

# Annual art and music festival a great success

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Ford Middle School's annual art and music festival has been yet another great success for not only the school itself, but for those who received the privilege to view all the beautiful artwork and listen to the exemplary music Ford's students have to offer.

The event was held last Thursday at Ford Middle School, which was decorated consistently with art that all the students have created over the year. This art includes, but is not limited to, the 8th grade Venetian masks, the Google logo contest from 7th grade, the 6th grade cave art and the 5th grade musician collages.

During the event, certain awards were bestowed upon students who had shown remarkable artistic skill in their pieces. Brianna Lynch won a Principal's Award for her Venetian mask and Justin Freitas received an Art Award for his. Marc Melo received an Art Award for his fascinating three-dimensional drawing of a jar. Other winners included Casey Carreau, Amy Desousa, Kristin Leblanc, and Chelsey Saraiva.

Along with the Principal and Art Awards, other contests took place throughout the event. The Peace Poster contest involved illustrating a picture that demonstrates peace. It was strictly for the 7th grade, and the winners were Matheus Aguiar in third, Kyleigh Barao in second, and Kali Pereira in first. Another contest was the FMS Festival of the Arts Logo contest, where students drew their own logo for next year's art festival. The winner was voted upon by attendees of the event, and the winner has yet to be announced.

As for the music counterpart of the festival, the Ford Middle School Chorus and certain members of the Wildcat School Band performed for a considerable audience throughout the entire event. Both the chorus and band were conducted by none other than Brian Shanbrun, the skillful music instructor at Ford Middle.

Members of the National Junior Honor Society worked hard to set up and prepare the festivities.

The entire event was organized by Ford's excellent art teacher, Kristine Daniels. Without her, the event would never have been possible.

The Ford Middle School 2012 Festival of the Arts was a great way to spend a Thursday night. For those who couldn't make it, I highly recommend attending next year if you are the type of person who enjoys great music and exquisite artwork (and really, who isn't?).

An online gallery of the art festival [can be viewed by clicking here.](#)

