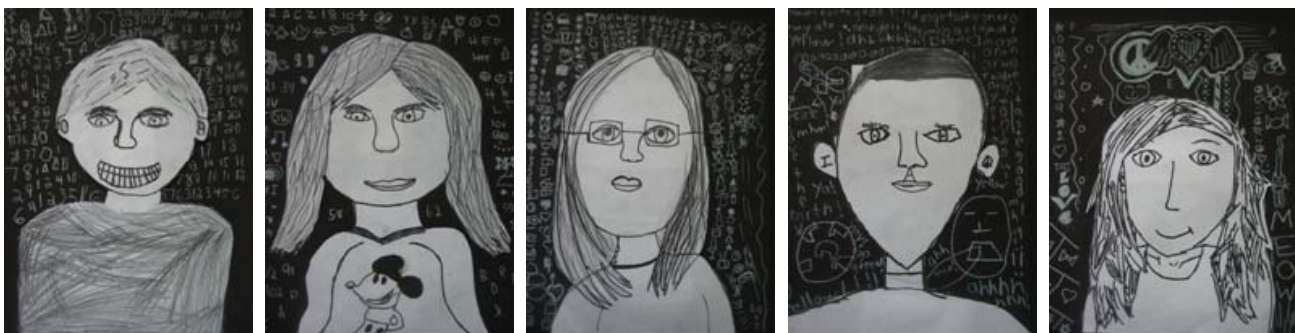
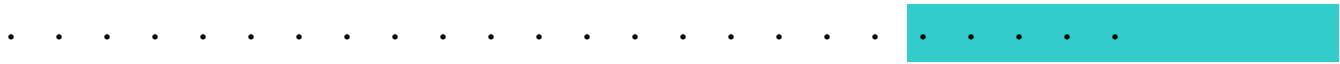


Currently on view at Lincoln School in the Main Office conference room, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade warm and cool landscapes:



*By Jillian, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade*

*By Matthew, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade*



*5<sup>th</sup> grade black and white self portraits.*

# Music & Arts in our Community

Here are a couple opportunities for you and your family to share quality music and arts experiences right here in Melrose and support the artistic vitality of our community:

## **Boston Lyric Opera Opera for Young Audiences - Family Performances**

Boston Lyric Opera introduces families to the amazing, multidisciplinary world of opera in a production tailored for children: fully staged, sung in English and just one squirm-proof hour long.

Sunday March 14, 2010 - Melrose Veterans Middle School

Performances are at 1:30 and 3:30pm

Visit: [www.blo.org](http://www.blo.org) for more information.



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## **Melrose Arts Festival & Art Raffle**

Art Festival April 16-18 Free.  
Memorial Hall, 590 Main Street, Melrose

Presented by the Melrose Arts & Cultural Association  
Nearly 50 artist exhibitors from Melrose and surrounding areas  
Live music featuring The Mike Wyatt Group  
Food for purchase on Saturday and Sunday by Panera Bread  
Wines for purchase provided by Beacon Hill Wine

### **Online art raffle**

Tickets are \$20, and only 75 tickets will be sold for each artwork. Enter to win a watercolor by Tom Sutherland, fine jewelry by Nancy Roll, photography by Tom Savage, acrylic painting by Ellen Rolli, mosaic by Lisa Tiemann, or oil painting by Will Kirkpatrick. Artwork available for viewing at Miter Biter frame shop in Melrose.

Raffle opens March 15, will continue live during the festival, and closes April 16 at 4pm. A bidder need not be present; all tickets sold will be pooled for the drawing.

Visit [www.melrosearts.com](http://www.melrosearts.com) for more information.