

Festival of the Arts showcases student work

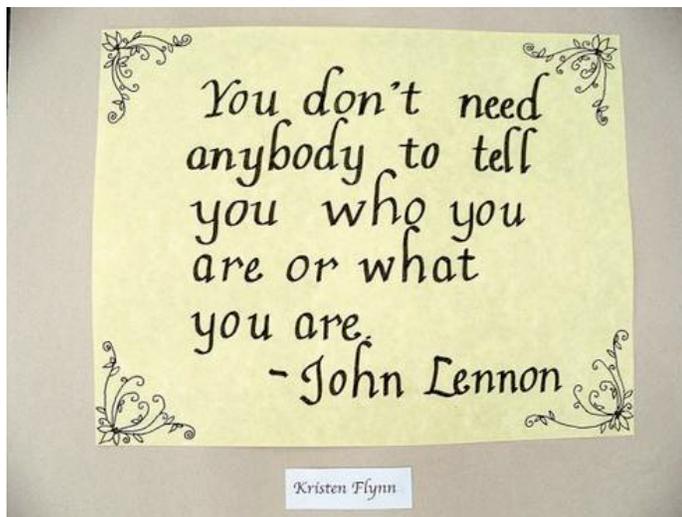
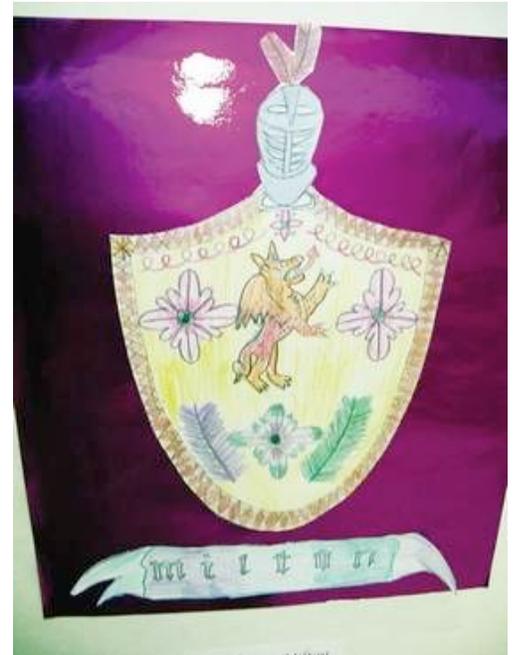
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ACUSHNET — On May 6, Ford Middle School's annual "Festival of the Arts" was held from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The show provided an opportunity for Acushnet families and students to enjoy beautiful artwork, created by none other than the students themselves.

At the start of this spectacular event, the greatly acclaimed Wildcat Choir sang a few pieces to prepare us for some beautiful art. Some of the rhythmic songs performed were "O Music," "Art Thou Troubled," "The Cat Came Back," and, the real crowd-pleaser, "Seasons of Love."



Each and every student had at least one piece of art they created in the show. Even I managed to squeeze in a beautifully crafted rose into the show, if I do say so myself.

The pieces were so profound and awe-inspiring that the Acushnet Lions Club shall be putting a select few of them on display at the Council on Aging. The artworks to be shown were chosen by either our school art teacher, Kristine Daniels, or our school principal, Christopher Green.

I was very courteously invited to interview Mrs. Daniels for my article and our discussion went as follows:

Q: "How was this year's Festival of the Arts compared to last year?"

KD: "It was very exciting with new art displays, award ribbons for the Council on Aging showing, and there just seemed a better turnout."

Q: "What were a few of the more popular artwork themes for the viewers?"

KD: "Definitely the mask exhibit the eighth graders constructed. That and the Doodle for Google contest pictures by grade seven."

Q: "You mention the Doodle for Google pictures as a contest. Can you give our readers some insight on what that was about?"

KD: The Doodle for Google contest was a nationwide competition for young students to draw the trademark "Google" sign with their own idea as to how to create it. The theme was "Something I would like to do when I get older," and each student included a few sentences on why they picked the theme they did.

The Festival of the Arts was really a breathtaking experience for families throughout Acushnet. It is quite a shame if you were unable to attend. I highly suggest attending next year.

Note: Featured art: Coat of Arms by Mackenna Milton Grade 6, Calligraphy Quote by Kristen Flynn, Peace Poster by Alex Raymond

