

It is my pleasure to present to you:

The Artists for Social Change Dispatch!

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** 1. Delrey Art Workshops **



(Above: Uwem & Treyvon)

The paintings were labeled and stored so that they could be put up in an art gallery, *Splash of Color* on November 2, 2008 (see section 2 of the Dispatch!).

The following Tuesday, we worked with the younger students (ages 4 – 12). They also learned how to finger paint and line dance. Each student's masterpiece was also kept to be displayed in the art gallery.

(Right: Tarrik, Maddy & Eric)



October has witnessed the start of a beautiful friendship between ASC & Delrey! On Tuesdays, starting on October 7, 2008, volunteers of the Artists for Social Change Club have been visiting Delrey School for students with Cerebral Palsy in Halethorpe (formerly in Catonsville), Maryland. On Oct. 7th, we hosted a finger painting workshop for the older kids (ages 12 – 21), followed by a mini-line dancing class. Although students were in wheelchairs, they did a wonderful job, sticking their left arm out when we'd stick out our left leg, and spinning right in their chairs as we'd pivot on our right foot. It looked great!

Subsequent Tuesdays have been more chill; students were taught how to sponge paint and were able to keep their pieces of art as soon as they dried. We've been varying the dances, doing a different line dance, disco dancing, and hip hop dancing.

Many thanks to UMBC's Donna Jackman, who taught me my first line dance late on the Monday night before the 7th! The kids and helpers at Delrey School loved it! Thanks also to Imhotep Jackson for providing the country music!



Last but not least, many thanks to the ASC volunteers who volunteer on Tuesdays! (Above: Zarya & Eric)

- ♥Uwemedimo Eshietedoho
- ♥Imhotep Jackson
- ♥Adric Shearn
- ♥Tarrick Clayton
- ♥Eric Pfund

Of course, we are looking forward to many more volunteers this December! If you're interested (Tuesdays, 2 – 3 p.m., transportation provided!), please contact me, Hasina, at ja4@umbc.edu. We'd love to have you!

** 2. *Splash of Color* Gallery **

The *Splash of Color Gallery* was put up on November 2, 2008. ASC is very grateful to the Commons Building operations staff who helped install it! It was up in no time!

Below is the description which can be seen alongside the gallery:

Splash of Color: Artwork by students with Cerebral Palsy @ Delrey

Delve into the colorful, vibrant minds of the students from Delrey!

These works of art were finger painted by the students of Delrey School (3610 Commerce Drive, Halethorpe, MD 21227) and by kids of the Delrey Daycare Program.

UMBC students of the Artists for Social Change Club visit the school (5 minutes from UMBC) and volunteer as art/dance instructors on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. The Delrey students, ages 4 - 21, are loads of fun and they love learning methods to manifest their creativity and individuality!

The reception for the students was held on Friday, November 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The food, provided by Delrey School was excellent. ☺ Thanks to all those in attendance!



The gallery is located on the second floor of the Commons Building, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250.

Thanks to the following artists of Delrey whose artwork is featured in the gallery!

Older Students: Leon, Ryan, Danny, Treyvon, Kelly, Shanika, Chris, Jamal, Michael, Markita, Bernard, Liz, Charlton, Dominic, Timira, Chanelle, Kamara, Arie,

Younger Students: Brian, Reece, Kylee, Madison, Zariel, Lourdes, Trent, William, Dane, Zarya, Nick TS, Andrew, Sutton, Roman



Snapshots of the Reception



**** 3. *Locks of Love* ****

We are planning a December *Locks of Love* Hair Drive to benefit children with diseases causing hair-loss. Unfortunately, as the tentative date of Dec. 17 is during Finals time, we may not be able to host it. Either way, we will definitely be hosting our usual May event and are reserving the space well in advance for December, 2009.

**** 4. Closing Remarks ****

Just wanted to take this time to thank Clare Greene of the Shriver Center for helping to publicize the ASC Art Workshop program with Delrey! Since the time we met in late November, I've received numerous emails from prospective volunteers for our December workshops! We hope to expand in order to have a 1:1 ratio of students to volunteers. The more the merrier!

Again, thanks to everyone who helped make this issue full of great news and pictures! I'd like to close this issue by thanking Patrick Ritch of Delrey school, who has been key in helping us work with his students every Tuesday. He also provides the art supplies, CD player, and he provided the food for the reception (yum!).

Thanks everyone! Until the next issue!

Yours in art,
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