

# ART APPRECIATION IN THE CLASSROOM (AAIC)

Interested in volunteering in your child's classroom in an interactive and creative way? Would you like to expand your knowledge about great works of art and then bring that to the classroom? The Art Appreciation in the Classroom (AAIC) program was introduced at SJC with the sponsorship of The Art Institute of Chicago (AIC). A total of 138 art appreciation presentations take place during the school year. A list of the artists profiled is listed on the back. The students really enjoy this program, but we need your help to make it a success. Please consider this great volunteer opportunity!

## Committee Description:

Classroom Presenters: Art appreciation presentations take place once a month during six months of the school year (Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, March & April). Volunteers are usually assigned two (2) to four (4) presentations per year. Grade level presentations are for Kindergarten (K) thru sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) grade. There are also two architecture presentations for the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) grade. Each presentation lasts approximately thirty (30) to forty-five (45) minutes and includes an overview of an artist or group of artists and a simple craft project. **Presenters do not need a formal background in art**, just enthusiasm about presenting the artists and their work. Binders are provided for each presentation. Included in the binder are: background information about the artist and artwork, a lesson plan (complete with a craft project idea and outline for presentation), and other handouts. The prints and supplies for art projects are found in the art closet in the school. Additional resources can be found over the internet or at the AIC Teacher Resource Center at the Art Institute. Volunteers should plan on a few hours of advance preparation before each presentation. Dates and times for each presentation are flexible and are to be scheduled with the teacher in advance. (Since presentations take place in the classroom during the school day, volunteers should not bring younger children.) Volunteer assignments will take place at the beginning of the school year once the students' homerooms are known. (2-3 volunteers needed per classroom.)

AAIC Art Display: Rotating art gallery of students' craft projects made during the art appreciation presentations. Introduced in 2008, the AAIC Art Display is located outside the LRC. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate the compilation of completed craft projects from the grade that will be featured on the display that month. Volunteers are also needed to mount the display and create a brief explanation of the art, artist and project. (3-4 volunteers needed.)

The Art Institute of Chicago Field Trip: (2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades) Volunteers needed to coordinate a field trip with the grade level teacher and AIC. Field trip materials are provided from the previous year. (2 volunteers needed per grade.)

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these opportunities, please fill out the bottom portion of this flyer and return it to the school office to the attention of Susan Grier ([grier4567@yahoo.com](mailto:grier4567@yahoo.com)) or Jackie Paez Goldman ([jackiepaez@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jackiepaez@sbcglobal.net)). Thanks for your interest!

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names of your children and check your preferences.

Student Name: 1<sup>st</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
2<sup>nd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
3<sup>rd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
4<sup>th</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer for AAIC Display: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer for AIC Field Trip: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_