

Winter 2021

METRO VISUAL ART

And there goes Semester 1

Playing with Color

New year - more art :) We spent the week before the winter break playing with color (oil pastels and watercolors) in all of the art classes. Sometimes you need to make a mess and see what materials can do!

There is often a disconnect where it is assumed that skills are gained through direct instruction but the reality is that sometimes you just need to play and explore a material to understand it. This play gave students some agency in really deciding what materials they enjoy and which do not speak their language. Once we had some color voice students designed characters with distinct personalities!

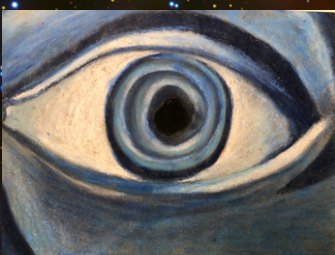
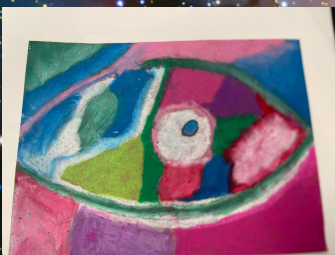
Hope you enjoy the products of their play :)

Best - Ms Russell



COLOR & MATERIAL EXPLORATIONS

After weeks of careful drawings and fine shading skills it was time to make a mess! We spent a solid couple weeks just playing with color and trying to figure out the possibilities and limitations of each material. We spent time recreating master art works and then students created their own pieces. They thought of a song that they enjoy or makes them feel something and created a work of art inspired by that song.



Oil Pastel Exploration -
based upon The False
Mirror(1928) by Rene
Magritte

Artists:
Top - Joe C, Victoria M
and Sarah S
Bottom - Regis L, Jason B,
Izabela O

COLOR PLAY (CONT.)

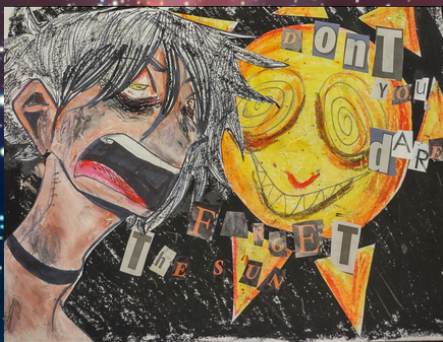
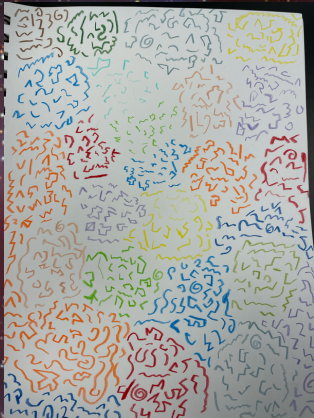
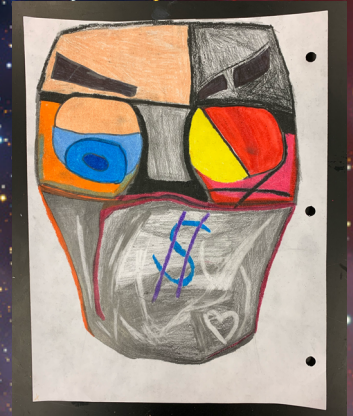
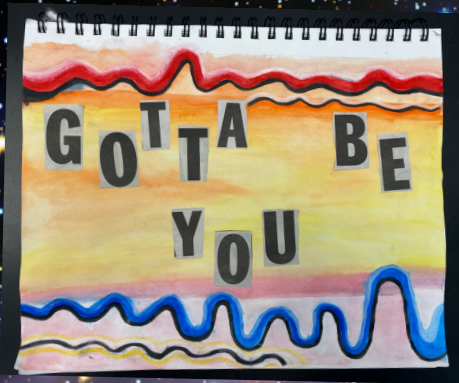
Artwork inspired by a song of choice -material/design freedom

Artists:

Top - Gina S, Dylan P

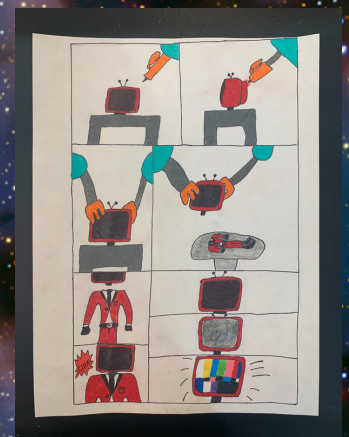
Middle - Chaes B, Bryon M., Lillian M, Kem C

Bottom: Juliana P, Angela B, Paris V



SEMESTER 1 FINALE: CHARACTER DESIGN

Talk about a hit! Students discussed and explored how to make characters, change their shapes to tell more about their personalities and give them emotions. Then, students were given the freedom to create their own characters. These characters all have backstories, like and dislikes, emeies and friends and are placed in the composition in a way that should reveal something about them. Can you guess anything about their personalities by looking??



Lillian M, Angie P & Gabriel PF

CHARACTER DESIGN (CONT.)

Unique characters with fun backstories!

