



Traveling Art Gallery (TAG)

The Hartwood PTO is happy to announce the return of the Traveling Art Gallery (TAG) to Hartwood classrooms in the month of October! This is a fun volunteering opportunity in the classroom. The children truly enjoy it and no prior art experience is required!

What is TAG?

TAG (Traveling Art Gallery) is a program to help our students learn about various artists and their styles through short presentations and hands-on activities. TAG runs four times in the school year during the months of October, December, February and April. We need parent volunteers to give the presentations, which will be provided through slides projected on the classroom smart boards. Each presentation features one artist per grade, with consideration given to diversity (gender, race, genre, media, geography, etc.).

What artists are featured in this TAG session?

Kindergarten: Louise Nevelson

First Grade: Pablo Picasso

Second Grade: Mary Cassatt

Third Grade: Rembrandt

Fourth Grade: Michelangelo

Fifth Grade: Frida Kahlo

What is involved?

Parents who sign up for TAG will need to schedule with the homeroom teacher to come in for approximately 30 minutes during the TAG month, run the presentation through a laptop that is projected on the smartboard, and generate a very basic discussion with the children. Discussions would include observation and description of the piece (colors, textures, materials), interpretation of the piece (thoughts/emotions of the artist and student) and evaluation (judgment). You then engage the students in a pre-planned hands-on exercise where they can replicate the artist's style.

The materials and plan for the hands-on activity will be provided and you can pick them up at the Hartwood office on the day of your presentation. The slides are available for viewing on the PTO website (hartwoodpto.org) and the teachers will have them ready for you when you arrive. It's important to know that no experience is necessary, and you don't need to be an art history major to volunteer! The presentations are very simple, and the activities are easy and fun. TAG is definitely a favorite among the students!

How do I sign-up?

If you would like to volunteer, please use the following SignUpGenius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054DAFA82FA1FA7-second1> and contact your classroom teacher to schedule a convenient time to come in (approximately 30 minutes long) during the month of December. Once you have a time scheduled, please indicate the day and time you are to volunteer on the SignUpGenius link or email it to amandalhutch@yahoo.com. Hartwood Elementary needs to know who is coming, and at what time for the TAG presentations. Volunteer clearances are required.

Questions?

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