

# K-5 Visual Arts

## March 2020 Parent Newsletter



Dear P.S. 33 Community,

P.S. 33 artists are currently working on finishing their units and focusing on artists who have contributed so much to our country and our world. For *Black History Month*, students are focusing on the following artists: Kehinde Wiley, Corey Barksdale, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Faith Ringgold, Kara Walker, and Deborah Roberts. All artists who have contributed to our world in a positive way deserve to be recognized, appreciated, and honored for their work all year round! Kindergarteners are studying Wiley, who paints beautiful and heroic portraits of African American men and women. Barksdale creates beautiful and colorful portrait murals. Basquiat made bold and complex drawings and paintings of inner thoughts and feelings. Ringgold is an artist and author who makes mixed media work inspired by life in New York City. Walker creates intricate paper sculptures. Roberts makes collages of young African American children and addresses social justice in her collages. Students are creating works inspired by these artists in the form of paintings, drawings, collages, and mixed media works. Students will also be working on a mural with artist Sophia Dawson and Whitney museum educators this month! Their mural will be inspired by social justice. Considering time constraints, only two classes at this time are able to work on our mural, but we can't wait for you to see it! We are also looking forward to a collaboration this spring with the School of Visual Arts and NDI! Please enjoy viewing completed artwork by our students, displayed on bulletin boards around our school! We will also be having an art show later in the spring so everyone has an opportunity to view the work our students have been working on all year. Stay tuned for details! Should you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to email me at [vazirani@ps33chelseaprep.com](mailto:vazirani@ps33chelseaprep.com) at any time. Thank you to the families of students who donated materials from the Amazon wish list, which still has a few more items on it if you'd like to purchase anything else. I appreciate all of your help and support. Thank you!

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