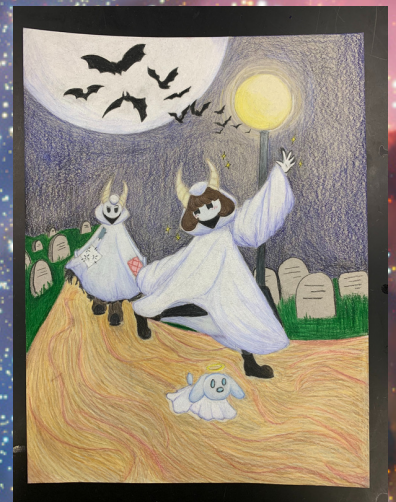
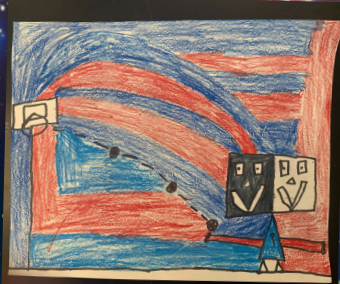
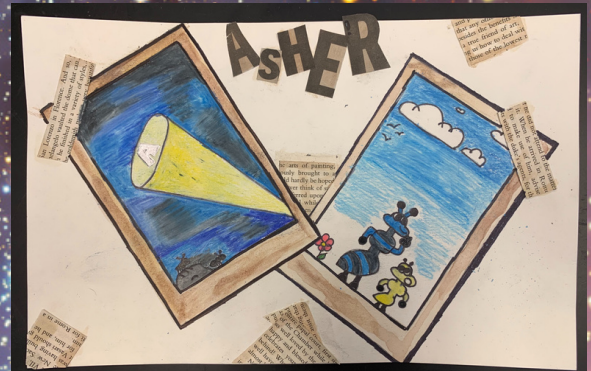
Artists:

Top - Jen A, Grey T

Middle Top - Natalie B, Juliana P, Kyara CV

Middle Bottom: Jayden RV, Marisabel P, Michelle A, Kelly A.

Bottom: Julian R (above), Abigail S (below), Leanna A, Kamilah C

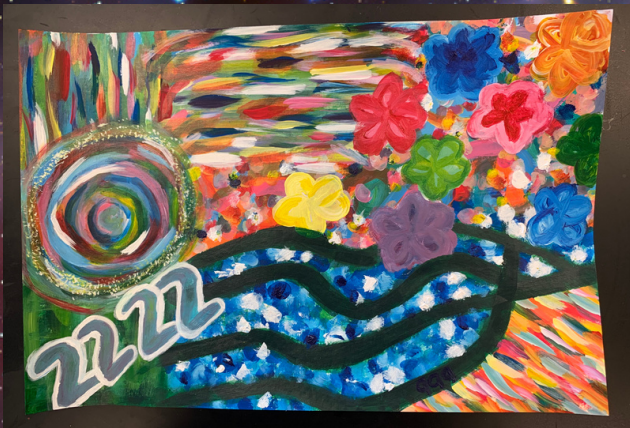


"Character design tells a lot about you... it uses a lot of your imagination"

Kamilah reflecting on the experience of learning about character design in the art classroom

ADVANCED ARTISTS

If you know anything about Advanced art at Metro you know that this is MURAL SEASON *the most wonderful time of the year* Students have the choice to work independently in the classroom creating art or they may plan and prep to make a mural in the school. After 2 years of no murals - or half started murals :-/ - we got started a little early. We did some paint mixing exercises and painting planning and now the students are already motivated to paint. Keep your eyes peeled on the stairwells and hallways to see the excellent progress :):):)



Painting exercises:
Top - Kimberly

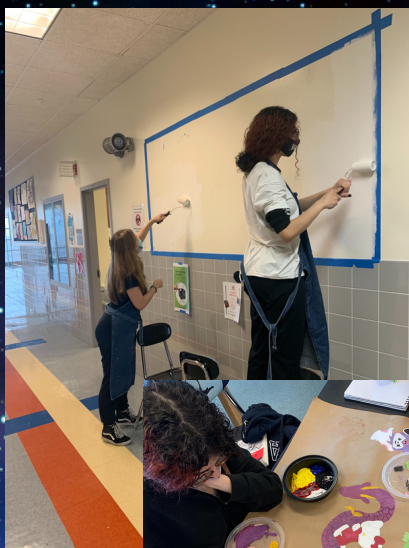
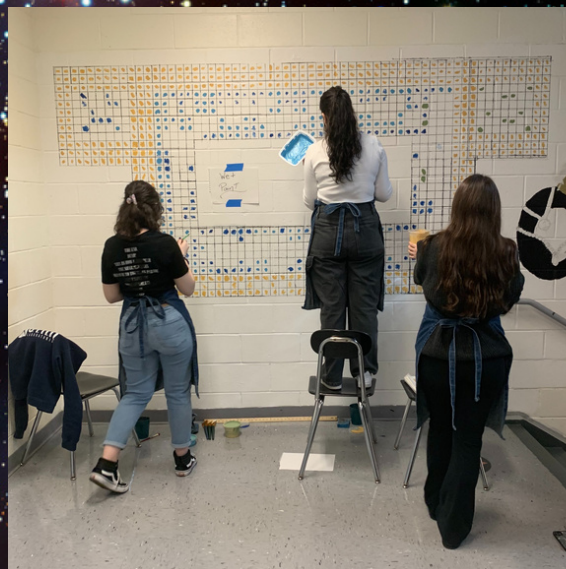
Middle Top - Adriana, Rosa & Layla (they did a fun activity where they passed a paper back and forth and made these awesome pieces)

Middle Squares: Ashley, Layla, Juliana K & Caitlin

Bottom: (More mural prep - didn't fit on the next page!) Juliana V & Valery doing a surfer painting outside the art room on the 5th floor



ADVANCED MURALS



Top - Medusa Mural (revamp of a 2020 mural, thank you artists!): Lorenix, Adriana, Jalese, Caspare & Adrian and Leak, Christina & Isabella are making an Equity mural :)
Middle - Jen and Alexa are working on a subway entrance, SO NYC :)
Bottom - Ola & Ashley are doing a Sanrio mural outside the art room, Juliana & Caitlin are doing an Eiffel Tower scene, and Natalie and Leslie are making a Shrek running towards you in the stairwell (LOL)

TO BE CONTINUED...