



# Liberty Lake Schools

## MEET THE MASTERS

September 2018 Newsletter

### MEET THE MASTERS OVERVIEW

Meet the Masters ("MTM") is a volunteer-based, art enrichment program for all Liberty Creek and Liberty Lake students. It is a national program that uses reproductions of fine works of art to promote art literacy in children. Various iconic artists are presented to each classroom, followed by a hands-on art project, in which each child gets to create their version of an artist's masterpiece.

MTM was launched in the spring of 2018 with an amazing number of parent volunteers and tremendous support from the schools and greater community. Last spring, students learned about Vincent Van Gogh and created their own versions of his famous *Starry Night*.

Following the MTM lessons, we celebrated the students at Art Fest, a family night of fun, food, silent auctions, and performances. We will have another Art FiESTa this year!

### IMPORTANT DATES

**September 24 (10 AM) or September 25 (1PM)** – MTM volunteer training for Kahlo in the Liberty Creek Elementary Cafe

**January 11** – MTM volunteer training for Picasso

**March 26** – MTM volunteer training for Matisse

**May 21** – Art FiESTa Family Celebration of student artists

### Meet This Year's Artists

This year, your children will be exploring the colorful worlds of Frieda Kahlo (1907-1954), Pablo Picasso (1881-1973), and Henri Matisse (1869-1954).



Frieda Kahlo was a Mexican artist who is known for her soulful self-portraits and incorporation of Mexico's nature, artifacts, and popular culture into her work. During October and November 2018, your children will emulate this master by creating oil pastel art, featuring colorful parrots and fruit that imitate her national pride.

Pablo Picasso was a varied and accomplished Spanish artist whose artistic style changed over his career. During the months of January and February 2019, your children will learn to identify Picasso's different styles and periods of work, including Cubism. Students will use chalk to create their own Cubist masterpiece by analyzing, breaking up, and reassembling an object in an abstracted form on paper.

Henri Matisse was a French abstract artist who boldly used color and cut-out shapes in his work. During the months of April and May 2019, your children will be exposed to a new medium and style of art. They will create masterpiece cutouts of their own using a sea motif.

*be part of the arts*

MTM is dependent on fabulous volunteers like you! The MTM committee purchased pre-planned, standardized curriculum that easily can be taught by any volunteer. No previous artistic experience or ability is needed! If you didn't have a chance to sign-up to be a MTM volunteer at a curriculum night, please email us!



### Parent Volunteer Opportunities

Come watch students freely use their expression with this once a trimester art enrichment program! There are four ways to volunteer: (1) as an art docent, (2) as an art assistant, (3) as an art substitute, and/or (4) as an Art FiESTa committee member.

The art docent attends project training, reviews provided art lesson, and leads the art lesson at the scheduled time. The art docent arrives 30 minutes prior to the lesson time to set up and stays after to clean up. This position will take approximately 3-4 hours per lesson.

The art assistant attends project training, reviews the provided art lesson, and assists the students with creating their masterpieces. The art assistant also helps set up and clean up the art room. This position will take approximately 2-2.5 hours per lesson.

The art substitutes are asked to be on call to substitute if an art docent and/or art assistant is unavailable for the lessons.

You may sign-up to be an art docent, art assistant, or art substitute for one, two, or all the art lessons. Your student's teacher will have a scheduled time for each lesson. Training for the Frieda Kahlo lessons will be held at Liberty Creek Elementary School on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am and September 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. You only need attend one session.

The Art FiESTa planning committee will plan this year's family celebration of our artists. Opportunities abound here – fundraising, party planning, art gallery planning and set-up, securing performances, planning family fun events, securing food vendors, and more! This committee will meet twice monthly beginning in January 2019.

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