

High school art classes inspire personal creative expression usually in individual assignments. A mural painting project challenges individuals to blend personal ideas with group goals. As a high school art teacher, I am requesting funds for supplies to paint a mural. A collaborative mural painting will benefit students by promoting cooperation in both the planning and execution of the mural.

Another one of the many benefits in designing a mural is to beautify the school. We already have a fairly new and well-maintained building. However, there are lots of white walls. A mural would be welcoming and would promote a greater awareness and appreciation for the arts. The public uses the high school for many meetings, sports events, concerts, etc. and a mural would benefit many people besides students and school staff.

Local muralists, Philbin de Gott and Greta Gretzinger, have volunteered to instruct and oversee the students. Advanced art students, students who have already taken Art 1 and have had some painting instruction, may participate. This will be an extra-curricular enrichment project done after school. We will begin with a small mural in the art room in the fall and in the winter, begin a larger mural in the lobby or cafeteria. Both murals will be finished by the end of May, 2011 and funds will be needed by October 1, 2010.

In the fall, Philbin de Gott or Greta Gretzinger will make a presentation on mural painting. Initially, students will brainstorm ideas for a theme and will choose a “timeless” image. They will create and combine sketches in a group decision. Then, the wall space needs to be cleaned, taped and primed. Next, a grid is made on the sketch and an

enlarged chalk grid is made on the wall. Finally, the students can begin painting the wall by laying in large sections of color first and then painting the smaller detail sections.

In addition to Philbin de Gott's and Greta Gretzinger's instruction, I will show slides of famous murals and talk about the history of mural painting. We will study about walls around the world such as the Lascaux Cave and the Vietnam Memorial using Margy Burns Knight's book, Talking Walls as a guide. I will also plan a field trip to see Philbin de Gott's mural at the Teton County Courthouse and I will tell students about other murals in the area and encourage them to visit.

The following is a timeline for the completion of the project.

October	Buy supplies.
	Philbin de Gott or Greta Gretzinger gives a presentation on mural painting.
	Brainstorm and sketch ideas for art room mural.
November	Begin art room mural.
January	Finish art room mural.
	Brainstorm and sketch ideas for lobby mural.
	Begin lobby mural.
May	Complete mural.

The following is a list of objectives for this mural project. Students will...

- Design and paint a mural to beautify the school and show support of the arts
- Collaborate individual ideas in a group project
- Broaden their definition of art

- Be empowered with a sense of accomplishment unique to a big project
- Experience that there is more than one solution to a problem
- Envision and persist

In addition to these objectives, some studies find improved academic achievement with students involved with the arts. James S. Catterall, a professor of education at the University of California, Los Angeles, found that students who were more involved in the arts in school and after school activities scored better on standardized tests.

To evaluate the success of this project, upon completion, we will have an art show and invite the public and newspaper reporters to view the mural. I will also hold a session for just the student artists to share their feelings about the planning and painting of the mural, which we will record.

The following is a list of supplies suggested by Philbin de Gott for the mural.

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
20	Ace Latex Wall Paint, \$21.99 each	\$439.80
10	3-inch Ace paintbrushes, \$8.99 each	\$89.90
10	2-inch Ace paintbrushes, \$4.99 each	\$49.90
10	1.5-inch Ace paintbrush, \$4.99 each	\$49.90
10	1-inch paintbrush, \$4.99 each	\$49.90
1	Paint roller CVR set (3 rollers), \$6.99 each	\$6.99
3	Pan – Tray Paint 9 inch plastic, \$1.99 each	\$5.97
3	Blue Masking Tape, 1 inchx60 yd. 3M, \$3.99 each	\$11.97
5	Drop cloth, 9 ft.x12 ft., and 3mil. \$6.99 each	\$34.95

1	Ace Poly-Finish (polyurethane) gallon	\$38.99
1	Primer – Zinsser, Bulls Eye (Water-Base)	<u>\$19.99</u>
	TOTAL:	\$798.26

Below is a list of matching funds.

Philbin de Gott’s hourly rate multiplied by the number of hours worked

Four hours/\$50 per hour	\$200.00
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Greta Gretzinger’s hourly rate multiplied by the number of hours worked

Four hours/\$50per hour	\$200.00
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Gayle Woolley and Katie Cavallaro’s hourly rate multiplied by the after school hours worked

100 hours/\$15 per hour	\$1500.0
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Ten gallons of paint from Ace Hardware

10 gallons/\$21.99 each	<u>\$219.00</u>
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TOTAL:	\$2119.00
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